



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 23 August 2015

“Being the Gospel to all People”

Morning tea is offered after the service today, so please stay and enjoy some time with us.

A very warm welcome is extended
to all visitors to St Johns

- 1 How lovely is your dwelling place,
LORD Almighty!
- ² My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of
the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out
for the living God.
- ³ Even the sparrow has found a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself, where
she may have her young a place near your
altar, LORD Almighty, my King and my God.
- ⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in your house;
they are ever praising you. [c]
- ⁵ Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.
- ⁶ As they pass through the Valley of Baka,
they make it a place of springs; the
autumn rains also cover it with pools. [d]
- ⁷ They go from strength to strength,
till each appears before God in Zion.
- ⁸ Hear my prayer, LORD God Almighty;
listen to me, God of Jacob.
- ⁹ Look on our shield, [e] O God;
look with favor on your anointed one.
- ¹⁰ Better is one day in your courts than a
thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a
doorkeeper in the house of my God than
dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- ¹¹ For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
the LORD bestows favor and honor; no good
thing does he withhold from those whose
walk is blameless.
- ¹² LORD Almighty, blessed is the one who
trusts in you.

Today's Theme: “The Whole Armour of God”

Focus Scripture: Psalm 84

Other Readings Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6: 65-69

Background:

Our study of Ephesians concludes with a reflection on the spiritual forces that get in the way of our living as God calls us to live, as well as a description of the ways in which God prepares and protects us for the challenges of the life of faith. This week's focus passage calls believers to prayer and perseverance, even amid trying times.



NEXT WEEK: Sunday Worship: 30 August 2015

Theme: "The Power of the Word"

Focus Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8

Other Readings: James 1:17-27; John 1: 1-5

Prayer points: Please pray for: Lorraine and Ian on their Study / long service leave; Ian Pinel's family and friends with is passing, Loas Tounge and her bruised ribs; Bob and Joan Williamson with the passing of her Brother; Ray Lewis and ongoing health issues; Mary Metcalf and her family with the passing of her husband Brian on Thursday.

NOTICES:

NOTICE OF AGM: The AGM will be held on Sunday 13 September 2015 immediately after the Sunday service.

AGM Reports: Can I please have the AGM reports for all the areas of ministry emailed to the office or left on my desk as soon as possible. Thank you Jeannine

Photos and other archival material

A big 'thank you!' is due to those who have loaned their photos and other items relating to the history of St Johns.

The exercise has grown from only photos to include other items such as special orders of service, various congregational activities, building alteration consents, building usage over the years, ministers and other leadership people, etc.

Therefore, while we are doing this exercise, we might as well pool all that we have and make an archive for the future.

Again, thank you to all who have or soon will be loaning material for scanning and recording.

Contact me if you have any questions – Trevor Haigh

4eva@6 – Tonight (Sunday 23 August) Is forever at six Please come along and join our own Paul Grey and his discussions from the Sowers Trust as a youth worker.

Should you have any questions or worries while Lorraine is on leave the three “go-to” people are

Alan Vickers, cell phone 021 051 3040 or 533 3790. Or email; avick@xtra.co.nz
Joan Rutherford cell phone 027 537 2308 or 533 8761
and Bob Williamson.

Prayer Chain: - The new prayer chain is now available and is on the desk in the office on purple paper. Thank you

Real Life: John Cowan’s guest this Sunday night (23rd August) will be actor and director, **Angela Bloomfield**.

Angela Bloomfield is most well known for her role as Rachel McKenna on '*Shortland Street*'. She first appeared as Rachel back in 1993 and has returned to the show at various times since then. In addition to acting, Angela has spent time directing various shows including '*Shortland Street*', '*Go Girls*' and '*Jackson’s Wharf*'. She has also appeared in a number of films including '*Bonjour Timothy*', and '*The Frighteners*'.

The Coffee Club Highland Park: The coffee club in Highland Park have opened a new store and they have kindly donated some 20% off discount vouchers to bring in new local customers. They are on the table in the foyer please help yourself and enjoy a break.

Girls' Brigade Fundraising 'Oxford Pies' -- *the latest*. Thank you all for your orders they have all been processed and will be available for collection from Julie at the end of the month. Julie is currently away and I will confirm the exact collections dates for you and I will advise as soon as possible.. **Many thanks... Julie Dickey 535 5814 0274 925 659 or juliedickey@ews.net.nz.**

Pakuranga Coral Society: - Presents Opera Pops Sunday 23 August TODAY, All Saints Church, Howick Flyer on the column in the foyer

