



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 9 August 2015

“Being the Gospel to all People”

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

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

Today's Theme: Eternal Hope

Focus Scripture: Psalm 130

Other Readings John 6:35,41-51



Background:

Loving like Jesus is hard. Many of us struggle to live in ways that are worthy of God's call. Today's readings show that living faithfully is complicated because we live in a broken world. In particular, anger can both cause people to sin and be harnessed for justice. Even in times of anger, we are called to live in sacrificial love.

Psalm 130 (NIV)

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A song of ascents.

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD;

² Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive
to my cry for mercy.

³If you, LORD, kept a record of sins,
Lord, who could stand?

⁴But with you there is forgiveness,
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

⁵I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.

⁶I wait for the Lord
more than watchmen wait for the morning,
more than watchmen wait for the morning.

⁷Israel, put your hope in the LORD,
for with the LORD is unfailing love
and with him is full redemption.

⁸He himself will redeem Israel
from all their sins.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday Worship: 9 August 2015

Theme: "What we Discern"

Focus Scripture: Ephesians 5:15-20;

Other Readings: 1Kings 2:10-12, 3-14; John 6:51-58

Prayer points: Please pray for: Lorraine and Ian on their Study / long service leave; Ian Pinel's family and friends with is passing, Loas Toung and her bruised ribs

NOTICES:

Congregational Meeting: Immediately following the 9.30am service to receive names for and elect members to the Nomination Team. We need 3 people to serve in this ministry.

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

40th Celebrations of St Johns on 8 November 2015. The power-point being developed by Trevor Haigh needs photographs covering all significant events during the last 40 years. If you have any suitable photographs please give them to Trevor to look at. Trevor does not want to take photos away, but will come to you and make copies before the final selection.

Lorraine's leave cover: - With Lorraine being on leave, Jeannine will be in the office Tuesday 9.30am-2.30pm Thursday 9.30am-12.30pm and Friday 9.30am-2.30pm. Mainly Music is in the building on a Wednesday morning. If there is anyone that would be available on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoons to help answer the phone from approximately 12.30pm-2.30pm please contact Jeannine in the office. Thank you.

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 (9th August) will be former Prime Minister the Late Rt Honourable David Lange (A tribute to him)

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, All Saints Church, Howick Flyer on the column in the foyer

