



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 7 June 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: "What We Hear"

Focus Scripture: 1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20

Other Readings: Mark 3:20-35



The true leader of the community of faith is God. In today's readings, we discover impulses that resist and reject God's good leadership and vision – impulses that may mirror our own challenges in seeking and following God's leading in our own lives.

1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20 (NIV) The Elders of Israel Demand a King

v 4-11 So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. They said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have." But when they said, "Give us a king to lead us," this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the LORD. And the LORD told him: "Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king. As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you. Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will do." Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "This is what the king who will reign over you will do: He will take your sons and make them serve with his chariots and horses, and they will run in front of his chariots.

v 16-20 Your menservants and maidservants and the best of your cattle and donkeys he will take for his own use. He will take a tenth of your flocks, and you yourselves will become his slaves. When that day comes, you will cry out for relief from the king you have chosen, and the LORD will not answer you in that day." But the people refused to listen to Samuel. "No!" they said. "We want a king over us. Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles."

NEXT WEEK: Sunday Worship: 14 June 2015

Theme: "What We Perceive"

Focus Scripture: Mark 4:26-34

Other Readings: 1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:18

Prayer points: Give thanks for an increase in the numbers attending Mainly Music. Please pray for: Youth Band for more band members please; Ian Pinel and his recent cancer diagnosis. Pray for the beginning of a new start for our Children and Youth Leader – Sonja and family. Judy Qiu needs rental accommodation, please.

NOTICES:-

Holiday Programme Leader: Please pray for a leader for our School Holiday Programme. Shirley and William have been carrying this role but are unable to for much longer. Sonja has not enough hours to fulfill this role so we can't ask it of her, although she can offer support. We can probably manage to arrange cover for this coming July but the September – October one will be very difficult.

Visit to Ian Pinel. Lorraine is asking Ian if we can come and visit him. If he agrees, I have 4 seats in my car – so if you would like to go please let Lorraine know. When we have a day and time I'll contact you. First come, first seated!! Thanks L

Trade Aid Stall this Sunday After church today (not last week) there will be a stall selling a range of Trade Aid's products including coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and dried fruits.

Girls' Brigade Fundraiser: Oxford Pies: The girls are selling homemade Kiwi pies and pastries. The group gets \$1.50 from each item ordered. Choose from:

5 pack lunch pies (\$10.50 for five)

6 pack Lamingtons: \$5.50

5 pack sausage rolls (\$8.50)

Family sized pies \$7.30 each.

Flavours: Mince, Mince & Cheese, Curry Mince, Steak, Steak & Cheese, Bacon & Egg, Creamy Vege, Apple, Apple Crumble, Apricot, Lemon Curd

Give orders to Lorraine or email Julie Dickey: juliedickey@ews.net.nz

Sunday 14 June Michael Bell Organist: 2.30pm – 4pm St Columba Church, 480 Ti Rakau Drive. Door sales \$10. There is a flyer on the column in the foyer for more information.

Real Life: This Sunday night (7th June) 7:30pm Newstalk ZB: John's guest will be News Broadcaster, Bernadine Oliver-Kirby.

APRIL FINANCE REPORT TO CONGREGATION – THE FINANCE TEAM

NOTES

1. Giving in April was below budget but other income made up the deficit
2. Giving for Special purposes has amounted to over \$10,000 so far this year. This has met the costs of the chairs for the upstairs hall and enabled us to start to build p a fund to cover the costs of the Children and Youth Leader. We have enough to cover about 4 months and beyond this we are praying for more giving – otherwise we shall draw upon our reserves.
3. A bequest to come from the estate of Ron Ashton of \$10000 will add to our reserves. We miss you Ron and thank you.

THANKYOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL SUPPORT AND PRAISE THE LORD!

	APRIL 2015		YEAR TO DATE (10 MONTHS)	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
<u>INCOME</u>				
OFFERINGS	6829	7644	82887	79332
SPECIAL GIVING	-	208	10380	2080
OTHER INCOME	8443	6240	72604	65160
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	15271	13883	165870	146572
<u>EXPENSES</u>				
REGULAR/NORMAL	15294	14106	153163	144462
SPECIAL PROJECTS		82	6425	836
<u>SURPLUS(DEFICIT)</u>	(23)	(305)	6282	1274

