



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 26 July 2015

“Being the Gospel to all People”

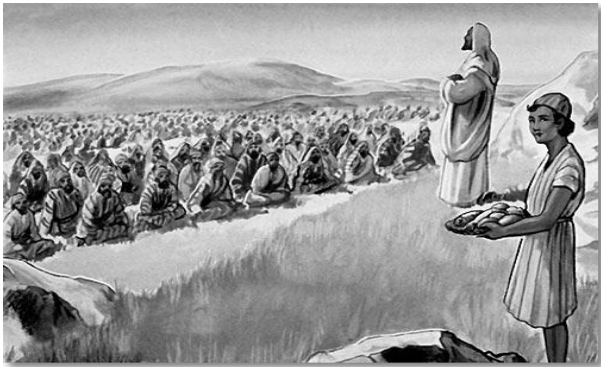
A very warm welcome is extended
to all visitors to St Johns

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

Today's Theme: Jesus Watches, comes, Brings help.

Focus Scripture: 2 Samuel 11:1-15

Other Readings: John 6:1-21



What We Honour

Today's readings reveal human fragility and possibility as reflected in the light of God's miracles. In the reading from 2 Samuel, we see the fallibility of David in light of temptation – the human spirit at its worst. The theme of human fallibility is echoed in Psalm 14. In contrast, the reading from John demonstrates the way in which God's grace can be revealed and multiplied in the context of a sharing community. The letter to the Ephesians invites the early church to know God's love as a community. Perhaps the power of community can be a catalyst for God's miracles to be revealed.

2 Samuel 11:1-15 David and Bathsheba

11 In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem. ² One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, ³ and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite."⁴ Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (Now she was purifying herself from her monthly uncleanness.) Then she went back home. ⁵ The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant."

⁶ So David sent this word to Joab: "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent him to David. ⁷ When Uriah came to him, David asked him how Joab was, how the soldiers were and how the war was going. ⁸ Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." So Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king was sent after him. ⁹ But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace with all his master's servants and did not go down to his

NEXT WEEK: Sunday Worship: 2 August 2015

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Theme: "What We Experience"

Focus Scripture: John 6:24-35

Other Readings: Psalm 51 :1-12

Prayer points: Give thanks for an increase in the numbers attending Mainly Music. Please pray for: Lorraine and Ian on their Study / long service leave; Ian Pinel and his cancer diagnosis.

NOTICES:

Congregational Meeting: 9th August 2015 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

4eva@6 tonight 26 July:- The speaker for tonight is Michael Lemalu – National Methodist Youth and Children's Worker;

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 put them aside for Trevor to look at when he returns from overseas in August. Trevor does not want to take photos away, but will come to you and make copies before the final selection.

Holiday Programme: The programme was a great success. Thanks to Natalie Jennery and her team. Also, thanks to those who provided baking and other assistance. It was most appreciated.

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. Ray is in the office Thursday afternoon and Mainly Music is in the building on a Wednesday morning. If there is anyone that would be available on a Wednesday afternoon 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.

Real Life: This Sunday night on Real Life (26 July), John Cowan's guest will be Dr Paul was born in England and grew up in India. He runs a busy medical practice specialising in skin cancer surgery and divides his time between Australia and New Zealand.

He holds senior academic positions in skin cancer surgery at the universities of Queensland and Auckland. In 2012, Sharad was the winner of the NZ Medical Association's Highest Award, 'The Chair's Award'.

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.

Nominating Team Notice: The nominating team headed by Peter Hancock, requires new members. The Nominating Team has the responsibility to listen to the congregation, to pray and to bring forward to the congregation the names of people willing to serve on the Leadership Team. Please pray for the right people to be willing to serve and then pass the names to Peter Hancock, Joan Rutherford or Alan Vickers.

www.inspirationaltv.net: The website has articles and videos on: Getting busy with Vanuatu disaster preparedness; Jenny: Preparing the soil; Stephanie: Mark 5:21-43; In our blog: Joan's message of hope ; Retreat video: The Unseen Hand.

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.**

Sea Sunday Evensong at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Parnell - TONIGHT

5pm, 26 July 2015 A warm invitation to all Parishes, Diocesan Schools, Residents of Retirement Communities and all sea-associated societies and clubs to a service of Evensong at Holy Trinity Parnell on Sunday 26 July 2015 to give thanks to God for the tremendous gift that the sea is to our island nation, and to pray for those whose lives are most closely connected with it. The speaker at this service is Roy Clare CBE, director of the Auckland War Memorial Museum. Roy has a distinguished naval career and is well placed to speak on this important occasion.