



**St John's**  
*Being the Gospel to all People*

## **Weekly Newsletter** **Sunday 15th November 2015**

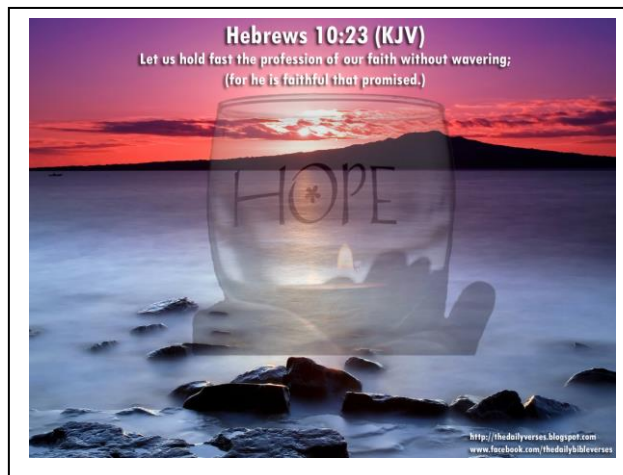
### **"Being the Gospel to all People"**

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: "Future Hope"**

**Readings: Hebrew 10\_11-14, 19-25 Mark 13:1-8**



### **Mark 13:1-8**

13As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" 2Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

3When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 4"Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" 5Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. 6Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. 7When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. 8For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.

## **NEXT WEEK: Sunday Worship: 22 November 2015**

**Theme: "Reign of Christ"**

**Focus Scripture: John 18:33-37**

**Other Readings: 2 Samuel 23:1-7 Psalm 132:1-12 Revelation 1:4b-8**

**Prayer points:** Please pray for: George Morrison with his seeking of relief for multiple joint pain. Little Cubs Kindy for more children as they vacancies because some children have reached school age and Kindy competition is strong. Averill Rule with ongoing health issues.

**Fred Hollows Foundation Donations:-** Thank you all so much for your kind donations to this wonderful cause. The goal was to raise enough money to cover 40 operations. We well exceeded this with enough raised for 68 operations. This is an amazing achievement.

**Christmas is coming!!!! "Church Decorating"** Please come and join in preparing our church for Christmas on SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup> December from 2 – 5 pm. We need you. ☺. Lorraine

**December/January Rosters:-** This week the blank pages will be in the foyer on the table for people whom are able to assist in all roster areas for December and January Rosters. Please put your name in to positions where you are available. Thank you so much for your support.

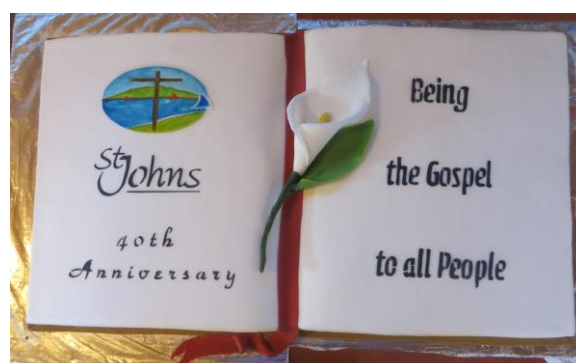
**FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS LUNCH,** Thursday, 10 Dec., Noon, at ARA TAI Café, Half Moon Bay .Please add your name to the List in the Foyer. If you wish, you may bring a small unwrapped gift for a child at the Women's Refuge. I believe 8 year old boys often miss out. Thanks, Loas Toun

**CAROL SINGING IN THE COMMUNITY:-** We are at it again this year – taking our voices and Christmas spirit out into the community to bring some pleasure (we hope) to members of our church and the community!

**Date:** Tuesday 15 December – meeting in car park at 6pm heading off at 6.10 sharp! We have a lot of visits this year – including 3 Retirement Villages – Highlands, Bruce McLaren and Dannemora Gardens!

We need as many voices as possible – in fact we need YOURS! You do not have to be a trained singer or be part of our singing group – if you can make a noise come along!

Bring a plate for supper – Dannemora Gardens will be hosting us for supper when we finish singing there. Need more information – contact Judy 2748534



**FAMILY BARBECUE:-** The Leadership Team has decided to hold a "Family Barbecue" before Christmas. The "Family" we have in mind is the community who use our buildings through the year - Kindergarten, Mainly Music, Holiday Programme, our Korean friends etc. etc. and all their families. We want to make a time to meet them, get to know them, thank them for the rent they pay us and in an informal setting be the Gospel. No preaching - just invite them to our Christmas services.

To make this work it is vital that you, the congregations of St Johns, are there to be the hosts. Bring your own family.

The date and time is the afternoon of the first Sunday in December, Sunday the 6th of December at 4pm. Put it in your diary and pray for a fine day.

We need people to help:-

Setting up after morning service on the 6<sup>th</sup>

Salad and soft drink servers

Tea and coffee servers

People to supervise and play with children

Cleaner-uppers

Loan of gazebos – freestanding

If you have any ideas for improvement or can help please talk to me, Alan Vickers or Ian Dittmer. Bob Williamson

**CHRIS SKINNER C.D Angel of the Forest.** I have some copies to sell, \$25' this is his latest and would make a nice Christmas present. He is presently staying with his 95yr old Mum in Whanganui so I won't be able to get any more copies for a while. Loas Toun

**January Accommodation Request: Nigel Hanscamp writes...** We 4 are coming to Auckland from January 9 (or 10) to 16. We are looking for accommodation for that week. Do you know if anyone is looking for house-sitters, or who could accommodate 4 meek and mild (occasional) adults? Please contact Lorraine if you have any ideas to help them.

**Photos in the Foyer :-** The wonderful photo archives that Trevor Haigh has put together are in the foyer for everyone to have a look at. They will be there for the week if you would like to call in at a time suitable for you to spend some time looking through them. Thank you Trevor for all the work you have put into these.

