



Weekly Newsletter Sunday 1 September

"Being the Gospel to all People"

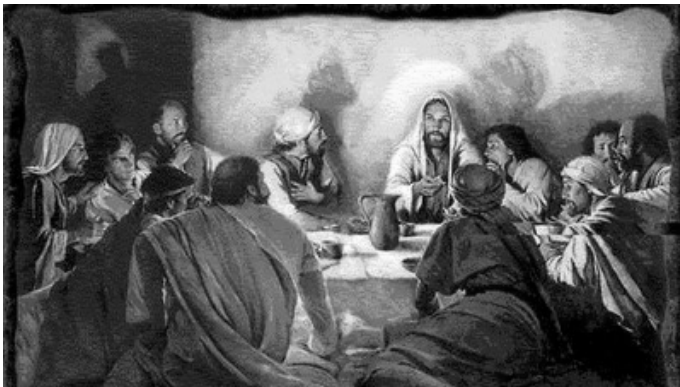
A very warm welcome is extended to all visitors to St Johns.

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

Today's theme: "Faith is about Choice"

Focus Scripture: Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Other readings: Jeremiah 2: 4-13



Jesus teaching is about the way we treat others, especially those among us who unable to "pay us back". His story is a reminder to us about the company we keep. As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. understood, "Our goal is to create a beloved community and this will require a qualitative change in our souls as well as a quantitative change in our lives."

Luke 14:7-14 (NIV): When Jesus noticed how the guests picked the places of honour at the table, he told them this parable: "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honour, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this man your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honoured in the presence of all your fellow guests. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

NEXT WEEK: September 8
Theme: "Faith is about Decision"
Focus Scripture: Luke 12:25-33
Other readings: Jeremiah 18:1-11;
Philemon 1: 1-21;
Psalm 139: 1-6. 13-18

CHURCH NOTICES AND EVENTS:

AGM: The AGM will be Sunday 22 September after the service. Thank you.

ANNUAL REPORT 2012 – 2013:

To all of you who lead/are responsible for ministries at St Johns this is a message for you. Yes, it's that time again! **Annual Report time.** The reports of what your groups have done in the year ended 30 June are now needed so that we can put together the record for this year. Can you please get them into the church office by **Friday 30 August** – by **email** please if at all possible – so that the work of collating can begin.



If you have any photos of events during the year we would be grateful for them too. Many thanks in anticipation Liz and Derek

HOLIDAY PROGRAM: The programme is from September 30 – 4 October. Because this coincides with the Youth studying for their exams we will need extra people to help. Can you do it? If you can, contact Shirley Snoad: 027 7546 6103

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS: -last call. This is the final week for these books. Any unsold must be returned. Please ask friends and family.

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY will be Sunday September 29th. This is an annual event where we at St Johns, are invited to reflect on what the Lord has done for us, and respond with thanksgiving through a financial donation. This year our donations will be set aside into what we are calling the 'Heating Replacement Fund'. We recognise that all the heating in the Church facilities needs replacement and although we have begun to do this in the Kindy and Offices, but the Hall and Worship rooms are waiting. As is our tradition we take 10% of the dedicated total on Sunday 29 September and donate it to charity. If you would like to make a confidential donation via internet banking please credit your donation to our special bank account 01 0166 0135407 25, with the reference of thanksgiving.

AGEING AND SPIRITUALITY ONE DAY CONFERENCE:

Those in, or within a stone's throw of, Auckland may be interested in knowing about this conference that the Selwyn Centre for Ageing and Spirituality is organising. The flyer is on the column in the foyer.

If you would like to go please see Lorraine.

GREETING CARDS:

I now have greeting cards for sale at \$2.00 each. They depict a photo of one of Jan Hancock's Mosaics, photos of Joy Rzoska's garden, and a Friendship card. Blank inside for your message. All proceeds to St. Johns. If these sell well, more will be available. Thanks, Loas Toung

REAL LIFE: This Sunday night (1st Sep) on Real Life, John Cowan's will be hosting a Fathers' Day Special honouring dads by featuring short interviews from a wide range of men at different stages of their fathering journey

CHURCH TV: "We have been given enough faith to share.

This week on www.anglicantv.net - fearless faith sharing.

BIG FAIR BAKE:

Choose your favourite recipe and bake it using at least 2 fair trade ingredients.

Photograph it and complete an entry on the Big Fair Bake website:

www.bigfairbake.org.nz between 27th August and 10th September.

1 Grand Prize: Milly's baking set worth \$1100 plus Fairtrade goodies.

5 Runner-up Prizes: Milly's baking set worth \$170 plus Fairtrade goodies.

If you have any questions, see Ray.

TRADE AID STALL OPEN THIS SUNDAY:

After church today, there will be a stall selling a range of Trade Aid's products including coffee, tea, cocoa and a selection of dried fruits.

OURHOUSE@STJOHNS:

Come next Monday 2 September at 9.30 am for our work day. Light activities for one hour followed by morning tea, or coffee, and a chat.

A time to take pride in our house, tasks could include , window cleaning, sweeping paths, tidying a corner, weeding the memorial garden, cleaning in the kitchens, dusting and of course chit chat. As always, many hands make light work etc.

Please bring your own cleaning gear, gardening tools, sweeping equip or tools to suit your ability and skills.