



**Weekly Newsletter**  
**Sunday 31 January 2016**

**"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.

**Today's Theme: 'On the Edge'**

**Readings: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30;**

**Other Readings: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6**

1 Cor13:1-13 1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. 4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. 11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. 12 Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. 13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.



The Brow of the Hill Near Nazareth  
Tissot, James, 1886-1894

Marilynne Robinson, Gilead,  
21st century: "Love is holy  
because it is like grace--the  
worthiness of its object is  
never really what matters."

St. John of the Cross,  
16th century: "In the evening,  
we will be judged on love."

## **NEXT WEEK: Sunday 7 February 2016**

**Next week's theme: Fully Alive**

**Focus Scripture: Luke 9:28-36, (37-43)**

**Other Readings: Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2**

**Prayer points:** Please pray for: Little Cubs Kindy for more children (thanks because they have had 3 new enrolments, but need at least 12 more children. Brenda Ryan with ongoing health issues. Our church family and their safe travels during the Christmas and New Year Holidays.

Happy New Year Everyone and welcome back to 2016

**Prayers please.** It was with a great deal of sadness this week that I accepted Joan Williamson's resignation from our Sunday keyboard ministry. Joan is an inspired musician, whose ministry to us through music has been greatly loved and appreciated. Thank you Joan for being such a wonderful music ministry leader for us and blessings as you enjoy your 'retirement' from regular Sunday playing.

Thank you all for prayers and an answering spirit from Peter and Jan. Jan is now available for the first two weeks of February. Youth Band are being called into 'being' for 2016. Please keep them and this year's Leaders in your prayers, we need more singers and have abundant space for guitarists (bass / acoustic...) plus. Lorraine

**CHURCH PHONE BOOK:** On the table in the foyer is a copy of the last phone book that was issued. I have made a few changes and updates so if you could please confirm and sign that your details are correct and if not make the changes in pen. We also need to ask you to confirm that if we have taken your photo at a Church function we can put it on the web page. If you would sign to confirm that this is ok next to your address. Once the details are all confirmed I will re-print a new book. Thank you Jeannine

**Is this for you?** Our St Johns Girls Brigade Company – officially called the 1<sup>st</sup> Bucklands Beach Girls Brigade Company, needs leaders if it is to continue its ministry. Our Captain, Julie Dickey is no longer able to actively lead the company but would be delighted to be involved in a consultative, supportive role. Unless we of St Johns can supply leaders we will have to place the company into recess followed by closure after 1 year if no activity progresses in 2016. Is this something you might pick up and be one of the 2/3 new leaders to plan & run the sessions, with guidance from Julie? Lorraine

**Can you help please?** We need a couple of people to be available for the morning tea ministry after Sunday morning worship. You may be assigned to a team, but we also need a few people to 'fill-in' when a regular server is not able to do it. So – can you help? ☺

**Can you help please?** We need more St Johns Team members to run Mainly Music this year. Wednesday mornings 9:30 to 11 am the Team prepare the room, set up, run the musical programme, serve morning tea and clean up. We love mixing with the parents and caregivers and the pre-school children. It is a joy and delight to serve with this Team; you would be most welcome :-)

Lorraine

**Shrove Tuesday...**All are warmly invited to our Family Friendly Shrove Tuesday Celebration! Pancake eating contest, pancake in the pan races and loads more fun! 6pm at the Church. Contact Sonja (more details to follow)

**GIVING TO TEAR FUND** Offerings for our Christmas appeal on behalf of the Tear Fund "Anti trafficking and Exploitation" fund totalled \$681.50. Adding the 10% "tithe" of our Thanksgiving offering we will give in total, over \$1000 to this very worthy cause. Thank you all. The Finance Team

**Newstalk ZB 7pm** John Cowan's guest this Sunday night

**Auckland Diocese office:** Please find below the link for the first video clip of the year. The link below will take you straight to the Diocesan website.

<http://www.auckanglican.org.nz/news/news/weekly-video-news-from-auckland-diocese>

The following link will take you to the Diocese's channel where you can view the latest video as well as all previous videos. <https://vimeo.com/channels/903243>. T Mitchell PA to the Bishops of Auckland

