



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 10 May 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: "No Need to Separate"

Focus Scripture: John 15:9-17

Other Readings: Acts 10:44-48



There is nothing in us (or about us) which makes us intrinsically valuable – worthy of God's love. As a matter of fact, it is completely the opposite; that is; God's undeserved love for us makes us valuable, special and worthwhile. This is the legacy of love which God intends for us as His followers, His disciples. This is the love with which He has lavished us, and it is the love that we joyfully and willingly reflect back to Him and to those around us.

John 15:9-17 (NIV) Love Each Other

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit-fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. This is my command: Love each other.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday Worship: 17 May 2015

Theme: “Flourish”

Focus Scripture: Psalm 1

Other Readings: John 17: 6-19, Acts 1: 15-17. 21-26, 1 John 5:9-13

Prayer points: Give thanks for an increase in the numbers attending Mainly Music. Please pray for: Youth Band for more band members please; Margaret Morrison for recovery from surgery, Ron Ashton’s family in their time of loss. Jan and Peter Hancock for the death of Jan’s Dad’s wife. Ian Pinel and his recent cancer diagnosis, Lisa Liao - for her illness. Pray for the beginning of a new start for our Children and Youth Leader – Sonja and family, Cory (Jeannine’s son) for surgery on 11 May.

Children and Youth Leader. We are pleased to share with everyone that we have Sonja Schlebusch starting with us in this position. It is a faith step financially – so please ask for God’s provisioning to enable this ministry among us. Sonja will be working 10 hours per week – which will be such a boost for our current ministry teams – we thank the Lord.

Real Life with John Cowan: NewsTalk ZB: 730pm this Sunday night (10 May). John Cowan's guest will be the NZ parenting gurus, Jacqueline Lockington & Natalie Cutler-Welsh.

Annual Anglican-Methodist Covenant Service to celebrate the covenant between Anglicans and Methodists. This is one of the few times in the year when we give some visible expression to the relationship between our two churches.

Sunday 17th May, 7pm: Pitt St Methodist Church. Led by Synod Superintendent, The Rev Marilyn Welch. Preacher Bishop Ross Bay.

Inspire Pentecost Gathering – Sunday May 24th 6pm St Stevens Ponsonby. The flyer for more information is on the column in the foyer.

Food Bank – They food bank is in need of Toothpaste, Plain Sugar, Flour and Milk powder. If you could please add these to your shopping list they would greatly appreciate it. They currently have plenty of canned goods and cereal.

Administrator Notice – I am going on leave for the first two weeks in May. The first week I will be on Kawau Island feeding 100 children and adults for my eldest son’s school camp. The 2nd week I will be off at home with Cory having a follow up surgery on his leg from his accident in December last year. I am in need of people to help cover the phone while I am away so if there is anyone that is available to help please contact Lorraine. Thanking you in advance. Jeannine.

Trade Aid Stall: Thanks to all who purchased goods from the stall last week. Total sales were \$250, twice the average!

Pakuranga Choral Society Inc: Concert: "Schubert, Haydn, Hamilton" to be performed on Sunday 24 May in All Saints Church, Howick. It is being performed to celebrate 40 years of Music in Pakuranga and Howick. Guest Conductor is David Hamilton with Michael Bell as accompanist. St Georges Choir from Thames will be joining the Pakuranga choir to give a combined choir of 100 voices



Poor Janis. She ended up with the Porsche. Proof again that you have to be careful what you pray for.