



St John's
Being the Gospel to all People

Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 22nd November 2015

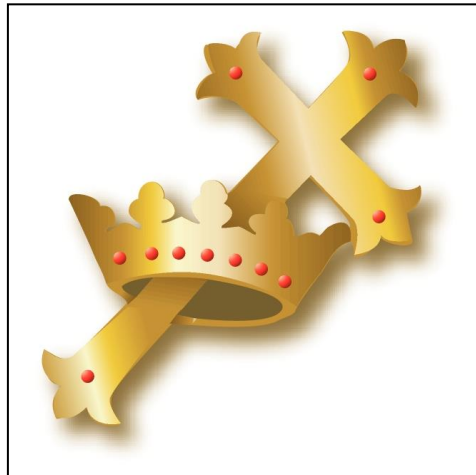
“Being the Gospel to all People”

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: “The reign of Christ”

Readings: Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37



John 18:33-37

33 Then Pilate entered the headquarters* again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' 34 Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' 35 Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' 36 Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' 37 Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

NEXT WEEK: Sunday Worship: 29 November 2015 Advent 1

Christmas Theme is: 'Our Coming Saviour'

Advent 1 is Elizabeth and Zechariah

Focus Scripture: Malachi 3:1

Other Readings: Psalm 25:1-10; Jeremiah 33:14-16

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 Donation Update:- 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 72 operations. This is an amazing achievement.

Christmas is coming!!!! "Church Decorating" Please come and join in preparing our church for Christmas on SATURDAY 5th 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.

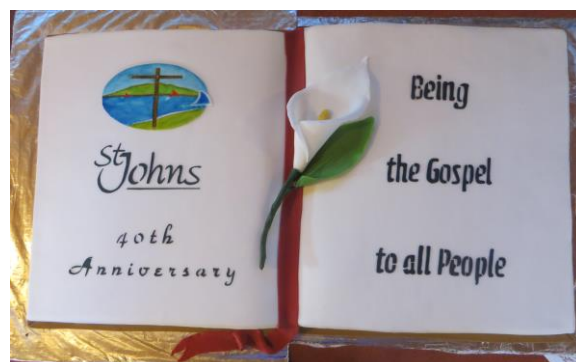
FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS LUNCH, Thursday, 10 Dec., Noon, at ARA TAI Café, Half Moon Bay .Please add your name to the List in the Foyer. If you wish, you may bring a small unwrapped gift for a child at the Women's Refuge. I believe 8 year old boys often miss out. Thanks, Loas Toun

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 6th

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.

