



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 3 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 Live an Impoverished Life"

Focus Scripture: John 15:1-8

Other Readings: Acts 8: 26-40



Jesus is the true vine, and we are the branches, called to live together in the Christian family as an Easter people. God tends the vine so that we may produce the fruits of justice and love. When we abide in God, we bear fruit of that love to others. All are welcome to become part of this community.

John 15:1-18 (NIV) Jesus is the True Vine

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday Worship: 10 May 2015

Theme: “No Need to Separate”

Focus Scripture: John 15:9-17

Other Readings: Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98, 1 John 5:1-6

Prayer points: Please pray for: Mainly Music for an increase in numbers attending; Youth Band for more band members please; Margaret Morrison for recovery from surgery, Ron Ashton’s family in their time of loss. Ian Pinel and recent cancer diagnosis. Lisa Liao for her illness. Pray for safe travels for our Church members travelling at present. 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: 730pm NewsTalk Zb: This Sunday night (3 May) John Cowan's guest will be the mother of Reeva Steenkamp, June Steenkamp.

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.

Praying for the Victims of the Nepalese Earthquake: You are encouraged to gather this Sunday evening, 3 May, at 5pm in St Mary's-in-Holy Trinity Cathedral to pray, remembering those who have died, and for the people of Nepal as they recover from the recent devastating earthquake. The service will follow the form of Choral Evensong and be sung by the Cathedral Choir. A collection will be taken up for the support of the Red Cross's work in Nepal. All are very welcome.

