



Weekly Newsletter Sunday 10 November

“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: “Praise God”

Focus Scripture: Psalm 145: 1-5, 17-21

Other readings: Haggai 2:1-9



This psalm is the first in a series of “praise psalms” (145–150), which concludes the Psalter. Using the acrostic poetic form, in which each verse begins with a consecutive letter of the Hebrew alphabet, the psalmist attempts to spell out God’s greatness and goodness from A to Z. Proclamations of God’s might and power join with proclamations of God’s love for the individual, for generations, for the community and for all of creation. As these doxological statements weave through the psalm, they create a vivid testimony to God’s universal care, God’s intimate involvement with humanity, and God’s ability and willingness to provide for all.

Psalm 145 (NIV).

Verses 1-5

I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever. Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts. They will speak of the glorious splendour of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

Verses 17-21

The LORD is righteous in all his ways and loving toward all he has made. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfils the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them. The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

NEXT WEEK: 17 November

Theme: "A World Filled With Love"

Focus Scripture: Isaiah 65: 17-25

Other readings: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13, Luke 21:5-9

Prayer Points: Please pray for: Avril and her knee replacement's healing; Sheila as she recovers from her shoulder operation; George Morrison as he recovers from the removal of a growth on his kidney; Reece, Jeannine's husband recovering from knee surgery; Jack (from Youth Band) VarnDell's family on the death of his Grandpa in the UK.

CHURCH NOTICES AND EVENTS:

Leadership Team Notice for the congregation concerning the process of Ministry Extension. This notice is given by Joan Rutherford as People's Warden and Alan Vickers as Session Clerk.

The Northern Presbytery Council approved the 2 recommendations from the Ministry Review committee: That the Ministry of Rev Lorraine Francis be extended for up to 5 years at St Johns; and that St Johns Co Operating Parish have the Methodist Church of New Zealand as the Coordinating Partner for the next 5 years.

Leadership Team is calling a congregational meeting on Sunday 1st December 2013, to ask the congregation to accept Mr Bob Williamson as our nomination for the position of Presbytery Elder.

Congratulations to Melissa and Gershwin on the announcement of their engagement. What exciting news, our prayers for your future together.

Our Web site is up and running – go on line and have a look www.stjohnsbb.org.nz Let us know what you think! A huge thank you to Steven Chaplin, who designed and made it an original Stjohnsbb site - well done.

GIRLS BRIGADE: CHRISTMAS Inspiration Evening: 7 pm, 14 November 2013: Join us for an enjoyable fundraising evening for our Area of Girls Brigade. Get yourself prepared for Christmas by the Christmas Heirloom Company Demonstration night at 24 Marua Rd Ellerslie. Tickets \$15 each – includes nibbles. Please order your tickets by 27 September. For tickets, contact Julie Dickey: 5355814 or 0274925659 or email: juliedickey@ews.net.nz For a ride please talk to Lorraine on Sunday's.

Prayer Room 2013: "Listen - God is Calling" - this is the title of our prayer weekend on the Weekend of Saturday 30th November and Sunday 1st December. Come along and focus on praying for our church and our families and friends for the coming festive season. A signup sheet will be available soon and will be posted in the foyer so that you can choose your time. This will be a very small and simply decorated prayer area in the Worship room. If you are interested in helping us build the space or contribute in any way, I will have a meeting after worship next Sunday 11th Nov, or contact me 021-1194446 - Janetta

Church Decoration for Advent: A group of us are meeting at 6pm on Wednesday 4th December to decorate the church for our Advent/Christmas season. All are welcome, just turn up on the night, many hands make light work. We will more than likely have a break for pizza, so that we still have some energy to get the creative juices flowing. We will remind you all nearer the time through another notice and also during "Our Life Together" – Janetta

Clendon Christian Pre-School notice. Tessa has started work here as an early Childhood Teacher and would like any donations we can offer please... So any old clothing, plastic-ware, ice-cream tubs, plastic lids, anything they can use for art activities, even any old furniture etc. There is a box in the Church foyer or ring Tessa on her mobile 0211949334.

Special Request from the Middlemore Hospital Chaplain Can we supply a Chaplaincy Team on Sunday 29 December to help transport patients to Worship please. We need a keyboardist, wheelchair operators and warm friendly smiles... Please contact Lorraine **ASAP**, if you know you will be around and able to help in this ministry. Thank you Lorraine

TRADE AID STALL: Thanks to all who purchased Trade Aid products last week. Total sales were \$88.

CHURCH TV : This week on www.anglicantv.net "Don't let them stand alone. On November 10th, churches across the world are joining in prayer for the persecuted

REAL LIFE: This Sunday night (10th November) John Cowan's guest will be former Air New Zealand CEO, Rob Fyfe.

Food in Schools Bill Nov. 13th ! 'Feed the Kids' bill for breakfast and lunch in low decile schools is coming to Parliament 13th November. We have 270,000 in poverty and 100,000 going to school hungry. Milk and Weetbix, and Kidscan reach about 27,000 kids. This bill is about healthy food for breakfast and lunch for all children in low income schools

Actions:

Let Betsan know of your interest or support betsan@publicquestions.org.nz

Look at the website <http://feedthekids.org.nz/>

- Email your MP and ask them to support for the bill to the first reading. This is a practical way to 'Let Children Live and Learn'

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The Handel Consort & Quire will sing Palestrina's Mass Tu es Petrus on **Sunday 17th November, 6pm** in what was the chapel of the beautiful Star-of-the-Sea in Howick.

Previously a convent/orphanage/school, the Star-of-the-Sea is now used as a venue for Howick Children's and Youth Theatre and other events.

The intimate chapel comprised of rendered brick has a lovely warm resonant acoustic, very suitable for this type of music. We will also sing a few Christmas carols to add variety and provide a taste of our Christmas concerts which are fast approaching!

If you have not been to this special venue before then here is a fantastic opportunity!

The beautiful historic building is set up on a hill overlooking the sea and has spectacular views out over the ocean. Entry is only \$25 (or \$20 if you pre-pay) Email inverted_mordent@hotmail.com for more information.