



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 18 October 2015
Thanks Giving Sunday

“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: What Makes Greatness

Focus Scripture: Job 38 :1-7, 34-41;

Other Readings: Mark 10:35-45; Hebrews 5:1-10

Job 38:1-7(NIV)

The LORD Speaks

38 Then the LORD spoke to Job out of the storm. He said:

² “Who is this that obscures my plans with words without knowledge?

³ Brace yourself like a man;
I will question you,
and you shall answer me.

⁴ “Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation?

Tell me, if you understand.

⁵ Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know!

Who stretched a measuring line across it?

⁶ On what were its footings set,
or who laid its cornerstone—

⁷ while the morning stars sang together
and all the angels^[a] shouted for joy?

“For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many” Mark 10:45



NEXT WEEK: Sunday Worship: 25 October 2015

Theme: The Faith to ask and to follow

Focus Scripture: Job 42: 1-6; 10-17

Other Readings: Mark 1-:46-52

Prayer points: Please pray for: George Morrison in Middlemore hospital. Little Cubs Kindy for more children as they vacancies because some children have reached school age and Kindy competition is strong. Our children from youth with exams at the moment. Lorraine and Ian with their safe travels.

NOTICES:

Notice of Special Congregational Meeting:- Sunday 01 November 15 immediately after church there will be a special meeting for the election of two further candidates to the Leadership Team. Mavis Haigh and Elizabeth Speer. Any queries please see Alan Vickers from the Executive Team or Peter Hancock from the Nominating Team.

A message from Alison Stanton: Just at quick note to say that we have been blessed with another granddaughter in Sussex. Leni Rose (10lbs 7 ozs) arrived on 30 September.

The new baby in the household, the joy of seeing our daughters and English grandchildren and immersing myself in the Sussex countryside is refreshing and restorative. Love Alison

Message from Lorraine: I am half way through my Study Leave and I am on Study leave from 23 September until the end of October.

Should you have any questions or worries while Lorraine is on leave the three "go-to" people are:

Alan Vickers, cell phone 021 051 3040 or 533 3790. Or email; avick@xtra.co.nz
Joan Rutherford cell phone 027 537 2308 or 533 8761
and Bob Williamson.

Real Life: John Cowan's guest this Sunday night (18th October) will be adventurer and explorer, **Sir Ranulph Fiennes**.

Sir Ranulph Fiennes was described by the Guinness Book of Records as "the world's greatest living explorer." He has set many records including being the first to reach both poles, first to cross the Antarctic and Arctic Ocean and first and only to successfully circumnavigate the world along the polar axis. He recently completed the Marathon des Sables, a six day marathon through the Sahara Desert, becoming the oldest Briton to do so.

Leprosy Mission Boxes are due in please return to Joan Jones.

Food Bank:- The foodbank are in short supply of Sugar and flour (Small bags) Milk powder, jelly, tinned fish and tinned fruit. If you could please consider this during your weekly shopping. Thank you very much.

ORGAN Recital – Saturday 10 October 730pm. Martin Setchell St Columba, Botany. Flyer on the column in the foyer.

Age Concern presents, Supports for Super Seniors on Thursday 22nd October at East City Wesleyan Church, 219 Burswood Drive, Botany, 10am – 12 noon. This session will give you an over view of the variety of agencies and organizations that are out there to give advice and support, including on line resources. A hand out of the information covered in the session, will be provided to take away. Morning tea included. No cost but donations always welcome. Bookings essential for catering and resource purposes - ring the Age Concern office on 279 4331 ext 800 or email reception@accm.org.nz

Bible in school starts for the final term of school with about six weeks of teaching before we stop for the year. Out in East Auckland we have had a good year with very few problems and not too much localised trouble from the Secular Education Network.

We ***give thanks*** for

- the churches and people who have remained committed to praying for Bible in School and CEC.
- continued financial assistance that covers our work in the schools.
- our volunteer teachers who faithfully serve each week.

Please pray with us

- for our teams as they prepare their last few lesson, and especially for good health.
- as our teams prepare to present their Christmas programs in their schools.
- that the children will remember what they have learnt and that they will put the values they have learnt into practise in their daily lives, but most importantly that they will remember that Jesus loves them.
- for the non-Christian teachers of the classes we teach in, that God would speak into their lives too.
- for guidance and wisdom for CEC, the Ministry of Education and the Crown as they prepare for the court case that takes place next year in April.
- for CEC Board and leaders as they meet this week.
- for continued financial assistance.

With thanks and blessings Sharon Burgess