



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 12 July 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: 'What We Contribute'

Focus Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-14

Other Readings: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12-19



This passage makes three key points about God's plan for the right ordering of things: its motivation and source is God's great love; it has been in existence for all eternity; it encompasses all creation. At the fulfillment of this plan, all that exists will live in the context of relationship with God, and all will be children of God. We live in a time of heightened sensitivity to both religious conflict and religious tolerance. The reading can help to inform our understanding of the unity of all people, even amid difference.

Ephesians 1:3-14 (NRSV) Spiritual Blessings in Christ

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will. so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday Worship: 19 July 2015

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Theme: Gods Economy

Focus Scripture: Matthew 20:1-16

Other Readings: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15; Psalm 30:1-5, 11&12

Prayer points: Give thanks for an increase in the numbers attending Mainly Music. Please pray for: Youth Band for more band members please; Ian Pinel and his cancer diagnosis, Rose Hooper's family.

NOTICES:

40th Celebrations of St Johns on 8 November 2015. The power-point being developed by Trevor Haigh needs photographs covering all significant events during the last 40 years. If you have any suitable photographs please put them aside for Trevor to look at when he returns from overseas in August. Trevor does not want to take photos away, but will come to you and make copies before the final selection.

Holiday Programme: The programme was a great success. Thanks to Natalie Jennery and her team. Also, thanks to those who provided baking and other assistance. It was most appreciated.

Lorraine's leave cover: - With Lorraine being on leave, Jeannine will be in the office Tuesday 9.30am-2.30pm Thursday 9.30am-12.30pm and Friday 9.30am-2.30pm. Ray is in the office Thursday afternoon and Mainly Music is in the building on a Wednesday morning. If there is anyone that would be available on a Wednesday afternoon to help answer the phone from approximately 12.30pm-2.30pm please contact Jeannine in the office. Thank you.

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 (12 July) will be former MP Hon. Richard Prebble.

The Coffee Club Highland Park: The coffee club in Highland park have opened a new store and they have kindly donated some 20% off discount vouchers to bring in new local customers. They are on the table in the foyer please help yourself and enjoy a break.

Nominating Team Notice: The nominating team headed by Peter Hancock, requires new members. The Nominating Team has the responsibility to listen to the congregation, to pray and to bring forward to the congregation the names of people willing to serve on the Leadership Team. Please pray for the right people to be willing to serve and then pass the names to Peter Hancock, Joan Rutherford or Alan Vickers.

www.inspirationaltv.net: The website has articles and videos on: Getting busy with Vanuatu disaster preparedness; Jenny: Preparing the soil; Stephanie: Mark 5:21-43; In our blog: Joan's message of hope ; Retreat video: The Unseen Hand.

Lorraine's leave cover: - With Lorraine being on leave in a couple of weeks we are looking for help with cover for the office. I have changed my hours so that I am now working Tuesday 9:30am-2:30pm Thursday 9:30am-12:30pm and Friday 9:30am-2:30pm. Ray is in the office Thursday afternoon and Mainly Music is in the building on a Wednesday morning. If there is anyone that would be available on a Wednesday afternoon to help answer the phone from approximately 12:30pm-2:30pm please contact Jeannine in the office. Thank you so much.

Girls' Brigade Fundraising 'Oxford Pies' -- *the latest.* Thank you all for your orders they have all been processed and will be available for collection from Julie at the end of the month. Julie is currently away and I will confirm the exact collections dates for you and I will advise as soon as possible.. **Many thanks... Julie Dickey 535 5814 0274 925 659 or juliedickey@ews.net.nz**

