



Weekly Newsletter Sunday 20 October

“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: “To Speak and Be Heard”

Focus Scripture: Luke 18:1-8

Other readings: Psalm 119: 97-104



This parable is unique to Luke's gospel. The judge feels he has to answer to no one. The widow feels she cannot move on without justice. The focus of each character seems to be on the persistence of the widow. Like most parables, the meaning is open, but verses one and eight suggest this story is about more than justice. In verse one, the disciples are encouraged “to not lose heart,” and in verse eight, Jesus asks “when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

The Parable of the Persistent Widow: Luke 18:1-8 (NIV)

1 Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.

2 He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. 3 And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’

4 “For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”

6 And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7 And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? 8 I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

NEXT WEEK: 27 OCTOBER

Theme: "No Distance Too Great"

Focus Scripture: Luke 18: 9:14

Other readings: Joel 2: 23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18:

Prayer Points: Please pray for Avril and her knee replacement's healing, for Sheila as she recovers from her shoulder operation; our monthly finances we were very short last month, and the freshly elected Leadership Team. Colin Clarke's family as they come to terms with his death (30 Sept). George Morrison as he recovers from the removal of a growth on his kidney. Reece, Jeannine's Husband recovering from knee surgery.

CHURCH NOTICES AND EVENTS:

Leadership Team Notice for the congregation concerning the process of Ministry Extension: Active members of the parish are encouraged to express their views on the extension of Lorraine's ministry to the Leadership Team in the 2 weeks before the review (29 October – 3 November.) See the hand out on the Church Foyer desk. An informal meeting of the congregation and Leadership Team will be held immediately after the morning service on Sunday 3rd November for the congregation to express their views in a group situation.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a special meeting of the Leadership Team on Sunday 3rd November at 6pm and a further special meeting of the Leadership Team and the Review Team at 7pm. This notice is given by Joan Rutherford as People's Warden and Alan Vickers as Session Clerk.

Leprosy Mission Boxes are due in please, bring them in and Joan Jones will pass them on.

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.

Well Done to Maya Corbett. In September at the Waitakere Gymnastics Competition in the level 2 advanced area, her Team won Gold (1st Place for Teams); For individual work Maya won silver overall (2nd); She won gold for the Floor work (1st); silver (2nd) for the Bars; and bronze (3rd) for the Beam work. Maggie also attended in the level 1 area and did amazingly well.

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.

Countdown Cutlery Stamps if anyone is not collecting these for themselves William F-D and Paul are collecting them for the purchase of cutlery for flatting next year. Your donation can be an expression of gratitude as described above in today's bible reading from Luke 17: 11-19 (see on the front page of this newsletter). "Donations of stamps can be given to William or Lorraine on Sunday and Jeannine in the office during the week. Thank you.

Clendon Christian Pre-School notice. Tessa is starting 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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL? *Selwyn's Vision – Let's finish what history started* is the project under way to complete and consecrate our cathedral. Dean Jo Kelly-Moore would like to extend a warm invitation for people to join her for a Project tour at Holy Trinity Cathedral on the following dates: 25 September, 10 & 12 October. If you are interested in attending or finding more out about the project please phone 3039506, or email campaign@holy-trinity.org.nz, or view the website: www.holy-trinity.org.nz





Anglican TV This week on Anglican TV www.anglicantv.net. "Suzanne Aubert was a little French lady who made her journey to New Zealand to help others. The women she gathered together carry on this work today. Hear the voice of Suzanne through a loyal follower this week on www.anglicantv.net."

Christmas mailing dates

Domestic mailing dates

Domestic deadlines	Send by
Standard post	Thursday 19 December
Standard parcel	
Tracked parcel	
FastPost	Monday 23 December
Courier parcel	
Courier & Signature parcel	

International mailing dates

International deadlines	Send by		
	Monday 2 December	Monday 18 November	Monday 18 November
	Monday 9 December	Wednesday 4 December	Monday 2 December
	Friday 13 December	Wednesday 11 December	Friday 6 December
	Monday 16 December	Friday 13 December	Wednesday 11 December