



## Weekly Newsletter Sunday 13 October

**"Being the Gospel to all People"**

A very warm welcome is extended to all visitors to St Johns.

Morning tea and lunch are offered after the service today, so please stay and enjoy some time with us.

**Today's theme:** "Expressing Gratitude"

**Focus Scripture:** Luke 17: 11-19

**Other readings:** Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7



Luke's story illustrates the surprising message: that God's love extends to all and His mercy knows no bounds. Jesus responds to the appeal of ten lepers to have mercy. As they follow Jesus' commandment, heading to the temple, they become clean. Only one, a Samaritan, turns back to thank Jesus and praise God. Clearly more has happened to the Samaritan than being healed. Jesus asserts that his faith, his ability to recognize and rejoice in God's blessing of healing, makes him a full member of the faith community.

### **Luke 17: 11-19 (NIV)**

Now, on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him-and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

## **NEXT WEEK: 20 OCTOBER**

**Theme:** "To Speak and Be Heard"

**Focus Scripture:** Luke 18: 1-8

**Other readings:** Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119: 97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

**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 for growth removal on his kidney (Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>).

## **CHURCH NOTICES AND EVENTS:**

**Honouring Age** Sunday is on 20th October – please cover the planning for this Special Sunday in your prayers, and make sure we in the office know of everyone in St Johns who has reached and or passed the magic number of 70 years of life - so they are invited to be honoured. So go on, ring Jeannine and tell tales please ☺, we don't want anyone to be missed off the invite list.

**Leadership Team Notice for the congregation concerning the process of Ministry Extension:** Notice of a special Leadership Team meeting is given on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2013 for a special Leadership Team meeting on Sunday night 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 7:00pm at the Church. This is to inform the congregation that: "It is appropriate for active members of the parish to express their views to members of the Leadership Team in the two weeks before the review." See hand out on Church Foyer desk.

**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](http://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](mailto:juliedickey@ews.net.nz) For a ride please talk to Lorraine on Sunday's.

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October is our Middlemore Chapel Sunday.** If you can help get patients to the chapel for church, as part of our team, please let Lorraine know. [minister@stjohnsbb.org.nz](mailto:minister@stjohnsbb.org.nz)

**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.

**Real Life This Sunday night** (13th October) John Cowan will be taking a well-earned break from *Real Life*. Sitting in as hosts will be Sam Bloore and Jax van Buuren, with their guest Senior New Zealander of the Year 2013, **Ian Grant**.

**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](mailto:campaign@holy-trinity.org.nz), or view the website: [www.holy-trinity.org.nz](http://www.holy-trinity.org.nz)

**Anglican TV** "New Zealander, Richard Gillard started writing the Servant Song in 1977, jotting it down on a piece of paper. On returning from holiday in Europe and Israel, he found the piece of paper in his guitar-case. He completed the song, and it has become popular around the world. Humble beginnings for such a treasured song, featured this week on [www.anglicantv.net](http://www.anglicantv.net)."

#### State of St John's financial position at the 31/07/2013

	Month of July 2013		1 July 2013 → 31 July 2013	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
EXPENSES	\$16,811.70	\$16,840.00	\$16,811.70	\$16,840.00
INCOME	\$14,281.88	\$14,976.00	\$14,281.88	\$14,976.00
SURPLUS or (DEFICIT)	<b>(\$2,529.82)</b>	<b>(\$1,864.00)</b>	<b>(\$2,529.82)</b>	<b>(\$1,864.00)</b>

#### Comments (July):

"Free Will Offerings" for **JULY** fell short of budget for the month by **(\$2,189.68)**

The operating Loss for **JULY** was **(\$2,529.82)**

#### State of St John's financial position as at the 31/08/2013

	Month of August 2013		1 July 2013 → 31 August 2013	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
EXPENSES	\$14,466.99	\$16,258.00	\$31,278.69	\$33,098.00
INCOME	\$14,298.27	\$14,975.00	\$28,580.15	\$29,951.00
SURPLUS or (DEFICIT)	<b>(\$168.72)</b>	<b>(\$1,283.00)</b>	<b>(\$2,698.54)</b>	<b>(\$3,147.00)</b>

#### Comments (August):

- "Free Will Offerings" for **AUGUST** fell short of budget for the month by **(\$303.20)**.
- "Free Will Offerings" "Year to Date" are behind budget by **(\$2,793.00)**
- The operating loss for August was **(168.72)**
- Cash flow during the month of September was very tight and this condition is expected to continue through the month of October.