



St John's
Being the Gospel to all People

Weekly Newsletter 10 January 2016

“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.

Today's Theme: Names and Claimed

Readings: Luke 3:15-17,21-22

Other Readings: Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17 (NIV)

¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, “I baptize you with^[a] water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with^[b] the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

Background: Named and Claimed

This is the day in our church calendar when we celebrate Jesus' baptism. It is the day we are encouraged to remember the role baptism has played in our own life. It is a day we are challenged to remember that, along with Jesus, we are beloved by God and empowered to participate in the rebuilding of God's “kin-dom.”



NEXT WEEK: Sunday 17 January 2016

Next week's theme: Overflowing Love

Focus Scripture: John 2:1-11

Other Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Prayer points: Please pray for: Little Cubs Kindy for more children, they need at least 15 more children for the New Year. Brenda Ryan with ongoing health issues. Our church family and their safe travels during the Christmas and New Year Holidays.

Happy New Year Everyone and welcome back to 2016

CHURCH PHONE BOOK:- On the table in the foyer is a copy of the last phone book that was issued. I have made a few changes and updates so if you could please confirm and sign that your details are correct and if not make the changes in pen. We also need to ask you to confirm that if we have taken your photo at a Church function we can put it on the web page. If you would sign to confirm that this is ok next to your address. Once the details are all confirmed I will re-print a new book. Thank you Jeannine

Christmas Charity 2015 – What our cash offerings will support.

The Leadership Team have determined our Christmas Charity this year is to support Tear Fund. They fund 5 causes: Protect; Sponsor; Restore; Empower; and Nourish. They believe communities have the best solutions to their problems, so they identify local organisations around the world to partner with and empower, to affect positive change. You can go on line and explore more of their work at <https://tearfundwebuat01.azurewebsites.net/Our-Work.aspx>

Our specific support is for the “Protect” cause of ‘Anti-trafficking and Exploitation’



Tear fund believes people are not commodities so they combat human trafficking to protect people from slavery and exploitation.

A Learn More Fact:



\$150 billion (USD)
Is the annual profit generated through human trafficking and slavery. Of that, sexual exploitation generates \$99 billion

Christmas Charity continued...

You can learn more by typing in this address:

<https://tearfundwebuat01.azurewebsites.net/Our-Work/Anti-Trafficking-Exploitation.aspx>

Tear Fund says: Human trafficking is organised criminal activity that deceives and coerces people into slavery. The vast majority of victims are vulnerable women and children trapped in poverty, who are robbed of their freedom and dignity.

Tearfund has a deep compassion for the oppressed and a yearning for justice. We believe the exploitation of poor and vulnerable people is a gross injustice that must be confronted.

What we're doing

We take a holistic and comprehensive approach in dealing with human trafficking and exploitation. Through our partners, who are fighting trafficking and slavery in Southern and Southeast Asia, we're:

- Helping to protect people vulnerable to trafficking by running empowerment and education programmes.
- Assisting authorities to break the criminal networks behind trafficking and slavery to set victims free.
- Working with local law enforcement to help prosecute the traffickers and brothel owners to prevent further people from becoming enslaved.
- Giving survivors a safe place to heal and recover, and restoring their dignity through rehabilitation.

More facts: 1 – 2% The number of victims that are ever rescued

22%
Of 21 million people enslaved in the world are sexually exploited

Without demand for pornography or prostitution there would be no sex trafficking

12 years Is the average age of a victim of sexual trafficking and this is getting younger