



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 14 June 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 Perceive”

Focus Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

Other Readings: 1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:18



God, in contrast to human understanding, sees into the hearts of people and calls forth their potential. Jesus also sees deeply, assuring that God's realm grows from mustard-seed beginnings. As we live in faith, we are invited to look upon the world and ourselves with a God's-eye view.

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17 (CEV)

6 So we are always confident, because we know that while we are living in the body, we are away from our home with the Lord. 7 We live by faith and not by sight. 8 We are confident, and we would prefer to leave the body and to be at home with the Lord. 9 So our goal is to be acceptable to him, whether we are at home or away from home. 10 We all must appear before Christ in court so that each person can be paid back for the things that were done while in the body, whether they were good or bad. 14 The love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: one died for the sake of all; therefore, all died. 15 He died for the sake of all so that those who are alive should live not for themselves but for the one who died for them and was raised.

16 So then, from this point on we won't recognize people by human standards. Even though we used to know Christ by human standards, that isn't how we know him now. 17 So then, if anyone is in Christ, that person is part of the new creation. The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived!

NEXT WEEK: Sunday Worship: 21 June 2015

Theme: 'What We Know'

Focus Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:57-58; 18:1-5, 10-16

Other Readings: Mark 4:35-41, 2 Corinthians 6:1-13, Psalm 9:9-20

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 recent cancer diagnosis. Pray for the beginning of a new start for our Children and Youth Leader – Sonja and family.

NOTICES:-

Margaret Morrison would like to thank the entire Congregation, who have prayed, thought and helped her and George, during the two operations and Radio Therapy, since last October. As a result she has felt great strength through that time and now is beginning to feel strong enough to share in the Worship and Activities of St. Johns, once again. The Lord's Healing is so wonderful. Praise the Lord!``

Holiday Programme Leader: Please pray for a leader for our School Holiday Programme. Shirley and William have been carrying this role but are unable to for much longer. Sonja has not enough hours to fulfill this role so we can't ask it of her, although she can offer support. We can probably manage to arrange cover for this coming July but the September – October one will be very difficult.

Visit to Ian Pinel. Lorraine is asking Ian if we can come and visit him. If he agrees, I have 4 seats in my car – so if you would like to go please let Lorraine know. When we have a day and time I'll contact you. First come, first seated!! Thanks L

Girls' Brigade Fundraiser: Oxford Pies: The girls are selling homemade Kiwi pies and pastries. The group gets \$1.50 from each item ordered. They are very nice (Lorraine)

Choose from:

5 pack lunch pies (\$10.50 for five)

6 pack Lamingtons: \$5.50

5 pack sausage rolls (\$8.50)

Family sized pies \$7.30 each.

Flavours: Mince, Mince & Cheese, Curry Mince, Steak, Steak & Cheese, Bacon & Egg, Creamy Vege, Apple, Apple Crumble, Apricot, Lemon Curd

Give orders to Lorraine or email Julie Dickey: juliedickey@ews.net.nz

Sunday 14 June Michael Bell Organist: 2.30pm – 4pm St Columba Church, 480 Ti Rakau Drive. Door sales \$10. There is a flyer on the column in the foyer for more information.

Real Life: This Sunday night (14th June) 7:30pm Newstalk ZB: John's guest will be scientist and businessman, Sir Ray Avery

Lorraine's Study Leave: I have a few questions about my Study Leave and our local arrangements☺. So for a few weeks I'll have this in the newsletter for information. Please keep this kind of conversation going as we all benefit.

Should you have any questions or worries while I am on leave the three "go-to" people are Alan Vickers, Joan Rutherford and Bob Williamson.

St Johns Sunday Worship Leader Calendar for July to October 2015

July	Worship Leader
5	Lorraine
12	Lorraine
19	Diane Miller-Keeley
26	David Hall
August	
2	Grahame D
9	Grahame D
16 Honouring Age Sunday	Grahame D
23	Grahame D
30	Grahame D
September	
6	Diane Miller-Keeley
13 Annual General Mtg	Lorraine
20	Lorraine
27	Bob / Ray
October	
4	Diane Miller-Keeley
11	Mavis / Liz
18	Diane Miller-Keeley
25	Dick / Judy

Total allocation of days: July – October = 122

Working at St Johns = 34 Study Leave = 60 Holiday = 28

The 3 Parts of my Study Leave Content:

1. Theological Reading:

Barbara Brown-Taylor - Home By Another Way; Bread of Angels; Gospel Medicine; Leaving Church: A memoir of Faith Home By Another Way; Bread of Angels.

Marcus Borg: The First Christmas: what the Gospels really teach about Jesus's birth and John Dominic Crossan (Oct 6, 2009); The Last Week: what the Gospels really teach about Jesus' final days in Jerusalem and John Dominic Crossan (Jan 30, 2007); The Lost Gospel Q: The original sayings of Jesus *with* Thomas Moore

Added since application submitted:

Barbara Brown-Taylor's 'Learning to walk in the Dark'; John Philip-Newell: 'The Re-birthing of God' Gautam Ghosh & Jacqueline Leckie 'Asians and the New Multiculturalism in Aotearoa New Zealand'

2. Auckland Mandarin Ministry Exploration – Anglican and Baptist similar to our one.

3. Korean Ministry Training for New Zealand culture within in PROK and PCK, Seoul, Korea.