



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 11 October 2015
Thanks Giving Sunday

“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: Faith Essentials

Focus Scripture: Job 23:1-9

Other Readings: Psalm 22:1-5 Hebrews 4:14-16

Job 23:1-9(NIV)

23 Then Job replied:

² “Even today my complaint is bitter;
his hand^[a] is heavy in spite of^[b] my
groaning.

³ If only I knew where to find him;
if only I could go to his dwelling!

⁴ I would state my case before him
and fill my mouth with arguments.

⁵ I would find out what he would answer
me,
and consider what he would say to me.

⁶ Would he vigorously oppose me?
No, he would not press charges against
me.

⁷ There the upright can establish their
innocence before him,
and there I would be delivered forever
from my judge.

⁸ “But if I go to the east, he is not there;
if I go to the west, I do not find him.

⁹ When he is at work in the north, I do not
see him;
when he turns to the south, I catch no
glimpse of him.



NEXT WEEK: Sunday Worship: 18 October 2015

Theme: What Makes Greatness

Focus Scripture: Job 38 :1-7, 34-41; Mark 10:35-45; Hebrews 5:1-10

Other Readings: Mark 10:35-45; Hebrews 5:1-10

Prayer points: Please pray for: George Morrison in Middlemore hospital. Little Cubs Kindy for more children as they vacancies because some children have reached school age and Kindy competition is strong.

NOTICES:

Notice of Special Congregational Meeting:- Sunday 01 November 15 immediately after church there will be a special meeting for the election of two further candidates to the Leadership Team. Mavis Haigh and Elizabeth Speer. Any queries please see Alan Vickers from the Executive Team or Peter Hancock from the Nominating Team.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING: Each year we set one special Sunday for Thanksgiving. I don't know how this tradition at St Johns arose but I assume it reflects the old idea of Harvest Thanksgiving. In an urban parish we can give thanks for the arrival of spring after a wet, cold Winter and personally, thanks for any special blessing we have received during the past year.

The Leadership Team have decided that 90% of this year's Thanksgiving will be added to the fund we have set up to meet the cost of our latest staff member, the Children, Youth and Family leader. The 10% remaining, as usual, will be given outside the parish, this year to the Tear Fund Appeal for victims of slavery and human trafficking.

Giving to the Thanksgiving offering can be through marked envelopes which regular envelope givers will have received with their bundle of envelopes. I have additional envelopes available which you should mark with your number so that the amount can be added to your Inland Revenue receipt at the end of March 2016.

Any questions, please talk to me or one of the Finance Team (Christo John, Shania Qui and Brannie Ma) Thank you Bob Williamson

Message from Lorraine: I am half way through my Study Leave and I am on Study leave from 23 September until the end of October.

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 (11th October) will be journalist and TV presenter, **Samantha Hayes**

Leprosy Mission Boxes are due in please return to Joan Jones.

Missing from our 40th celebration

If anyone knows the address of any of the following can you please let Elizabeth Speer or Mavis Haigh know.

Diane Chisholm; Brenda (James) Clarke; Jeanette Dick; Marion Docherty; Tom Docherty; Bill Heald; ? Hellerman; Ray Lafferty; Jennie and Graham Jones; Ken and Nellie Kruger; Bob and Kerry McMillan; Michael and Heather Wiggins. Lorraine Barr Inglis family

Did you know ... ?

All sermons (and newsletters) are posted on our web page –

www.stjohnsbb.org.nz

- 1 Open the main web page
- 2 Scroll down to the bottom – click on “Newsletters”
- 3 Choose “Latest News”, then choose “Sermons”
- 4 This gives a listing of all sermons given at St Johns since September 2013!
- 5 Click on the date or topic that interest you, and ... there it is!

Have fun! Trevor Haigh

Food Bank:- The foodbank are in short supply of Sugar and flour (Small bags) Milk powder, jelly, tinned fish and tinned fruit. If you could please consider this during your weekly shopping. Thank you very much.

ORGAN Recital – Saturday 10 October 730pm. Martin Setchell St Columba, Botany. Flyer on the column in the foyer.

Age Concern presents, Supports for Super Seniors on Thursday 22nd October at East City Wesleyan Church, 219 Burswood Drive, Botany, 10am – 12 noon. This session will give you an over view of the variety of agencies and organizations that are out there to give advice and support, including on line resources. A hand out of the information covered in the session, will be provided to take away. Morning tea included. No cost but donations always welcome. Bookings essential for catering and resource purposes - ring the Age Concern office on 279 4331 ext 800 or email reception@accm.org.nz