



Weekly Newsletter Sunday 29 September

"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: "Thanksgiving"

Focus Scripture: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Other readings: Jeremiah 32:1-3, 6-15



Today we acknowledge the goodness of the LORD in abundance gifts he has given us. Our response should be worship, thanksgiving, and the sharing of His bounty with others. We must not forget the gracious benefits which are ours in Christ Jesus, but part of our worship must include the giving of support to His ministers, and to the poor and needy in our midst.

Deuteronomy 26:1-4 (NIV) When you have entered the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, take some of the first fruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the LORD your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name and say to the priest in office at the time, "I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come to the land the LORD swore to our forefathers to give us." The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the LORD your God. Then you shall declare before the LORD your God: "My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, putting us to hard labour. Then we cried out to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with miraculous signs and wonders.

NEXT WEEK: 6 October

Theme: Living in God's Way

Focus Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Other readings: Lamentations 1:1-6, 3:19-26; Luke 17:5-10

Prayer Points: Please pray for Avril and her knee replacement's healing, for Sheila as she has her shoulder operation; our monthly finances as we are very short this month, and the freshly elected Leadership Team.

CHURCH NOTICES AND EVENTS:

DAYLIGHT SAVING Starts today It is moving into Spring so we have sprung forward 1 hour. Yay this means beautiful weather BBQ's bring on summer ☺

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME: The programme is from September 30 – 4 October. Because this coincides with the Youth studying for their exams we will need extra people to help. Can you do it? If you can, contact Shirley Snoad: 02775466103

Thanksgiving Sunday is today, Sunday September 29th. This is an annual event where we at St Johns, are invited to reflect on what the Lord has done for us, and respond with thanksgiving through a financial donation. This year our donations will be set aside into what we are calling the 'Heating Replacement Fund'. We recognise that all the heating in the Church facilities needs replacement and although we have begun to do this in the Kindy and Offices, but the Hall and Worship rooms are waiting. As is our tradition we take 10% of the dedicated total today and donate it to charity. If you would like to make a confidential donation via internet banking please credit your donation to our special bank account 01 0166 0135407 25, with the reference of thanksgiving.

Honouring Age Sunday is coming up in 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.

Little Cubs Kindergarten (downstairs) The Ministry of Education has granted the Kindy a full license which is amazing news. The first year they are always on probation and they have passed with flying colours. They have needed 14 children full time to make ends meet and on some days they now exceed this level. Thank you to everyone who has prayed and helped in any way with the setup of this amazing part of our family they are very happy and grateful.

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. Any donations of stamps can be given to William or Lorraine on Sunday and Jeannine in the office during the week. Thank you.

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.

Methodist Annual Conference begins at Wesley College at the end of this week. Lorraine is attending on the business days of 7th Monday – 9th Wednesday.

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

RABBITS NEED A NEW HOME: Due to unforeseen circumstances, Claudia Burt, whose daughter attended our last Holiday Programme, has 2 rabbits which need a new home. A hutch and run can also be purchased. For details see: <http://www.trademe.co.nz/pets-animals/rabbits-guinea-pigs/rabbits/auction-636526083.htm>.

CHURCH TV: "If there can be forgiveness in business there can be forgiveness anywhere; see it for yourself this week on www.inspirationaltv.net."

This Sunday night (29th Sep) on Real Life, John Cowan's guest will be the CEO for the Cancer Society Auckland, John Loof.

Tamaki Sports Academy offers mentoring, coaching, and work experience to South Auckland youth who have dropped out of the mainstream school system but show some sporting talent. A major fundraiser for the academy, and an excellent source of work experience for our members, is the free metal collection service we offer. We will pick up any old metal - computers, whiteware, roofing iron, metal piping, venetian blinds, batteries, car panels, cars, metal shelving, filing cabinets, machinery, lawnmowers, engines, and so on. If you do have any metal rubbish to get rid of, we are keen to pick it up for you. It is a win-win for both of us. Thank you to everyone in advance, and to those who have donated metal to us previously.

Many thanks Tricia Ph 027 5105890 ph 09 2760328

International Day of the older person – 01 October

It has been a while since Age Concern Counties Manukau has organized a big event to celebrate the International Day of the Older Person so don't miss out on the family fun day being held at the Vodafone Events Centre in Manukau on Thursday the 3rd of October 10am -3pm. Free Entry, Free Parking, free Devonshire tea for super gold card holders. Information, entertainment, presentations and demonstrations. We look forward to seeing you there!