



St John's
Being the Gospel to all People

Weekly Newsletter **17 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: Gifts Overflowing

Readings: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Other Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; John 2:1-11

1Cor 12:1-11 Spiritual Gifts

1 Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant. 2 You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. 3 Therefore I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6 There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.

7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues.

11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.



Paul describes in his letter to Corinthians – 'The' love that always delights to give gifts to its beloved. As has been famously stated: "You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving."

What this week in Epiphany seeks to show us is the complete, unconditional, self-giving love of God revealed in Jesus, but also the warning – the extent of our following Christ in the way of love is revealed by the extent of our giving. No giving, no love!

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 24 January 2016

Next week's theme: Proclaiming Jubilee

Focus Scripture: Luke 4:14-21

Other Readings: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

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

Prayers please. It was with a great deal of sadness this week that I accepted Joan Williamson's resignation from our Sunday keyboard ministry. Joan is an inspired musician, whose ministry to us through music has been greatly loved and appreciated. Thank you Joan for being such a wonderful music ministry leader for us and blessings as you enjoy your 'retirement' from regular Sunday playing.

Therefore I am asking for everyone's prayers please, for a keyboardist to come forward and join our Sunday morning roster. February is going to be difficult as Jan is on leave for the first two weeks, Joshua is still in Wellington and the Youth Band are not yet underway for 2016. Lorraine

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

Thank you to everyone for our wonderful Christmas gifts and cards and the lovely out pouring of love that the Francis-Dittmer family received in December (and January). ☺ We really appreciated being a part of this faith community and pray that you do to. Lorraine

Can you help please? We need a couple of people to be available for the morning tea ministry after Sunday morning worship. You may be assigned to a team, but we also need a few people to 'fill-in' when a regular server is not able to do it. So – can you help? ☺

Can you help please? We need more St Johns Team members to run Mainly Music this year. Wednesday mornings 9:30 to 11 am the Team prepare the room, set up, run the musical programme, serve morning tea and clean up. We love mixing with the parents and caregivers and the pre-school children. It is a joy and delight to serve with this Team, you would be most welcome :-) Lorraine

Shrove Tuesday...All are warmly invited to our Family Friendly Shrove Tuesday Celebration! Pancake eating contest, pancake in the pan races and loads more fun! 6pm at the Church. Contact Sonja (more details to follow)

GIVING TO TEAR FUND Offerings for our Christmas appeal on behalf of the Tear Fund "Anti trafficking and Exploitation" fund totalled \$681.50. Adding the 10% "tithe" of our Thanksgiving offering we will give in total, over \$1000 to this very worthy cause. Thank you all. The Finance Team

Newstalk ZB 7pm John Cowan's guest this Sunday night (17th January) will be former Waitakere Mayor, **Sir Bob Harvey**

