



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 5 July 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 Accomplish'

Focus Scripture: Mark 6:1-13

Other Readings: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10



Jesus visits his hometown, Nazareth. As a skilled carpenter Jesus was most likely not a member of the impoverished labouring classes, his status was still lower than that of the educated classes. Therefore his behaviours such as preaching in the synagogue could have been viewed as an attempt to elevate his own position above his fellow villagers. They are amazed and offended at Jesus and He is amazed at their unbelief and leaves in search of more welcoming areas.

Mark 6: 1-13 (NIV) A Prophet without Honour

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. “Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offence at him. Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honour except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.” ⁵ He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday Worship: 12 July 2015

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Theme: “What We Contribute”

Focus Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-14

Other Readings: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19, Psalm 24; Mark 6:14-29

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 cancer diagnosis, Rose Hooper’s family.

NOTICES:

40th Celebrations of St Johns on 8 November 2015. The power-point being developed by Trevor Haigh needs photographs covering all significant events during the last 40 years. If you have any suitable photographs please put them aside for Trevor to look at when he returns from overseas in August. Trevor does not want to take photos away, but will come to you and make copies before the final selection.

Our House: This Monday, 6 July, from 9.30am for approximately 1 hour, followed by morning tea. Let’s work on keeping our house clean together.

Holiday Programme: Next week is the Holiday Programme again and we would love donations of Baking for Morning and Afternoon Teas for the children. Thank you for your consideration.

Holiday Programme Leader: Thank you for your prayers, Natalie Jennery has stepped into this role for the July programme, so now please hold her in your prayers ☺. Sonja is providing backup support. Please continue to pray for the September – October one.

From Janet Mandeno. Hi friends, today it is official, my name should appear in the gazette - I am officially a Marriage Celebrant - I want to thank you all for your prayers, support and encouragement - I appreciate it so much. I am meeting a local celebrant today to get a few hints and tips for getting set up i.e. Business plan, resources, admin requirements etc. So it is all on for me and I am very excited to be embarking on such a lovely career. Love Janet

Real Life: John Cowan’s guest this Sunday night (5 July) will be Lady Pippa Blake.

The Coffee Club Highland Park: The coffee club in Highland park have opened a new store and they have kindly donated some 20% off discount vouchers to bring in new local customers. They are on the table in the foyer please help yourself and enjoy a break.

Getting busy with **www.inspirationaltv.net:**

Vanuatu disaster preparedness; Jenny: Preparing the soil; Stephanie: Mark 5:21-43; In our blog: Joan's message of hope ; Retreat video: The Unseen Hand

Lorraine's leave cover: - With Lorraine being on leave in a couple of weeks we are looking for help with cover for the office. I have changed my hours so that I am now working Tuesday 930am-230pm Thursday 930am-1230pm and Friday 930am-230pm. Ray is in the office Thursday afternoon and Mainly Music is in the building on a Wednesday morning. If there is anyone that would be available on a Wednesday afternoon to help answer the phone from approximately 1230pm-230pm please contact Jeannine in the office. Thank you so much.

Girls' Brigade Fundraising 'Oxford Pies' -- *the latest.* Thank you all for your orders they have all been processed and will be available for collection from Julie at the end of the month. Julie is currently away and I will confirm the exact collections dates for you and I will advise as soon as possible.. **Many thanks... Julie Dickey 535 5814 0274 925 659 or juliedickey@ews.net.nz**

I WENT BACK TO MY
HOMETOWN ONCE
AND GOT NO RESPECT
EITHER.



YEAH, BUT THAT'S BECAUSE
YOU STILL READ COMIC
BOOKS & PLAY VIDEO
GAMES, NOT BECAUSE
YOU'RE GOD INCARNATE.



HAVE YOU EVER
SEEN ME PLAY
VIDEO GAMES?



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