



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 4 May 2014

"Being the Gospel to all People"

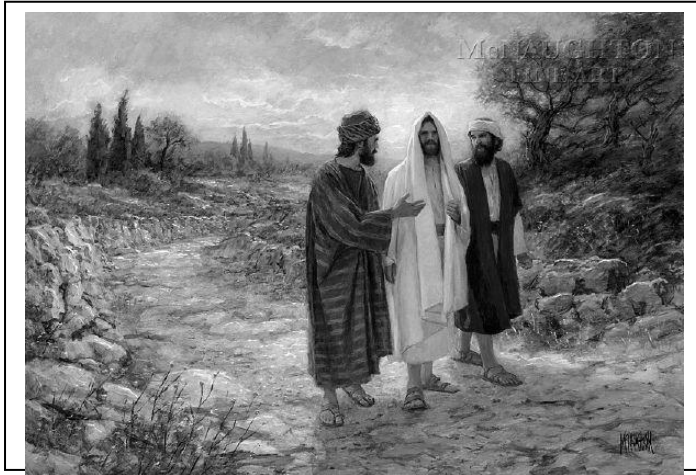
A very warm welcome is extended
to all visitors to St Johns.

Morning tea and is offered after the service today, so please stay and enjoy some time
with us.

Today's theme: Companions on the Road

Focus Scripture Luke 24: 13-35

Other Readings: Acts 2:14a, 36-41



Christ is risen!" With this traditional profession of Easter faith we open ourselves to new life in Christ. We share this truth with the disciples whose hearts were opened along the road to Emmaus. We share this truth with the disciples in Jerusalem who preached the good news. In our rituals and in our living each day, we declare, "Christ is risen indeed!"

Luke 24: 13-35 (NIV) They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?" "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us..." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon."

NEXT WEEK: Sunday Worship: 11 May 2014

Theme: Living in Community

Focus Scripture: Acts 2:42-47

Other Readings: Psalm 23, John 10: 1-10, 1 Peter 2:19-25

Prayer points: Please pray for: George Morrison with more recent complications from his surgery; Ray Chisholm with his illness; Jeannine's uncle with cancer treatment continuing this week, John Ding as he recovers from a Cleft-palate operation.

CHURCH NOTICES AND EVENTS:

OUR HOUSE This Monday 5 May from 9.30am for approximately 1 hour, followed by morning tea. Let's work on keeping our house clean together.

Leprosy Mission Boxes are due in please, bring them in for Joan Jones.

From Brian and Janetta Mandeno. Dear St Johns

It was clear the emotion of the last three weeks finally caught up with me (Brian) at the Service last Sunday. Farewells are difficult, but as Janetta & I have discovered through ministry and having met people from around the world and NZ, farewells are part of life and Church. From the outset of this latest change in our lives, God has opened many doors, at the right time and the right order. This is not a new experience for us, but one can only look at the marvels of His works each time, then look back and ask, wow, what happened there! St Johns is a servant Church, not measured by the number of pew sitters, but in particular by the number of youth who have walked through the door for a season or two and then go out to serve community in His name. Continue to seek His will and purpose for St Johns and the community, seeking opportunities to extend His Church. To all of St Johns we say 'thank you' for the journey, the love and the laughs (thank you Alan, especially the ones at the back of the Church). Finally, thank you to Lorraine being the mentor and person she is. God's servant doing His will. Janetta will have more to say on her last Sunday! Blessings to each and every one of you, for the part you have played in our lives.

Brian  Janetta

State of St John's financial position at the 31/03/2014: Comments (March):

- "Free Will Offerings" for the month of February **fell short of Budget by (\$89.92).**
- "Free Will Offerings" for the nine months [year to-date] **are short of Budget by (\$7,987.58).**

	Month of March 2014	
	Actual	Budget
EXPENSES	\$12,460.54	\$15,655.00
INCOME	\$14,941.37	\$15,477.00
SURPLUS or (DEFICIT)	\$2,480.83	(\$178.00)

Please continue to pray for our on-going financial situation while continuing to give thanks to our wondrously gracious LORD for the gifts that he bestows upon us here at St Johns.

Real Life: This Sunday night (4th May) John Cowan's guest one of Australia's highest profile psychologists, Dr Michael Carr-Greg

Sunday May 18th is our turn to enable patients at **Middlemore Hospital** to attend the weekly Chapel service. If you are able to help with this ministry please let Lorraine know, we need a few extra's as we can usually count on a couple of Youth Band members helping but they are our musicians @ St Johns this Sunday.

Sunday 11th May: Rev Prince Devanandar will be our guest. He will be our preacher and as the Methodist Churches Mission and Ecumenical Secretary will receive our financial gift towards this project.

**Methodist Mission and Ecumenical
Special Appeal 2014**

Upgrade the Sea Ambulance

Helena Goldie Hospital, Munda, Solomon Islands



Dr. Graham Longbottom in his email stated the needs of Helena Goldie Hospital: Repair of damaged sea ambulance with improvement of canoe shed with slipway, winches and simple solar power system.

Estimated cost SB\$250,000 (NZ \$ 42,000)

Jesus Christ's mission: "I have come that they may have life and that in abundance."



Our mission is to assist people to have life in its abundance. The Sea Ambulance is the only way of transferring patients for advanced medical treatment in the nearest provincial hospital in Gizo. It takes 1 hour and 30 minutes by sea ambulance in normal condition.

Our support from New Zealand will be of help to improve this facility. With your contribution to the fund you can be a participant in this mission.

Joseph Nolan Concert: 4.00 pm Sunday 11 May 2014

Joseph Nolan is the organist of St George's Cathedral, Perth Australia. He performing at a concert at Pitt St Methodist Church, 78 Pitt St Auckland. The concert includes: Bach: *Chaconne*. Widor: *Symphony No 5* Noel Rawsthorne: *Dance Suite*. Admission by programme \$30 at the door. Concessions: \$20 AOA members. Children free with a paying adult .