



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 11 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: “Living in Community”

Focus Scripture Acts 2: 42-47

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



As the recent converts embrace a new way of life they show to the teaching and practice of the apostles. A sense of awe and reverence characterized the mood of the moment (Acts 2:43). Often we associate these feelings with our response to the mystery and otherness of a God far beyond us; here, however, these come about through the immediacy of “wonders, signs” and tangible, practical changes to daily life that made a difference. The unity of the church is emphasized, although the description of having all things in common is acknowledged as past rather than ongoing.

Acts 2: 42-47 (NIV) Living in Community

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday Worship: 18 May 2014

Theme: Courageous Faith

Focus Scripture: Acts 7: 55-60

Other Readings: John 14:1-14, Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16, 1 Peter 2:2-10.

Prayer points: Please pray for: Ray Chisholm with his illness; Jeannine's uncle with cancer treatment continuing but with very positive signs so far.

CHURCH NOTICES AND EVENTS:

School Holiday Programme 7-11 July 14 For the next holiday programme we will be needing plastic milk bottles newspapers and cardboard boxes so please can you start collecting and if you can put them in the main office for Jeannine. Thank you very much.

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

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 | |
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| | 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.

Anglican TV:- "Mothers provide us with examples of leadership. Many show strong leadership through service, challenging common notions of what it is to lead. This week on **www.inspirationaltv.net**: a Mother's Day tribute, service, John 10:1-10 the parable of the shepherd.

Bible in Schools:- They are in need of teachers for this year. If you are interested there is a print out of the details on the column in the foyer.

What do New Zealanders need to know about Islam? Sea of Faith in Auckland is running an evening session on this topic if you would like to know more the flyer is on the column in the foyer.

Anglican and Methodist Thanksgiving for the covenant (2009) service being held Sunday 18 May Holy Trinity Cathedral, Parnell. More details on the column in the foyer.

Today, Sunday 11th May: Rev Prince Devanandar is our guest. He is preaching and as the Methodist Churches Mission and Ecumenical Secretary will receive our donation toward this project.

**Methodist Mission and Ecumenical
Special Appeal 2014**

Upgrade the Sea Ambulance

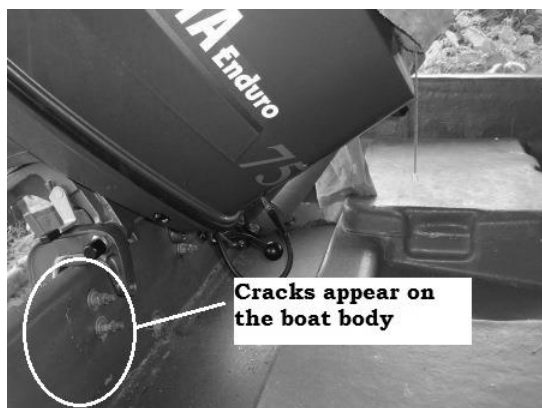
Helena Goldie Hospital, Munda, Solomon Islands



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.

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.

Real Life with John Cowan: This Sunday night (11th May) John Cowan's guest will be??????

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 .

Trade Aid Stall: Thanks to all those who purchased goods last week. Total sales were \$101.