



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 25 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: "Never Abandoned"

Focus Scripture John 14: 15-21

Other Readings: Acts 17: 22- 31, Psalm 66: 8-20, 1 Peter 3:13-22



The sixth week after Easter looks towards Pentecost when the disciples will receive the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Though Jesus is no longer on Earth, because of his Spirit (the Holy Spirit) we are never alone. These words, a continuation of last week's focus reading, are the things Jesus wishes them to know before he dies – a summary of his ministry and instructions for theirs and for ours. He explains the indwelling of God by introducing the concept of the Holy Spirit. He prepares the disciples for life without him - assuring them that though he will leave them physically, he will always be with them in and through the spirit: they will not be "orphaned."

John 14: 15 – 21 (NIV) "If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you forever - the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."

NEXT WEEK: Sunday Worship: 1 June 2014

Theme: "Continuing in Christ's Life"

Focus Scripture: John 17:1-11

Other Readings: Acts 1: 6-14, Psalm 68: 1-10, 1Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

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:

ROSTERS:- We have a large number of congregation members away in June July and August and I am calling on anyone who would be able to help during these months with Ushering, Reading, Intercessors and Welcome Desk. If you would also like to help in any area permanently please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you Jeannine

Entertainment Books:- Hi everyone the entertainment books are here in the office again for \$65 if anyone would like to purchase one please contact me or leave a note on my desk on Sunday. For each book sold we raise \$13 to help towards our budget shortfalls so your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you Jeannine

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.

June Fellowship Meeting Be sure to keep Tues. 24 June free at 10.00a.m. to attend our Fundraiser movie BELLE at the Monterey Cinema in Howick. The price of \$15 includes coffee and a scone before the movie. \$3 goes to St Johns. The movie will begin at 10.30. Do invite your friends. We have a 40 seat cinema booked. This is a very good movie about the Abolition of Slavery and a charming love story. I loved it. Sign up on the clip board in the foyer and please pay Loas before 15 June when the deposit is due.

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.

Real Life with John Cowan: This Sunday night (25th May) John Cowan's guest will be This Sunday night (25th May) John Cowan's guests will be Destiny Rescue's, **Tony Kirwan and JD Koppel**

Anglican Bishops letters – A message from the Bishops of Aotearoa, The senior Bishop of the New Zealand Dioceses and the Bishop of Polynesia on same sex marriage is on the column in the foyer.

Anglican / Inspirational TV: -“Have you noticed how great leaders aren't trying to be different to everyone else? Great leaders amplify what it is they appreciate in the people around them. This week on **www.inspirationaltv.net**: Richie McCaw on sports leadership, a humble start for Pope Francis and John 15:15-21 the promise of the Holy Spirit. All the best for a great week.”

Service of Induction for The Revd Andrew Coyle as Vicar On Wednesday 4th June 2014 at 7:30pm 17 Selwyn Road Howick Refreshments to follow RSVP Joanne Rutherford allsaints@xtra.co.nz (09) 534 6864. The flyer is on the column in the foyer.