



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 22 June 2014

“Being the Gospel to all People”

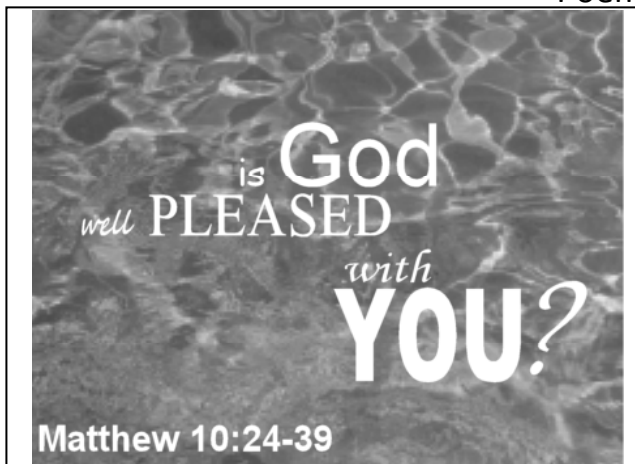
A very warm welcome is extended
to all visitors to St Johns and to the
Girls Brigade

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

Today's theme: “God Hears, God Cares”

Focus Scripture Matthew 10:24-39

Other Readings: Bible Story: “Questions for Jesus” (based on the focus scripture),
Poem: “It is Enough”



In this week's focus passage from the gospel of Matthew, we hear about Jesus disrupting our peace. It is a text that challenges and disrupts, especially when read alongside texts that focus on Jesus as the Prince of Peace. And yet, amidst the inherent tensions, Jesus' message to his disciples – in his time and in ours – is clear: do not be afraid. Through this central text, as well as the additional scriptures for this week, we are reminded that no matter what, God's presence is consistent. God hears us, God knows us, and God loves us.

Matthew 10:24-39 (NIV) A student is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the student to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebub, how much more the members of his household! So do not be afraid of them. There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven. Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn "a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law- a man's enemies will be the members of his own household. Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday Worship: 29 June 2014

Theme: "Welcoming Ways"

Focus Scripture: Matthew 10: 24-39

Other Readings: Genesis 22:1-14; Psalms 13; Romans 6: 12-23

Prayer points: Please pray for: Ron Ashton with his cancer diagnosis, and our many church members travelling overseas.

CHURCH NOTICES AND EVENTS:

End of Financial Year. Yes that time of year is upon us again and our financial year will end on 30 June. If you have any expense claims to be processed for this financial year please hand them to Jeannine in the office prior to 25 June. Thank you.

Fellowship Fundraiser at Monterey Cinema 24 June Due to lack of numbers this has been postponed and Loas will refund money today. Thanks Loas.

Girls Brigade: Today is the Girls Brigade Area Parade to be held here in our church.

ROSTERS:- Thank you so much to those that have offered so far I am still looking for more help if you are able in all areas.

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 need material for making costumes (as well as plastic milk bottles, newspapers and cardboard boxes.) Please put the items you are able to collect in the main office for Jeannine. Thank you very much.

Life with John Cowan: This Sunday night (22nd June) John Cowan's guest will be founder of the Warehouse, Stephen Tindall.

On Behalf of the Property Team: Thank you for your contribution to the Thanksgiving Offering this year. We have continued our stewardship tradition and used it to replace the heating needs of the building. Along with the heat pumps in the worship room, the 9 new heaters have been installed throughout the building. Our little ones downstairs are now warm and our Mandarin congregation will be warm this morning as well.

Food Bank: The food bank is in desperate need of flour, tea, toilet paper, milk powder or long life milk, jam, toothpaste and tooth brushes. If you could, please consider this when purchasing your items for the basket. Thank you so much your help. Donations are so gratefully received.

CHURCH PHONE BOOK The new phone book will be available from next Sunday. Thank you for all the updates.

Children @ Risk Prayer Week 22-29 June. There are little brochures in the foyer on the small table to help you with the messages of prayer for children over this week. Please take one if you would like to help.

“Caring for our World” PresCare Art and Writing Competition. Further details are on the column in the foyer with entry forms if your children would be interested.

Inspirational/Anglican TV:- “As we approach Matariki the days get shorter, then they start getting longer. Patiently we wait for signs of hope, in the things we do everyday, in our families; then it happens. This week on www.inspirationaltv.net: nothing of insignificance, families might be irreplaceable and John 6:51-58 Jesus the bread of life

Tamaki Sports Academy offers mentoring, coaching, and work experience to South Auckland youth who have dropped out of the mainstream school system but show some sporting talent. A major fundraiser for the academy, and an excellent source of work experience for our members, is the free metal collection service we offer. We will pick up any old metal - computers, whiteware, roofing iron, metal piping, venetian blinds, batteries, car panels, cars, metal shelving, filing cabinets, machinery, lawnmowers, engines, and so on. If you do have any metal rubbish to get rid of, we are keen to pick it up for you. It is a win-win for both of us. Thank you to everyone in advance, and to those who have donated metal to us previously. Many thanks, Tricia: Phone: 027 5105890.