



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 29 June 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: “Welcoming Ways”

Focus Scripture Matthew 10:40-42

Other Readings: Genesis 22:1-14



Matthew 10:37-42

In biblical times people had a communal – yet hierarchical – way of living. Welcoming an individual, therefore, meant welcoming the community that she or he represented, and what that person stood for. As Jesus associated with people who were the most marginalized in society, welcoming disciples, apostles, and all whom Jesus stood for and with was to welcome not only Jesus but God, too.

God has an extravagant love and welcome for all of us. The loving welcome, shown in Matthew 10:40–42, shows us how we can be in community together. This warm welcome encourages us to go beyond what is comfortable and go into our communities showing God’s love through even our most simple actions, such as giving a cup of water.

Matthew 10:40-42 (CEB): Rewards

⁴⁰ Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me. And anyone who welcomes me also welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Anyone who welcomes a prophet, just because that person is a prophet, will be given the same reward as a prophet.

Anyone who welcomes a good person, just because that person is good, will be given the same reward as a good person. ⁴² And anyone who gives one of my most humble followers a cup of cool water, just because that person is my follower, will surely be rewarded.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday Worship: 6 July 2014

Theme: "Rebekah & Isaac"

Focus Scripture: Genesis 24:34-8, 42-49, 58-67

Other Readings: Psalm 45:10-17, Romans 7:15-25a, Matthew: 11:16-19, 25-30

Prayer points: Please pray for: Ron Ashton with his cancer diagnosis, and our many church members travelling overseas, Averill Rule with her terrible cold and anyone else with winter illnesses.

CHURCH NOTICES AND EVENTS:

End of year AGM. With this fast approaching can all team leaders please forward their reports to the office as soon as possible for preparation of the AGM document. Thank you.

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:- We have 4 books left to sell if you are interested please see Jeannine as soon as possible. They are in the office 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:

Thanks everybody for all the supplies of cardboard boxes and other materials for Holiday Programme. We would now like to add one more item to the collection, which is material that children can make clothing out of (think "wearable art"). If you can drop off on Sunday or to the office that would be great.

Lastly we would also like donations of baked goods for our morning and afternoon teas.

Thanks in advance!

Life with John Cowan: This Sunday night (29th June) John Cowan's guest will be Sports presenter, Melodie Robinson

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.

“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:- “Can we believe it? God was one of us, a human being. We got to see what God is in our own form. How does this knowledge change the way we want to live? This week on www.inspirationaltv.net: experiencing the Holy Land, experiencing the Holy Spirit and John 6:51-58 Peter's declaration about Jesus

State of St John’s financial position at the 31/05/2014

	Month of May 2014	
	Actual	Budget
EXPENSES	\$19,633.63	\$16,338.00
INCOME	\$15,659.81	\$14,979.00
SURPLUS or (DEFICIT)	(\$3,973.82)	(\$1,359.00)

Comments (May):

- **“Free Will Offerings” for the month of February** fell short of Budget by (\$1,120.46).
- **“Free Will Offerings” for the eleven months [year to-date]** are short of Budget by (\$11,803.00).

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