



**Weekly Newsletter**  
**Sunday 11 January 2015**

**"Being the Gospel to all People"**

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

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

**Today's Theme: 'Into Right Relationship'**

**Focus Scripture: Mark 1:4-11**



God-with-us in right relationship, open us to understand the unjust relationships in which we participate every day. Inspire our concern and guide our actions with your Spirit, as we question and seek to change them to reflect your justice and love. Help us claim our baptisms in Christ as a blessing and source of power.

**Mark 1:4-11**

**4** And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. **5** The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. **6** John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. **7** And this was his message: "After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. **8** I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

### [The Baptism and Temptation of Jesus](#)

**9** At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. **10** As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. **11** And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

**NEXT WEEK: Sunday Worship: 18 January 2015**

**Focus Scripture: John 1:43-51**

**Other Readings: Psalm 139: 1-6, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, 1 Samuel 3:1-10**

**Prayer points:** Please pray for: The Dimock family in their grief for Ron's death; Margaret Morrison's successful radiotherapy treatment; Ron Ashton, and Cory Melville (Jeannine's Son) with the continued recovery for his leg wound.

## **CHURCH NOTICES AND EVENTS:**

**Holiday Programme 2015 :** As part of January's Holiday Programme we are going to Auckland Zoo. To save costs we would like to take the children by car. Are you able to assist us in providing transport please? Contact Jeannine: 534 2305.



### **Christmas Offerings**

It is very pleasing to report that offerings over the Christmas services for the work of the City Mission totalled \$609. This amount plus our "tithe" of 1/10 of the Thanksgiving offering (about \$300) will be forwarded to the Mission. Bob Williamson - Finance convenor.

**Thank you to everyone** for their help at All Saints with Ron Dimock's funeral. The family were very appreciative.

**On behalf** of all St John's drivers, I would like to thank all those who helped top make our car-park a wonderfully easy place to park – *again*. It was a dedicated but small team – so thank you for your Monday morning – we all appreciate it.

**Mobility Carparks:** Anyone needing a mobility carpark is welcome to drop in and park in the courtyard outside the main church doors. Please ask if you would like someone to drive you out.

**Air Conditioning in the Worship Room.** As the summer months are upon us (finally) the Worship room heat pumps are now on the cooling programme. Just be aware that in certain parts of the seating there may be a draft from the air flow so please feel free to move around to find a more suitable spot for yourself if your current spot is in a draft. Thank you Alan and Jeannine

**On behalf of my family,** I would like to say a big thank you to everyone for your Christmas wishes, cards and wonderful gifts. We have been blessed with these expressions of your love for us. I hope you have had a good Christmas time with family and friends and may God bless your new year. Lorraine