



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 01 February 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: The Knowledge of Love

Focus Scripture: Mark 1:21-28

Other Readings: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13



Jesus has a source of authority, wisdom, and understanding that confounds all those who have tied their lives to the dominant ways of knowing and being in the world. Unclean spirits, unfazed by other forms of authority, find that their power is no match for the One whose authority is the love of God.

Mark 1: 21-28 (NIV)

They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are--the Holy One of God!" "Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching--and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him." News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday Worship: 8 February 2015

Theme: "Ongoing and Sustaining Ministry"

Focus Scripture: Mark 1:29-39

Other Readings: Isaiah 40:21-31, Psalm 147:1-11, 20c, 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Prayer points: Please pray for: School and University children returning to school. Ron Ashton, Margaret Morrison.

Youth Group. Starts Friday 30th January at 7.30 pm. This group is aimed for those at Intermediate School or College. We meet weekly for bible study, games and outings. For further information ring Ian 5341380.

Church Picnic: Sunday 22 February: There will be a church picnic at the home of Peter and Jan Hancock, 1 Orangewood Drive, Northpark on Sunday, 22 February. Everyone is welcome. More details will follow later.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH AT KITCHENETTE next to Westpac in Highland Park. 12 noon, on Tues 3 March. Bring your friends. Delicious Middle Eastern food or counter food at reasonable prices. Sign up on Clip board in Foyer. Loas Toungh

Holiday Programme 2015: Thank you to all the helpers who worked at the Holiday Programme. Without you it could not happen. Thanks also to all the church family for providing baking.

MENS GROUP, The men's home group meets for the first time in 2015 at the home of Ray Lewis, 1/57 Mellons Bay Rd, at 7.00 pm on Monday 2 February. All men welcome. First business - should we continue to meet on Mondays or would another night be better? Any queries, phone Bob 021 0633292

Girls Brigade... will recommence on Tuesday 10th February. 6pm to 7.45pm. Contact Julie Dickey 535 5814 0274 925659 or juliedickey@ews.net.nz

Prayer Chain – If you would like to be added to the prayer chain please call me in the office 5342305 or email office@stjohnsbb.org.nz and I will add you before re printing the new updated version next week. Thank you Jeannine

Real Life: This Sunday night on Real Life (01-02-15), John Cowan's guest will be writer, comedian and performer, Michele A'Court.

Our House: This Monday, 2 February, from 9.30am for approximately 1 hour, followed by morning tea. Let's work on keeping our house clean together.

If you haven't seen also we have started a maintenance project to the church house with gardens and new fences. Thank you for your continued support with donations to enable this to happen.

Trade Aid Stall this Sunday After church today, there will be a stall selling a range of Trade Aid's products including coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and dried fruits.

Offerings:- I am just starting the process in preparation for the end of the financial year and would like to know if anyone has any spare envelopes they are no longer using that I can reissue. If you would prefer to have envelopes on a different cycle ie fortnightly instead of weekly please let me know, or if anyone would like more information on giving by Direct Credit instead of the envelope system please contact Jeannine in the office.

FINANCE REPORT TO CONGREGATION FOR NEWSLETTER

NOTES

- 1. OFFERINGS RUNNING A LITTLE ABOVE BUDGET**
- 2. THE SURPLUS IN DECEMBER AROSE BECAUSE OF SPECIAL GIVING. IT INCLUDES A GRANT OF \$7000 FROM THE DIMOCK FAMILY TRUST FOR CHAIRS IN THE HALL WHICH HAS NOW BEEN SPENT. ALSO, WE RECEIVED A SPECIAL DONATION OF \$1500 FOR MAINTENANCE. MANY THANKS TO THESE DONORS.**
- 3. EXPENSES TRACKING WITHIN BUDGET ESTIMATES BUT SOME BIGGER BILLS EXPECTED.**
- 4. OVERALL - LOOKING GOOD. THANKYOU EVERYONE AND PRAISE THE LORD!**

	DECEMBER 2014		YEAR TO DATE (6 MONTHS)	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
<u>INCOME</u>				
OFFERINGS	8120	7433	46871	44594
SPECIAL GIVING	8500	208	12305	6248
OTHER INCOME	5760	6240	42860	38730
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	22380	13861	102035	89572
<u>EXPENSES</u>				
REGULAR	11652	14716	86033	88398
SPECIAL PROJECTS	-	-	-	-
<u>SURPLUS(DEFICIT)</u>	10729	(835)	16002	11742