



**Weekly Newsletter**  
**Sunday 15 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: "Pass it On" (Transfiguration Sunday)**

**Focus Scripture:** Mark 9:2-9

**Other Readings:** 2 Kings 2: 1-12



Here, just before the beginning of Lent, we pause for a divine encounter and a response of human devotion and rededication. Our sense of our mission, courage, and of love and gratitude to God and those people who have preceded us in life and faith – some famous, some known only to those who loved them – is renewed.

**Mark 9: 2-9 (NIV): The Transfiguration of Jesus**

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters--one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

## **NEXT WEEK: Sunday Worship: 22 February 2015**

**Theme: "Into the Wilderness"**

**Focus Scripture: Mark 1: 9-15**

**Other Readings:** Psalm 25:1-10, 1 Peter 3:18-22

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

**Ash Wednesday Service:** Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February will be Ash Wednesday this year. We will mark the beginning of Lent with a worship service at 7:00 pm.

Ash Wednesday is a time when we are invited to stay with the betrayals of our hopes for ourselves – the moments when we failed to hold to our commitment to the Christ who walks ahead of us on the way. We contrast the moments when we cheered on the godliness in the world as on Palm Sunday and the times when we failed to do that. We see and touch the ashes of those hopes as we acknowledge and grieve our profound humanness.

**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.

**Youth Group** has started on Friday nights. 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.

**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 Tounq.

**Men's Group** The men's group has been moved to Thursday nights at the home of Ray Lewis, 1/57 Mellons Bay Rd, at 7.00 pm. All men welcome. Any queries, phone Bob 021 0633292.

**Girls Brigade** recommenced this week. It is held on Tuesdays: 6pm to 7.45pm. Please pray for new leaders to come forward in the early part of 2015 to develop a new leadership team for our Girls' Brigade Contact Julie Dickey 535 5814, 0274 925659 or [juliedickey@ews.net.nz](mailto: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](mailto:office@stjohnsbb.org.nz) and I will add you before reprinting the new updated version next week. Thank you, Jeannine.

**Inspirational TV :** Visit Inspirational TV at [www.inspirational.tv.net](http://www.inspirational.tv.net) for this week's message.

**Real Life:** This Sunday night (15th Feb) John's guest will be broadcaster, **Danny Watson**.

**Church House** If you haven't seen 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. We are nearly finished with a large thank you to Alex, William and Marsden for their able bodied assistance.



Before Maintenance



After Maintenance

**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.

**Thank you** A very large thank you for your prayers of support in recent times for my Uncle Peter with his cancer. On Thursday last week he was given the all clear. Our family as you can imagine are overwhelmed with joy of this news. Thank you again Jeannine.

**Invitation** for Middlemore Hospital Spiritual Centre thanks giving. Thursday 3 March 7pm. More details on the column in the foyer.

