



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 2 March 2014

“Being the Gospel to all People”

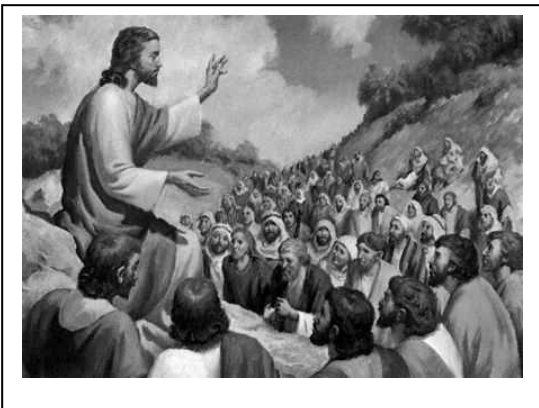
A very warm welcome is extended
to all visitors to St Johns.

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

Today's theme: “Attentive to Mystery and Prophecy”

Focus Scripture **Matthew 17:1-9**

Other Readings: 2 Peter 1:16-21



The word *transfigured* in this reading translates the Greek verb *metamorphoo*. Elsewhere in the New Testament that verb is used to suggest changes deep within a person. The story of Jesus' transfiguration uses outward details to hint at the deeper mystery of metamorphosis. The report of how three of Jesus' friends react to it reveals the tension between the desire humans have for truth that is illuminated and the need we have for truth that is empirically demonstrative. Peter tries to contain the surprise and delight he feels at the shining Jesus before him by building three dwellings for the apparitions that are loosening his tight grasp of truth.

Matthew 17:1-9 (NIV): The Transfiguration

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters--one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

NEXT WEEK: Sunday Worship: 9 March 2014

Theme: "Choices to Live By"

Focus Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11

Other Readings: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5: 12-19.

Prayer Points: Please pray for: George Morrison with more recent complications from his surgery, Laurel Leach with her medical concerns whilst in hospital; Ray Chisholm with his illness; The John family with the passing of their Father and Grandfather Augustine who passed away on Tuesday, prayers for their family with losing their Mum and Dad and Sister so close together.

CHURCH NOTICES AND EVENTS:

Our House:- This Monday 3 March from 930am for approximately 1 hour followed by morning tea. Lets work on keeping our house clean together.

Flowers: With a change in the flower help we have been receiving we are in need of anyone who would be able to help Felicity with the flower Roster. Please see Felicity or contact Jeannine in the office.

Anglican TV :- "History tells us that the Treaty of Waitangi suffered in its execution. But it is our Treaty, our starting point. The more we come to understand its imperfections the more we see ourselves, our raw dreams and hopes. This week on www.anglicantv.net you can view "Waitangi: What really happened Part 4"

Middlemore: The dates for this year's Middlemore visits are May 18 and October 19. Please put them in your diary and I will put a reminder in the notices a few weeks prior. Thank you.

Real Life: -This Sunday night (2 March) John Cowan's guest will be media personality, **Martin Devlin.**

After School Chinese Language and Art and computer class. There are flyers on the column in the foyer and inside the door downstairs if you are interested.

Accommodation Wanted: A 50 year old lady with 5 cats is in urgent need of a 1 bedroom flat in the Pakuranga, Highland Park, Howick area as the landlord is moving back into her current flat. She is currently paying \$280 per week. She needs to be out by 22 March. She has good references and would be very grateful for any offers of assistance.

St Andrews, Symonds Street, are planning a music service with Jules Riding for the 5 pm Contemporary Service to be held on Sunday March 23 bringing the Word in Song. Young and all interested people from other churches are invited to come and share with us and we would appreciate if this can be circulated. Jules Riding is a Christian singer/music minister here in NZ. He has released 11 albums (3 of which are Gold here in NZ), and won two NZ Music Awards. For more information You can go to www.elkanah.org.nz/presskit

Age Concern Counties/Manukau will be holding “Staying Safe”, the new driver education programme for mature road users on Wednesday March 5th from 9.30am to 2.30pm, Highland Park Community House, 47 Aviemore Drive, Highland Park. This off road course will cover 4 key themes: **Keeping Safe** – thinking about your safety, **Being Safe** – driving skills, **Safe Journeys** – managing road situations, **Keep Moving Safely** – alternatives to driving. Morning tea and lunch included. Limited spaces so for further information and to book (essential for catering purposes), please email sandya@accm.org.nz or phone Age Concern on 279 4331 ext 800

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Message regarding a person travelling in New Zealand: We have received notice about a person who is currently in NZ and has caused significant problems in numerous churches both in this country and overseas. He promotes false theology and makes secret recordings of discussions with people, especially young women. He then posts things about them on his website. The posts include accusations that the people are satanic. The person is a single man (aged about 50 years) named Torsten Nenzen. If he makes contact, please notify Lorraine, who will ask him to leave. Further information is available from St Pauls Anglican Church or the Auckland Baptist Tabernacle.

State of St John’s financial position at the 31/01/2014(January):

- “Free Will Offerings” for the month of January **fell short of Budget by (\$1,668.97).**
- “Free Will Offerings” for the seven months [year to-date] **are short of Budget by (\$8,130.12).**
- As at the 31st of January we had managed to clear all outstanding invoices and to return \$500.00 of the \$1,000.00 borrowed from the Roof Fund at the end of December to assist with cash flow at that time.

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

	Month of January 2014		1 July 2013 → 31 January 2014	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
EXPENSES	13,546.94	15,652.00	102,466.12	117,751.00
INCOME	12,662.41	14,977.00	105,905.03	110,151.00
SURPLUS or (DEFICIT)	(884.53)	(675.00)	3,438.91	(7,600.00)