



**Weekly Newsletter**  
**Sunday 9 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:** “Choices to Live By”

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

**Other Readings:** **Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7**



Lent is a time of journeying – with Jesus towards Jerusalem but also deep within ourselves – to test and strengthen our faith. The journey may bring experiences that stretch and challenge, or times that frustrate and make us stumble. There are always choices to be made.

**Matthew 4:1-11 (NIV) Jesus' Temptation**

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: `Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is also written: `Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: `Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

## **NEXT WEEK: Sunday Worship: 16 March 2014**

**Theme:** "Life-Giving Wind"

**Focus Scripture:** John 4: 5-42

Other Readings: Genesis 12:1-4; .Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

**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:**

**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.

### **Preparing Ourselves for Easter**

This year we will be incorporating into our Sunday worship services during Lent and at Easter, a liturgy designed to help prepare ourselves for this key time of the Christian year. In this we enter the season of Lent with lighted Lenten candles. Each week we will extinguish one candle and so our light will slowly fade into darkness as did Jesus' life. On Good Friday the Christ candle will be extinguished as we recall Jesus death and suffering, to be relit on Easter Sunday as we celebrate the risen Christ and the transforming power of God.

Each week the liturgy will offer a short time for personal reflection, followed by the extinguishing of a candle before we pray together.

The Christian Education Team prays that this will be a time of blessing and spiritual renewal for you.

**Fellowship Lunch** The first Lunch for 2014 will be held on Thurs. 27 March at noon, Palmers Garden Centre, Pakuranga Rd. There is a good selection on the Menu, also Counter food, all reasonably priced. A board is out in the Foyer for you to sign if you would like to attend. Loas Toung

**Anglican TV :** Lent is here, prelude to the great season of Easter. Join us this week on [www.anglicantv.net](http://www.anglicantv.net) for forty days in the desert in preparation."

**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 with John Cowan:** This Sunday night on NewstalkZB at 7.30 pm John Cowan's guest will be stand-up comedian, MC, TV presenter, and host of "7 Days", Jeremy Corbett (no relation to Bob!).

**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](http://www.elkanah.org.nz/presskit)

**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.

**AGE CONCERN** A Cozy Home, is the 2<sup>nd</sup> session in the seminar series “**Navigating the Health System**” being held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at Howick Presbyterian Church, 11 Vincent St, Howick from 10am – 12.30pm. A damp, cold home can have a big impact on our health so on March 18<sup>th</sup>; we will look at **Insulation and energy saving tips**. Morning tea included. No cost but donations always welcome. Bookings essential – to secure your place, ring the Age Concern office on 279 4331 ext 800 or email [sandya@accm.org.nz](mailto:sandya@accm.org.nz).

**Home Hosting Help Needed** Can you offer to ‘home host’ a delegate from overseas attending the 7<sup>th</sup> Bridgebuilders International Consultation for the nights of Thursday 3 April and/or Monday 7 April? Delegates, who are leaders of large Presbyterian women’s groups in their own countries, will be living-in on 4-7 April at St Francis Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Road, where the Consultation is being held. If you can offer to ‘home host’ please phone Jane Prichard on 528 3727 or email to [janeprichard@xtra.co.nz](mailto:janeprichard@xtra.co.nz)

**Tamaki Sports Academy** A major fundraiser for the academy, is the free metal collection service we offer. We will pick up any old metal - computers, whiteware, roofing iron, metal piping, venetian blinds, batteries, car panels, cars, metal shelving, filing cabinets, machinery, lawnmowers, engines, and so on. If you do have any metal rubbish to get rid of, we are keen to pick it up for you. It is a win-win for both of us. Thank you to everyone in advance, and to those who have donated metal to us previously. Many thanks  
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