

St John the Baptist Anglican Church

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A note from Stan...

If you look through The Lectionary Te Maramataka 2018, you will note that the Gospel readings for the Sundays of August of this year are all from the Gospel of John. Coincidentally, the study subject for our Men's Group this month is also John.

The apostle John's account of Christ's life takes us back to the biblical beginning of time. In Genesis, God walked with Adam and Eve, however that relationship was broken by sin. The relationship is restored by Christ who became human and walked among his people.

The personification of Jesus was the first step in God's plan of reconciliation. God became present in the person of Jesus Christ, speaking words of comfort and life. In John's Gospel there are rich word pictures that reveal much about the mission of Jesus. Jesus was the good shepherd, the way, the truth, the life, the bread of life, the vine and the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. (NLT 1997)

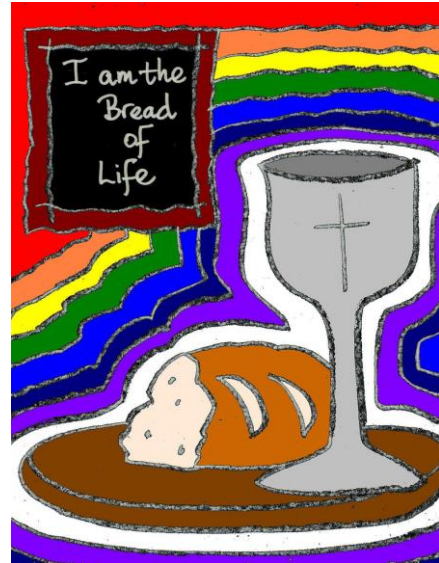
These titles also reveal the identity of Jesus, supported by the phrase, "I am..." When this phrase is used Jesus affirms his pre-existence (because Jesus is God, he lives before the world began) and eternal deity – his Godliness and immortality. I *am* the bread of life, I *am* the light of the world, I *am* the gate, I *am* the good shepherd, I *am* the resurrection and the life, I *am* the way and the truth and the life. John has given a very powerful and personal look at Jesus Christ. He wants to prove conclusively that Jesus is the Son of God and that all who believe in him will have eternal life.

In our quiet moments of faith reflection, please take time to look at our Sunday readings for August (Biblica 2005)

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PASTORAL CARE REPORT

July has been a busy month as winter ills, chills, and spills took their toll. I have spent quite a few hours visiting at one or other hospital. It was also a month in which the Parish farewelled another faithful soul, Joy Atkinson. Her Funeral was at Purewa on Saturday 21st July. Other Services were at Shoal Bay Villa and Northbridge, plus three Home Communions.

My role continues to grow from the Wednesday 10am Morning Prayer. The other Roll is the Parish one which for the moment remains with me to keep updated. That is a basic administrative function but it tends to be me who knows of changes. The current version is as at 22 July 2018.

In the course of my visits some people have requested that the Newsletter carry a Vestry and Treasurer's Report as used to be included in the monthly Magazine. I have passed this request to the Vestry Secretary and the Treasurer.

Vivienne Hill (The Reverend)

In and around St John

Sunday Services: 8am, 9.30am, Eucharist.

5pm (study/discussion group). All welcome, come as and when able.

Fourth-Sunday School: 4th Sunday of the month at 9.30am

Evening Women's Fellowship: 7.30pm 2nd Tuesday of the month

Men's Supper & Bible Group: 7.30-9pm twice a month on a Wednesday. Check the weekly service sheet for each venue.

Next Garage Sale: TBC

Hall Users

Rowe Dance - ballet classes for 3-8 year olds on Monday 2.45-4.30pm, Wednesday 3.45-5.30pm and Thursday 3.30-4.30pm in term time.

Rowe Dance - dancing for adults, Friday 10-11am.

Rowe Dance - Personal tuition by arrangement.

Joy Russ Dance - Monday 8.30-9.30pm.

Positive Balance Yoga - Mon, Tues 6-8.30pm, Thurs 5.45-8.15pm in term time.

Weight Watchers - meet in St Jude's Room weekly, Tuesday 5.30-7.30pm.

Jumping Beans - Wednesday 9am-1pm in term time.

Scottish Country Dance - Wednesday 7.30pm - 10pm throughout the year.

Northcote Steps - meet in the St Jude's Room, Friday 7-10pm throughout the year.

Soccer for Tots - Sat 9am - 1pm during term time

Northern Performing Arts - Saturday 4-8pm.

English Folk Dance - 2nd Friday of each month, 7-10pm

Early English Dance - 4th Friday of each month, 7.30 - 10pm

AlAnon family support group - 3-5pm first Sun of each month.

The Korean Yaewon Church: Sunday 10am-5pm (hall), 1.40pm-3pm (St Jude's Room).

Plus occasional use by...

Northcote Residents Association

Northcote/Birkenhead Boat Owners Association

St Thomas, Syrian Church.

Readings for the month

August 5 Ordinary 18

Reading: 2 Samuel 11: 26-12: 13a

Epistle: Ephesians 4: 1-16

Gospel: John 6: 24-35

August 12 Ordinary 19

Reading: 2 Samuel 18: 5-9, 15, 31-33

Epistle: Ephesians 4: 25-5: 2

Gospel: John 6: 35, 41-51

August 19 Ordinary 20

Reading: 1 Kings 2; 10-12; 3: 3-14

Epistle: Ephesians 5: 15-20

Gospel: John 6: 51-58

August 26 Ordinary 21

Reading: 1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43

Epistle: Ephesians 6: 10-20

Gospel: John 6: 56-69

September 2 Ordinary 22

Reading: Song of Solomon 2: 8-13

Epistle: James 1: 17-27

Gospel: Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23



MEN'S BIBLE READING & SUPPER GROUP

All men are welcome to join us for a great night out, twice a month.

We meet at 7.30 – 9pm on...

15th August at Vicar, Stan's place, next door to the church building.

29th August Venue to be advised. Read up on the Service sheet each week.

- We'll have a good ol' chat n catch up.
- We'll hear two of our guys telling us interesting stuff from their experiences and those who have influenced them through their lives.
- We'll read a chapter of John's Gospel and have a chat about it. This is always a refreshing time when we read a passage from the Bible.
- And we'll end the evening with **Fabulous Food to Feed our Faces**. We enjoy the suppers, (which we bring and share), not only because we enjoy the food, but it's another great chat time and story-telling!!

Any enquiries, call Richard Lewis 4199 026 or mobile 021 109 4530



EVENING WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Evening Women's Fellowship meets this month on 14th August at 7.30pm in the St Jude's room on Tuesday evening. This is our annual book night where we talk about a book we have enjoyed -- or just listen! This is always an enjoyable meeting. All welcome. Enquiries to Rosemary at 489 5830.



MINI BIO: LOUISE COLLENETTE



I was born Dorothy Louise Dodd in 1938 and lived in Andersons Bay, Dunedin, where my parents attended St Michael's & All Angels Anglican Church. In 1945 we moved to Opawa, Christchurch, where the family attended St Mark's which approximately late 1949ish was burned down by an arsonist. Fortunately, the church bell was salvaged and re-erected, services continuing in the hall.

Because of my father's job he again moved to Sandringham where we became members of St Luke's, which we were still able to attend when we moved to Mt Albert. I remember attending Bible Class taken by an artist Margaret Thompson who was a member of the Church Army and who was a great influence. I later took Sunday School, getting married there by Rev. Hector Isherwood (also Vicar here & incidentally my father Mick was christened by Rev. Young in Mititai, Northland, also a minister here). In 1964 we moved to Northcote where my daughter Marie was christened by Rev. Hodgson. I was made very welcome here by the Young Wives. My Dad eventually became the People's and then the Vicar's Warden when Rev. Stych was Vicar and who asked my husband Ron & I to assist in editing and typing the monthly magazine. I also taught Sunday School here several times, but eventually looked after the flower roster for many years. My gardening interests still continue, now becoming fascinated in container growing as I have a deck.

All my five children were confirmed from St. John the Baptist but two took place at St Peters when Rev. Cecil Wright was here. My two eldest daughters were married at this church, Marie when the buildings were separate, but Judith was able to have her reception in the newly refurbished hall.

When I returned to employment I had become involved in ceramics and enjoyed this fascinating hobby for many years. I joined Northcote Red Cross when I retired. This has now closed but I had also involved myself in Glenfield and continue to serve in their opportunity shop.

Rev. Kate Thorne asked me to join the vestry and I eventually replaced Shireen when she moved to Dunedin, & who had previously been in charge of the Selwyn Centre. I am currently representing our church along with Rosemary Saunders at Synod and hope to continue my association with this lovely Parish for many years to come.

Would you like to have a go at writing a mini bio? I'd LOVE to hear from you! Please send your piece or any questions through to Natalie – sjbanglican@gmail.com.

Your newsletter is prepared by Natalie. You can contact Natalie by emailing her at sjbanglican@gmail.com. The newsletter is published on the first Sunday of the month and the deadline for submissions is the previous Tuesday.

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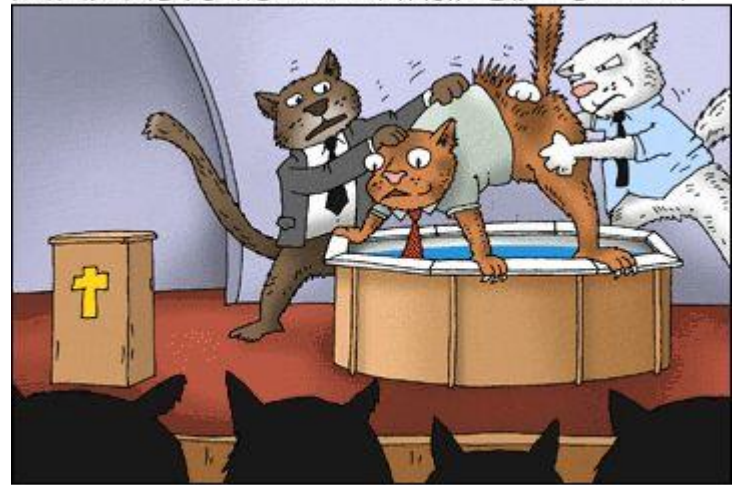
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TROUBLE IN CAT CHURCH

POWERFUL VERSE

An elderly woman had just returned to her home from an evening of church services when she was startled by an intruder. She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables and yelled, "Stop! Acts 2:38!" (Repent and be baptized, in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven...) The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, "Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you." "Scripture?" replied the burglar. "She said she had an Ax and Two 38's!"

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