

Joy Ministries (NZ) Central/West [East, and South] Auckland NEWS!!!



This is to let you know when our next meeting is.

If **YOU** aren't there,
then part of **OUR GROUP** is missing,
and it's not as much fun!

WEBSITES: <https://elevatedt.org.nz/joy-ministries/>
<https://www.facebook.com/JoyMinistriesNZ2017/>
<http://elevatedt.org.nz/joy-ministries/blog/>
[where you can see our **monthly Notice**]

WHEN: This month – **Sunday, 10th June 2018**

TIME: 2pm to 3:30pm

WHERE: At Church of the Saviour
Anglican Church, at the
Blockhouse Bay
roundabout, in the hall
underneath.



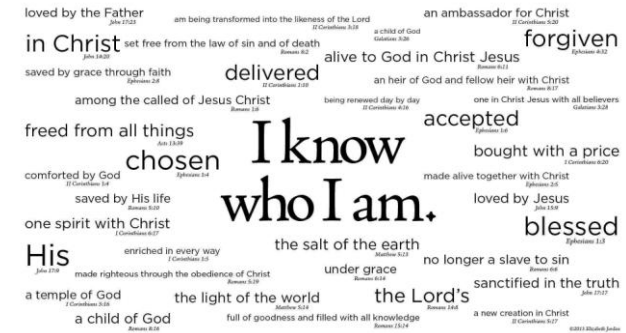
Wheelchair-friendly access is down the ramp, on the **Kinross Street** side of
the building, where there is **plenty of parking**.



God bless you all,
Anne Haverfield
Mobile number, **0211.693.714**
Email: annehaverfield@gmail.com

[**Jan Bridgeman** is overseas for
2 months, back 5 August 2018.]

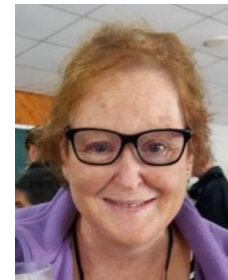
+++++++ **Theme for 2018: "Who does God say who I am?"** +++++++
This year, at the end of each Joy Ministries service, **prayer is available**, if you would like it.



11 March, **"I am a child of God" (John 1:12).**

8 April, **"As a child of God I am an heir" (Romans 8:17).**

13 May, **"I am a friend of Jesus" (John 15:15).**



This month,
Jeanette Blackwell
is speaking on:
**"I will not be
condemned by
God"**
(Romans 8:1).



[**Jean Griffiths** is leading Communion.]



**"There is therefore now no
condemnation to them which are in
Christ Jesus, who walk not after the
flesh, but after the Spirit."**

Romans 8:1 (KJV)

+++++ Joy Ministries CENTRAL/WEST AUCKLAND services for 2018 +++++

(Usually 2nd Sunday of each month, February to November)
8 July, 12 August, 9 September, 14 October, 11 November [the last service for 2018, a special service].

+++++ Joy Ministries EAST AUCKLAND services for 2018 +++++

(Now only 4 times a year, last Saturday of each month)
23 June, 29 September, 24 November (the last service for 2018, a Special Service)

WHERE: St Columba Presbyterian Church

ADDRESS: 480 Ti Rakau Drive, Botany, East Auckland
(next to the Ice Skating Rink)

TIME: 10:15am–10:45am, for Morning Tea (\$2 per person)

SERVICE: 10:45am–11:30am (including Singing, Sharing, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Offering, and Message)
[NO "Crafts"]

LEADER: Malcolm Dixon [Jan Bridgeman is on holiday]

+++++ Joy Ministries SOUTH AUCKLAND "HOME GROUP" for 2018 +++++

(Usually 3rd Sunday of each month, February to November)

WHERE: Home of Margaret and Jeanine Gane

ADDRESS: 1/9A Albert Street, Papakura, Auckland 2110

LEADER: Margaret Gane

MORE INFO: email margaret_gane@yahoo.com.au

PHONE: 299 – 6285 [mobile, 022.1588.064]

TIME: 2pm–4pm

DATES: 17 June, 15 July, 19 August, 16 September, 14 or 28 October [2nd or 4th Sunday], 18 November [final for 2018]



+++++ "The Encourager", June 2018 edition +++++

It is now available from "ELEVATE"
[173 Mt Smart Rd, Onehunga]
during the School Term [ph. 63-64-7-63].


OR: At the Joy Ministries service.

OR: You can download it from this "link" ...

<https://elevatecdt.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/THE-ENCOURAGER-159.pdf>



+++++ "Disability Awareness Sunday" [3rd Sunday in June] +++++



DISABILITY AWARENESS SUNDAY
17 JUNE

'INCLUSION REQUIRES US TO BE INTENTIONAL'

There are few things in life worth achieving that just happen. Most things require us to be intentional. Building better relationships involves us purposefully working on them. Getting fit means we deliberately make changes to what we eat and how often we exercise. It's the same for being welcoming and inclusive of people who are affected by disability. It doesn't just happen. We need to be intentional.

For more information, see the June 2018 "The Encourager".

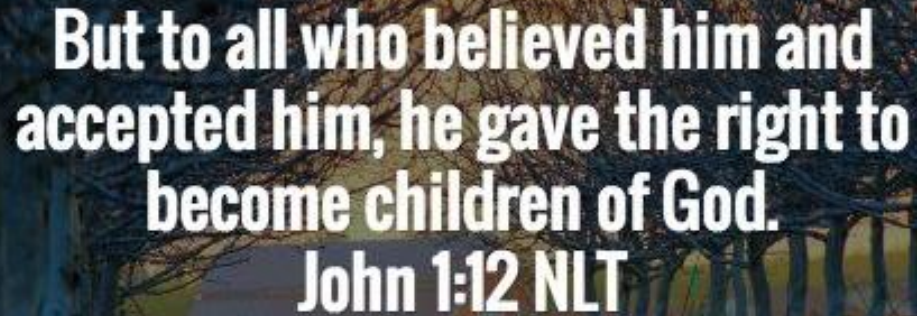
+++++ Normal postage goes up 1st July 2018 [\$1.00, to \$1.20] +++++

Please update your **Postal address** with Malcolm Dixon,
dixonnzfamily@gmail.com,
OR 027.334.9878
[and update your **email address**]. Thanks.

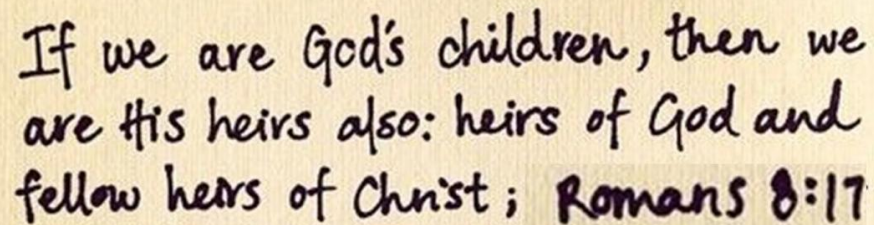


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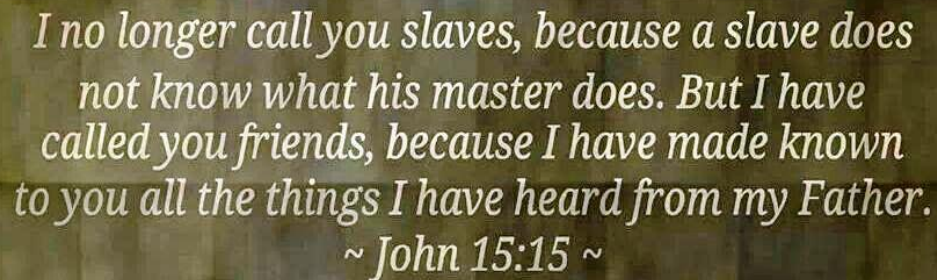
These are the Bible verses that we have looked at, so far.



**But to all who believed him and
accepted him, he gave the right to
become children of God.
John 1:12 NLT**



If we are God's children, then we
are His heirs also: heirs of God and
fellow heirs of Christ; **Romans 8:17**



*I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does
not know what his master does. But I have
called you friends, because I have made known
to you all the things I have heard from my Father.
~ John 15:15 ~*

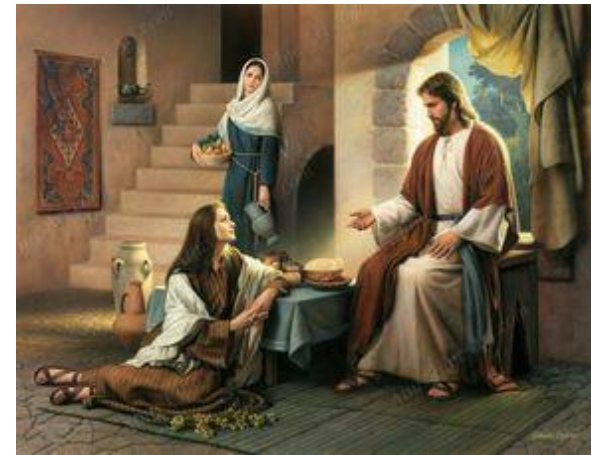
+++++ **"SHARING TIME", during the Joy Ministries service** +++++

Each month, we **"SHARE"** about the Medals we have won. **OR**
Holidays we have had. **OR** Camps we have been to.

But what about those who haven't done any of that? Do they
remain silent?

The last time the **"Auckland Joy Ministries Leadership
Team"** met, instead of having a **Devotion**, it was suggested
that we share **what God has been teaching us lately**.
They were so excited about it, they said: **"Let's do it again!"**

So those who "sit" at the
feet of Jesus, listening to
Him speak to you [**through
Worship, Prayer, and
reading His Word, "The
Bible"**], just like Mary,
Martha's sister did [see
Luke 10:38-42 (NLT):],
are most welcome to share
**what God has been
teaching you lately,**
during **"SHARING TIME"**.



+++++ **"ELEVATE" 2018 Labour weekend "National Camp"** +++++

Elevate National Camp 2018

"What's in me, for you"

**19th - 22nd October
Totara Springs, Matamata**

Our communities are full of people in need, physical, emotional and spiritual. As Children of God we are called to not only consider our own needs but the needs of others. You are a unique blend of strengths and abilities, created to do good works. Most importantly, you have Christ in you. You were made to have an impact on the lives of those around you. We would love for you to join us as we explore what's in us for others.

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:40



For more information, see the **June 2018 "The Encourager"**.



Auckland Joy Ministries DISCO

We are having
a live DJ:
Ian Sinclair

Come along to
a lovely night
There will be
SPOT PRIZES

THEME:
"Wear any colour"

WHEN: 7pm-9pm, Saturday,
11th August 2018

WHERE: Ranfurly Care Society Hall,
56 Ranfurly Rd, Epsom

COST: \$5 (including Caregivers),
and a Plate of **Finger Food**
(**NO** Potato Chips please)

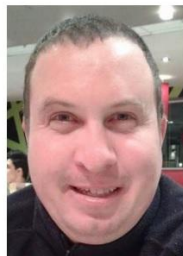
THIS IS AN ALCOHOL-FREE EVENT

ENQUIRES: Jan Bridgeman (mobile, 027.641.2653),
OR email, jandkbridgeman@hotmail.com

HOSTS: Auckland Joy Ministries
Leadership Team



JOY
MINISTRIES
Celebrating 21 years of
JM in NZ - 2016



A few photos from the 18 – 20 May "2018 Joy Ministries National Camp"



A word from our Parish Minister, Rev John Malcolm

I am encouraged and heartened when I consider the relationship God invites me to enjoy with Him, a relationship which is offered to us all.



We are called to be **servants of God**. In modern times being a servant is not something we generally aspire to be. But in times past many people were servants and being a servant in the household of God was a privilege. We should recall that even Jesus spoke of himself as a servant when he said, *"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."* (Mark 10:45). Jesus served his disciples when he humbled himself and washed their dirty feet. And Jesus is honoured for his servant heart by Paul who wrote, *"but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness."* (Philippians 2:7) When we are called to be servants it is a call to be like Jesus.

We are invited to be Jesus' **friends**. Jesus drew alongside his disciples and said to them, *"I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you."* (John 15:15) Just as we read of Abraham being God's friend (2 Chron 20:7), now we too can be friends of God. This is a closer and more intimate relationship than being a servant. But being a friend does not mean we no longer serve God, it simply changes the nature of our service.

We are privileged to become **Children of God**. John's gospel begins with a wonderful description of who Jesus is and what he came to accomplish. *"Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God"* (John 1:12). As members of his family we have been lifted even closer to God. God has granted us the rights and responsibilities of being members of his household and family, even to make us heirs with Jesus, *"Now if we are*

children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ." (Romans 8:17). Being a child of God doesn't mean we lounge around all day doing nothing and being served by others. It means being part of the family business, upholding the family name, working alongside our sisters and brothers in unity to accomplish all God desires, while at the same time living up to the family values of love, justice, truth, mercy

I think with the progression of status from servant to friend to child, comes a progression of responsibility. We should be drawing nearer to God in worship and service, deepening our commitment to him, strengthening our faith and responding more readily to the guidance he gives us. We should be putting our heart into this, seeking to grow and mature spiritually. As brothers and sisters, we should be encouraging each other, spurring each other on, being generous to each other with forgiveness and supporting each other on the road of faith.

One of the greatest wonders of all this is that there is room in this family for many, many more people. God has given us the privilege of offering others an invitation to join the family, and to welcome those who take that step of faith.

I ask you to take a few moments to consider joining the family of faith. For those who have already done so, perhaps you could reflect on what it means to you to be a child of God and a co-heir with Jesus.

Blessings – John Malcolm

I [**Malcolm Dixon**] was so excited when I saw this Article by **Rev. John Malcolm** last Sunday, in the **June 2018 Greyfriars Eden Epsom Presbyterian "The Messenger"**, and told him so, too.

Three of the Bible verses included have been spoken on, at the **Joy Ministries Central/West Auckland** monthly service: **John 1:12** [March], **Romans 8:17** [April], and **John 15:15** [May].

I hope this helps more, in understanding **"Who does God say who I am?"** ... and doing His will.