

***St. Augustine's Family Service***

**31st August 2008**

**THE BIBLE**

**We welcome you here in the name of Jesus !**

***May He encourage us  
to read and understand the Bible  
more and more.***

*Our theme for today is :*

**“The Bible”.**

*Our sentence for today is :*

**“Your Word is a lamp to guide me  
and a light for my path”**

*( Psalm 119 verse 105 )*



Please stand to sing the hymn

A.D. - B.C.

( This is an echo song. The actors will sing the line,  
then we invite you to join in the echo. )

What is B.C.?

B.C. is before Christ.

What is A.D.?

A.D. is anno domini.

What's anno domini?

In the year of the Lord.

Who is the Lord?

The Lord Jesus Christ, praise God.

What is B.C.?

**B.C. is before Christ.**

What is A.D.?

**A.D. is anno domini.**

**What's anno domini?**

**In the year of the Lord.**

**Who is the Lord?**

**The Lord Jesus Christ, praise God.**

What is O.T.?

O.T. is Old Testament.

What is N.T.?

N.T. is New Testament.

The Old Testament tells us what God is like.

**The Old Testament tells us what God is like.**

The Old Testament is B.C.

The New Testament shows us God born as man.

**The New Testament shows us God born as man.**

The New Testament is A.D.

O.T. is B.C.

N.T. is A.D.

What is O.T.?

**O.T. is Old Testament.**

What is N.T.?

**N.T. is New Testament.**

**The Old Testament is B.C.**

**O.T. is B.C.**

**N.T. is A.D.**

Please sit for the play about the Bible.

THE BIBLE :

dusty heirloom or living message ?  
read it never or read it every day ?

Old Testament : LAW, history, poetry, prophecy;  
New Testament : JESUS, history, letters, prophecy –

**LIFE-CHANGING !**

A reading : selected verses taken from 2 Chronicles Chapter 34, pages 508 to 509 of the church Bibles.

### King Josiah makes a covenant to obey the Lord God.

“I have found the Book of the Law here in the Temple”

Please stand to sing the hymn

The B I B L E

1. The B I B L E -

Yes, that's the book for me !

I stand alone on the Word of

God,

The B I B L E.

2. The B I B L E

I'll take along with me,

I'll read and pray and then obey

The B I B L E.

3. The B L O O D

That Jesus shed for me

Cleansed me from sin, I belong to

Him -

says the B I B L E.

4. By G R A C E

We are S A V E D

By F A I T H in Christ,

says the B I B L E.

Please sit for the play

The story of Mary Evans.

“I'm going to get my Bible today, my Bible today, my Bible today;  
I'm going to get my Bible today, Lord, I pray.”

“Today, 200 years later,  
that society is known as the Bible Society.  
It has branches in nearly every country in the world – even countries  
that would surprise you ( <http://biblesociety.org.nz/> ).

The Bible Society has printed and translated Bibles in over 2500 of the  
world's 7000 languages. Every year it raises millions of dollars all over  
the world for people like Mary.

What a wonderful work ! – all because Mary Jones  
wanted a Bible in her own language so much.”

*Please stand for the hymn  
which we'll sing twice*

Read your Bible, pray every day

Read your Bible, pray every day,  
Pray every day, pray every day;  
Read your Bible, pray every day,  
As you follow Me,  
As you follow Me,  
As you follow Me,  
Read your Bible, pray every day,  
As you follow Me.

*Please sit for the play*

Tarore's Bible.

Ripahau returned, with the book, to Otaki.

He taught people there to read from the book, and by 1841 many people in the South of the North Island were Christians, and the message of peace through Jesus Christ was being spread to the South Island by the Maori people.

Tarore's Gospel of Luke had a huge impact on the Maori tribes in the South of New Zealand.

#### **Bible in Nine More Languages : Apr 01 2008**

"Of the 270 tribes in our country we, the Vute people, are particularly blessed. For the first time ever, we have a New Testament in our own language. God will ask much of us as we have received much from him." The challenging words of the Rev Pierre Songsare at the launching of the Vute New Testament in Cameroon, Africa, last December. It was the last of thirty-four new translations of the New Testament to be launched in 2007.

( <http://biblesociety.org.nz/global-news/bible-in-nine-more-languages/> )

*Please stand for the hymn*

1. Tell me the old, old story  
Of unseen things above;  
Of Jesus and His glory,  
Of Jesus and His love.  
Tell me the story simply,  
As to a little child,  
For I am weak and weary  
And helpless, and defiled.

*Chorus :*

*Tell me the old, old story,  
Tell me the old, old story,  
Tell me the old, old story,  
Of Jesus and His love.*

2. Tell me the story slowly,  
That I may take it in -  
That wonderful redemption,  
God's remedy for sin.  
Tell me the story often,  
For I forget so soon;  
The early dew of morning  
Has passed away at noon.

*Chorus*

*Please sit for the reading from Luke's Gospel, Chapter 6, verses 27 - 36,  
page 1133 of the church Bibles.*

### **Love for Enemies**

"But I tell you who hear Me : Love your enemies, ....  
If you love only the people who love you,  
why should you receive a blessing ?"

Tell me the old, old story

3. Tell me the story softly,  
With earnest tones and grave;  
Remember, I'm the sinner  
Whom Jesus came to save  
Tell me the story always,  
If you would really be  
In any time of trouble  
A comforter to me.

*Chorus*

4. Tell me the same old story  
When you have cause to fear  
That this world's empty glory  
Is costing me too dear.  
Yes, and, when *that* world's  
glory  
Shall dawn upon my soul,  
Tell me the old, old story -  
Christ Jesus makes me whole.

*Chorus*

## Message

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*Please sit or kneel for our prayers.*

Thank You, Jesus, for our schools .... for the teachers and others who taught us to read. We pray for people in countries where there are no schools or not enough teachers that You would help make it possible for more schools and teachers to be provided. Amen.

Thank You for Bible translators .... for those who distribute these Bibles .... for those who give their time and money to help these things happen. Amen.

We thank You for the way the Bible .... can change people's thoughts and attitudes .... and pray that it will continue to have a powerful effect in our lives and in the lives of other people. Amen.

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*Together we sing –*

ALL Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done,  
in earth, as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread;  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil,  
for the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now  
and for ever.  
Amen.

*Please stand to sing the final hymn*

Thanks to God whose Word was spoken.

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*Please remain standing for –*

**the BLESSING**

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*We invite you to join us for a cuppa in the Hall at the end of this service !*

*Contributors :*

*Names omitted*

*Christmas Services*      Carol Service and BBQ      November 30th at 5 pm  
Christingle Service      December 24th at 6 pm.

Anyone wishing to take part in these services  
please phone ..... ( .... )  
at least two weeks before the service.

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Kids' Club for Primary School children  
meets in the Hall 3:15pm - 4:30pm  
each Tuesday during term time.  
All children welcome !

**NEW REGULAR WEEKLY SERVICE AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S !**  
**( THREE MONTHS TRIAL )**

**FIRST SERVICE ON SEPTEMBER 14TH**

**SUNDAY MORNINGS, 10 A.M.**

**HOLY COMMUNION ( NEW ZEALAND PRAYER BOOK ),**  
**CONTEMPORARY HYMNS**

**For more information :**    **Rev ..... ( .... )**  
**or**                                **..... ( .... )**

**IF YOU LIVE IN THE STANLEY BAY AREA,**  
**COME TO ST AUGUSTINE'S**  
**( AND MAYBE SAVE PETROL ! )**

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<http://www.creakings.net/jean/staugustine/staughome.html>