



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 13 January 2019

**"Being the Gospel to all
People"**

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

Morning tea is offered after the service today, so please stay and enjoy.

This week's theme: 'Remembering God's Promises'

Focus Scripture: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Other Readings: Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17



Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

15 The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. 16 John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

21 When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened 22 and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Next Sunday: 20 January 2019

Next week's theme: 'Witnessing God's New Way in the World'

Focus Scripture: John 2:1-11

Other Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Prayer points for: Brenda Ryan and Mary Hall for good health. For the families of both Loas Toun and Joyce Leach as they mourn the loss of a loved one. For two people, one to be our Presbyterian representative and another to be our second Anglican representative. Prayer for both St Johns and Lorraine (and family) as we move into this time of change. Please pray for an increase in enrolments for Little Cubs Kindy.

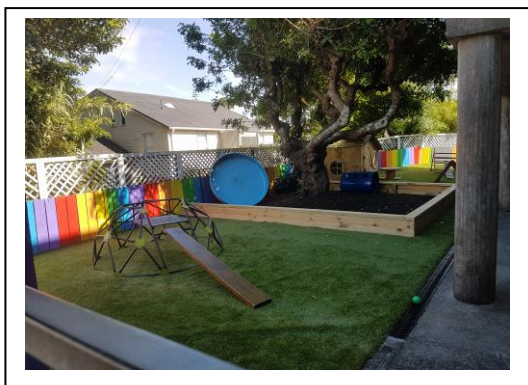
Ministerial Vacancy, the First Step.

The Leadership Team has determined that our **Coordinating Partner** (to be called Appointing Partner after July 2019) from now on is the Anglican Church.

Archdeacon Michael Berry has informed us that Archdeacon Carole Hughes is going to manage this process as all the current vacancies in this diocese are in Michael's region and he needs to share the workload. They are working on identifying a priest for the interim and will inform us as soon as they can. It is standard Anglican practice to do nothing in a parish until the incumbent has actually left.

Kindergarten playground update

Please go and have a look at the children's playground downstairs. We have had the black matting re-covered with artificial grass. We have had a drain installed along the edge of the concrete pathway. The fixed climbing equipment has been removed and a seating area has been created with bark ground cover of 4.3 by 4.4m around the base of Beryl's Tree.



Hall kitchen update



We have had a tiler install splashback tiles around the stoves. Thank you Felicity for the donation of the tiles. All that is left of our kitchen renovations is the task of finding suitable large plates to replace our light brown speckled ones. The light brown plates are too big for the bottom draw of the dishwasher, so we are replacing them.



We will be marking **Meryl Rhynd's 100th birthday** with a special morning tea on **Sunday 20 January**.

Contributions of finger food would be very welcome.

A card is available for signing in the parish office.

Spanz Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand

St Johns Bucklands Beach is mentioned on Page 6 of the *Spanz Summer 2018 issue*.

The Francis-Dittmers are leaving

Lorraine's last day with us will be Sunday the 3rd of February. The combined service will be followed by our farewell to Lorraine and family, and a shared lunch to follow. It is fourteen and a half years since they joined us, we have enjoyed significant participation of the family in our church life.

In recognition of the service to St Johns, a presentation will be offered to Lorraine on the 3rd of February. If you would like to contribute towards a gift, please make a donation in a plain envelope with Lorraine written on the outside, and place in the offering or deliver to the church office. Thank you. Alan Vickers, Session Clerk

Could you help?

We are in need of more ushers, counters, welcomers, and some to serve on prayer ministry at the end of each service. Please contact the office 534 2305 if you would be willing and able to assist?

World Day of Prayer

You are invited to participate in the ecumenical service to commemorate the World Day of Prayer, to be held at St Columba Presbyterian Church, 480 Ti Rakau Drive, Botany on Friday 1 March at 10.30 am. This event is a wonderful opportunity to be part of an international initiative to pray for God's blessing on our world.



FIRE IS A WAY OF DESCRIBING HOW GOD TAKES OUR SIN AWAY FROM US.



MAYBE THEY THOUGHT THAT IF THEY GOT WET ENOUGH, THEY WOULDN'T BURN. YOU KNOW... LIKE WOOD!



LUKE 3: 15-17, 21-22

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Sunday Services: English / Mandarin & Children's Ministry 9:30a.m.
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Minister's	Felicity Vincer	535 5883
Pastoral Care	Judy McDonald	274 8534
Prayer Chain	Judy McDonald	274 8534

Ministry Groups:

Bucklands Beach Rest Home: 3rd Thursday's of the month, 11:00am

Children's Church (Preschool, Primary & Intermediate): Sundays, 9:30am

Home Groups: No home group at this time please contact Rev Lorraine Francis

Men's Group: Thursday nights 7:30pm in the Worship Room; contact Alan Vickers ph: 533 3790

Mainly Music: Wednesdays, 10:00am (Term Time)

Music Ministry: Thursdays, 7.30pm; Wednesdays 7:30pm

Young Adults / Youth on Sundays: Contact Joshua 021 0473565

	This Week's Helpers (13 January)	Next Week's Helpers (20 January)
Preacher	Rev Lorraine Francis	Rev Lorraine Francis
Keyboard	Joan Williamson	Joan Williamson
Projector	Marsden Cheong	Alison Stanton
Sound Desk	Ian Dittmer	Alan Vickers
Reader	Felicity Vincer	Trevor Haigh
Intercessor	Bob Williamson	Mavis Haigh
HC set up	N/A	Christine Lewis
HC Serving team	N/A	Christine Lewis, Dick & Judy McDonald, Alison Stanton plus one
Prayer ministry	Could you help?	Could you help?
Welcome Desk	Could you help?	Could you help?
Ushers	Bob Williamson + could you help?	Mavis and Trevor Haigh
Counters	Christo John, Bob Williamson	Trevor Haigh & Grace Li
Morning Tea	Rita Chi, Betty Curd	Uraiwan Jolly & Nessie Crawford
Flowers	St Johns	St Johns