



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 04 February 2018

**“Being the Gospel to all
People”**

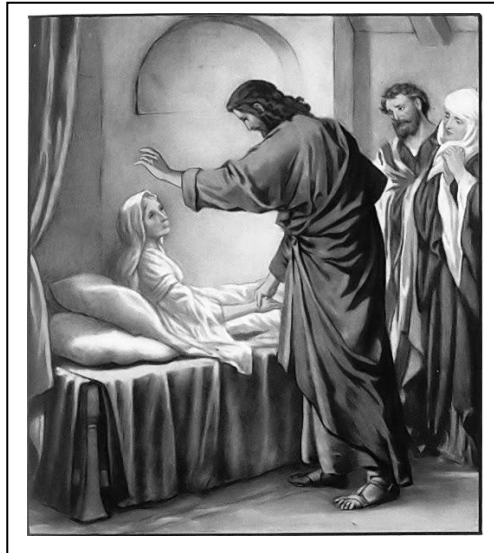
A very warm welcome is extended
to all visitors to St Johns

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

This week's theme: 'Calling to Healing'

Focus Scripture: Mark 1:29-39

Other Readings: Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11,20c; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23



Jesus Heals Many

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰ Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. ³¹ So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them. ³² That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. ³³ The whole town gathered at the door, ³⁴ and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

Jesus Prays in a Solitary Place

³⁵ Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. ³⁶ Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷ and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!" ³⁸ Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." ³⁹ So he travelled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

Next Sunday: 11 February 2018

Next week's theme: 'Changed'

Focus Scripture: Mark 9:2-9

Other Readings: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Prayer points for: Brenda Ryan for good health; Maya Corbett for healing of her knee, Families, Children and Leaders for Mainly Music Ministry; someone to pick up the ministry of looking after our IT system please.

Thank you to Bob Corbett who has faithfully nursed, fought, fixed, devised, saved, patched, created and been on 24/7 call for our churches IT system for the past 9+ years. We could not do any of our administration work without his background work with the system. His IT knowledge and patience with 'lay-learners' is beyond description. Thank you for putting up with 'us' in the office for so long 😊, we (as in all manner of St Johns administration) would not be here if you had not been serving the Lord in this ministry so wonderfully in the background. Thank you.

Contribution to the Chinese Churches Support Mission

Thank you to all who contributed thanksgiving offerings last year and to the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day collections. We have been able to donate a total of **\$1033.50** to CCSM.

English for Kiwi Life – Sadly there was insufficient interest in the 'English as a Second Language' course which was due to start this week and the organisers have cancelled. The same course was run at St Johns during the second half of 2017. A group of adult students from Russia, China, Korea... participated, some enquiring about St Johns and its services, others expressed interest in what other activities we hold such as Mainly Music. The course was a wonderful outreach into the community and also helped St Johns finances. Please pray for more students so that courses can be held here again.

World Day of Prayer Thursday 8 February, 10.30 am All Saints Anglican Church, Howick.

Concerned about the End of Life Bill? NZ Christian Network is advising everyone who is concerned about euthanasia being legalised in New Zealand to send a submission to the Justice Select Committee. This matter is time sensitive: Submissions to the Justice Select Committee close on 20 February 2018. For guidelines to make submissions online, by email or post go to the New Zealand Christian Network website, click on the tab NZCN/Noticeboard and 'read more.'

Upstairs Kitchen Upgrade – Work begins on the upgrade to the upstairs kitchen on Monday 19 February and will continue over the following three weeks. For health and safety reasons, please do not access the kitchen area during this period. Parents need to be responsible for ensuring their children do not enter the upstairs kitchen nor play with kitchen items stored in the hall. We apologise for any inconvenience caused during the upgrade and hope we can all work together to ensure the smooth running of day to day activities during this period.

Will Science Bury Atheism? Dr Zachary Arden

Does science suggest God doesn't exist? The natural world is rationally ordered, beautiful, and full of integrated complexity. There are many questions for science and theology to carefully explore and the interaction between them is dynamic and fascinating, and both contribute to human flourishing. But to engage in the conversation we need to get beyond the popular over-simplifications of science. When we do, rather than undermining Christianity - we find it in fact threatens to bury atheism.

This month, Dr Zachary Arden leads an examination to show how the study of science strongly supports belief in God - and threatens atheism.

When: Wednesday 7th February, 7 pm – 9 pm

Where: Greenlane Christian Centre, 17 Marewa Road, Greenlane

Cost: Free – but a Koha to bless the speaker is encouraged. More information: Visit www.thinkingmatters.org.nz/theforge or email info@thinkingmatters.org.nz

Transforming Culture With Clear Thinking Christianity

Thinking Matters - Two presentations 'To Reform the World' Dr Roshan Allpress, National Principal & CEO of Laidlaw College. 'Inside Thinking Matters: Impacting New Zealand with Apologetics, Rodney Lake, National Director of Thinking Matters NZ Foundation

When: Friday 9 February, 7.30pm – 9.30 pm

Where: The Café at Greenlane Christian Centre, 17 Marewa Road, Greenlane

RSVP: Just turn up. **Cost:** Free – invite a friend.



MAINLY MOZART

Friday 16 February, 7 pm
St Mary's-in-Trinity, Cnr Parnell Road and St Stephens Avenue

The Friends of Holy Trinity Cathedral together with the Auckland Opera Studio, invite you to a concert by The Shades, a quartet of beautiful Tongan and Samoan voices.

Cost: Adult \$45 or Student \$25

I THINK I KNOW
WHY JESUS
RAISED PETER'S
MOTHER-IN-LAW.

YOU
DO?

YEAH. *SOMEONE*
HAD TO MAKE
DINNER!

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
YOU JUST
SAID THAT.

BUT IT'S
RIGHT THERE
IN THE
BIBLE!

LA! LA! LA!
I'M NOT
LISTENING
TO YOU!
LA! LA! LA!



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MARK 1:29-39

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| Minister's | Felicity Vincer | 535 5883 |
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| Prayer Chain | Judy McDonald | 274 8534 |
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Ministry Groups:

Buckland's 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 Chapel; 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 (4 Feb) | Next Week's Helpers (11 Feb) |
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| Preacher | Rev Lorraine Francis | Liz Speer & Mavis Haigh |
| Keyboard | Joshua Wong | Rahil John |
| Projector | Alison Stanton | Aimie Ma |
| Sound Desk | Bob Corbett | Alan Vickers |
| Reader | Mary Hall | Erika Lim |
| Intercessor | Joan Rutherford | Julie Dickey |
| HC set up | Alan Vickers | N/A |
| HC Serving team | Alan Vickers; Dave Dickey Jnr; Grace Corbett; Joan Rutherford and Thomas Liu | N/A |
| Prayer ministry | Alan Vickers | Sheila Simmons |
| Welcome Desk | Betty Curd | Pheon Hung |
| Ushers | Derek Speer, John Pybus | Trevor Haigh, Derek Speer |
| Counters | Derek Speer, Nessie Crawford | Christo John, Nessie Crawford |
| Morning Tea | Shirley Snoad, Christine Lewis | Betty Curd, Rita Chi |
| Flowers | St Johns | St Johns |