



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 25 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: The Blessing of Generations

Focus Scripture: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Other Readings: Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38



Genesis 17: 1-7 (NIV) When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. ²Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers."

³Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. ⁵No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. ⁶I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you."

Genesis 17:15-16 (NIV)

¹⁵God also said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. ¹⁶I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her."

Next week's theme: Contemplate God's Glory

Focus Scripture: Psalm 19

Other Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

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.

Real Life with John Cowan 7.30pm Sunday nights on Newstalk ZB John Cowan's guest this Sunday night (25 Feb) will be **Phil Goff, Mayor of Auckland**.

A born and bred Aucklander, Phil Goff is the Mayor of Auckland, in office since 2016. Representing Mt Roskill for 10 terms of parliament, Phil became New Zealand's youngest ever cabinet minister in 1984. He was Associate Finance Minister, served as the leader of the Labour Party, Leader of the Opposition and was also Minister of Education, initiating New Zealand's international education industry. Phil lives on a small farm with his wife Mary and three adult children.

English for Kiwi Life

If you know of anyone who would be interested in attending a free 'English as a Second Language' course at St Johns, please encourage them to contact the ESOL tutor Cholena Main at 0210435378 or email cholenamcmillan@yahoo.com

Do you have a surplus of offering envelopes?

These can still be used. Just let Alison know that you will not be requiring any more for the moment.

If you would prefer to change from weekly to monthly giving, please inform Alison by Thursday 1 March.

Thank you



TAX RECEIPTS

Tax Receipts for the tax year ending 31 March 2018 will be processed during the third week of April.



Congratulations
Averil and Arnold

SUMMER ORGAN RECITALS continue at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Parnell

Friday 2 March 11 am 11.30 am - Michael Stoddart

Programme includes music by Buxtehude, Hollins and Vierne \$10 door sales
Phone 09 303 9500 www.holy-trinity.org.nz

Sat 17 March 2018, 7.30 pm – Recital 6, John Linker

Programme includes music by Bach, Mendelssohn and Nieland. Tickets on sale through iTICKET.

EXTENSION FOR SUBMISSIONS - End of Life Bill.

NZ Christian Network is advising everyone who is concerned about euthanasia being legalised in New Zealand that the deadline for submissions to the Justice Select Committee has been extended to **midnight Tuesday 6 March 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

A reminder that the upstairs kitchen is out of bounds while the renovation work is underway.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sunday Services: English / Mandarin & Children's Ministry 9:30a.m.
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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 (25Feb)	Next Week's Helpers (04 Mar)
Preacher	Rev Lorraine Francis	Rev Lorraine Francis
Keyboard	Joshua Wong	Aimie Ma
Projector	Ian Dittmer	Alison Stanton
Sound Desk	Jamie Corbett	Bob Corbett
Reader	Dick McDonald	John Pybus
Intercessor	Judy McDonald	Joan Rutherford
HC set up	N/A	Alan Vickers
HC Serving team	N/A	Alan Vickers; Dave Dickey Jnr; Grace Corbett; Joan Rutherford and Thomas Liu
Prayer ministry	Alan Vickers	Joan Rutherford
Welcome Desk	Joan Rutherford	Betty Curd
Ushers	Judy and Dick McDonald	Derek Speer, John Pybus
Counters	Dick McDonald, Grace Li	Derek Speer, Nessie Crawford
Morning Tea	Sue Chang, Lisa Liao	Shirley Snoad, Christine Lewis
Flowers	St Johns	St Johns