



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 09 December 2018

**“Being the Gospel to all
People”**

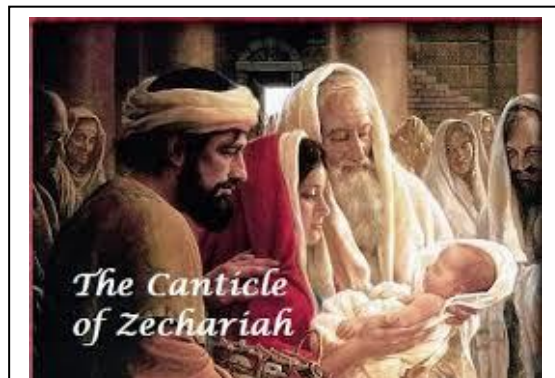
A very warm welcome is extended
to all visitors to St Johns

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

This week's theme: 'Sound of a Promise Kept'

Focus Scripture: Luke 1:68-79

Other Readings: Malachi 3:1-4; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6



⁶⁸ "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,
because he has come to his people and redeemed them.
⁶⁹ He has raised up a horn^[a] of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David
⁷⁰ (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),
⁷¹ salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us—
⁷² to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant,
⁷³ the oath he swore to our father Abraham:
⁷⁴ to rescue us from the hand of our enemies,
and to enable us to serve him without fear
⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.
⁷⁶ And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High;
for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him,
⁷⁷ to give his people the knowledge of salvation
through the forgiveness of their sins,
⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God,
by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven
⁷⁹ to shine on those living in darkness
and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace."

Next Sunday: 16 December 2018

Next week's theme: 'Collide with a Promise Kept'

Focus Scripture: Luke 3:7-18

Other Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6 | Philippians 4:4-7

Prayer points for: Brenda Ryan and Mary Hall for good health. For the families of both Loas Toungh 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.

PAKURANGA CHORAL SOCIETY presents *Many Shades of Christmas*

Sunday 9 December, 5 pm at All Saints Church, Howick.

Tickets: Adults \$25, Seniors \$20, Students \$10



Carol Singing

Sunday 16th December

1pm Avril Rule's, 7b Waller Ave., Bucklands Beach

2pm Highlands Retirement Village lounge, 49 Aberfeldy Avenue.

If you require transport please meet in the **Church carpark at 12.55 pm.**

Wednesday 19th December

7pm Bruce McLaren Retirement Village lounge, 795 Chapel Road.

Please bring your friends and family – these occasions are fun events.

Supper will be served after singing at Bruce McLaren.

Please drive carefully!

If you require any further information please ring Judy

27 48534 or 021 1057 6327



ROSTERS

Christmas Services 2018 and January 2019

Your assistance is needed for the smooth running of services over the festive season and summer holidays.

Please see the sheets in the foyer and write your name on the extra services where you would be available and willing to serve.

Thank you

From Lorraine, about looking for the next minister and church they belong to. I have had a lot of questions about what the next step is for St Johns, to make the situation clear: The Leadership Team will be meeting with the Church Partner representatives on Wednesday 11th December 7:30 pm to hear presentations of how the Anglican, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches fill clergy vacancy in parishes and search for a new minister. As the exiting minister I will not be present at this meeting.

The Partners' Church Team will be Dr Rod Watts Executive Officer for Northern Presbytery; Archdeacon Sarah Moss from the Anglican Church; Mrs Jackie McGeorge, Area Superintendent for Manukau Synod of Methodist Church and Ms Dilys Davies, (Methodist) Auckland Regional Forum. Dilys will chair this part of the meeting.

As this is an important decision, influencing the life of the congregation for potentially many years into the future, I had presumed the Leadership Team would then be bringing a recommendation to the congregation for a congregational decision about which church, St Johns would have as its new Coordinating Partner (which would become the Appointing Partner when the changes take effect in 2019) because the new minister would belong to the coordinating / appointing Church.

However, following the Leadership Team on Tuesday 4th December I need to inform the congregation that the Leadership Team does not have to consult the congregation through a congregational meeting and that the decision **will be made** at the meeting on December 11th by the Church Partners which includes the Leadership Team.

The Procedures (Cooperating Church's rules): 2.1.9 "When a ministerial vacancy occurs the Coordinating Partner (currently the Methodist Church for us) will meet with the other Participating Partner (s) and the local church council to decide which partner will act as Coordinating Partner. The Coordinating Partner takes a lead in helping the local church to develop both local church and minister profiles."

If you have some thoughts about which Church for the next minister to belong to; whom you believe should be our next co-ordinating partner please speak to Leadership Team members.

Christmas Services 2 St Johns

Blue Service Sunday 16th

Lessons and Carols Sunday 23rd

Christmas Eve Family 24th

Christmas Eve Carols and

Communion 24th from 10:30 pm

Christmas Day

@ 7:30 pm

@ 9:30 am

@ 7pm

@ 9:30 am



Friday 14th December Hannah Lee in Concert \$10 as a fundraiser for Hungry Children through Food For the Hungry International Charity. The concert is at **7:30 pm at 16 Howe St**, Freeman's Bay (Auckland Girls Grammar School). Hannah Lee is a Christian singer and electric violinist. She has a long performing history in both Korea and New Zealand. She was interviewed on Radio Rhema to talk about her faith, music and the upcoming concert. Lorraine has 20 tickets from Pastor Lee for 'us' to buy.

Sunday Services: English / Mandarin & Children's Ministry 9:30a.m.
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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 (09 December)	Next Week's Helpers (16 Dec)
Preacher	Rev Lorraine Francis	Rev Lorraine Francis
Keyboard	Rahil John	Joshua Wong
Projector	Savesh John	Marsden Cheong
Sound Desk	Bob Corbett	Erika Lim
Reader	Mavis Haigh	Trevor Haigh
Intercessor	Joan Rutherford	Mavis Haigh
HC set up	N/A	Rev Lorraine Francis
HC Serving team	N/A	Derek Speer, Bob Corbett, Alan Vickers, Ian Dittmer, Bob Williamson
Prayer ministry		
Welcome Desk		
Ushers	Nick and Olga Ferreira	Trevor and Mavis Haigh
Counters	Christo John, Nick Ferreira	Trevor Haigh, Grace Li
Morning Tea	Rita Chi, Betty Curd	Uraiwan Jolly, Nessie Crawford
Flowers	St Johns	St Johns