



**Weekly Newsletter**  
**Sunday 25 November 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: 'Reign of Christ'**

**Focus Scripture: John 18: 33-37**

**Other Readings: 2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18); Revelation 1:4b-8**



John 18:33-37 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>33</sup>Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

<sup>34</sup>"Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?"

<sup>35</sup>"Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?"

<sup>36</sup>Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."

<sup>37</sup>"You are a king, then!" said Pilate.

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

**Next Sunday: 2 December 2018**

**Next week's theme: 'Sprouting Leaves'**

**Focus Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

**Other Readings: Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36**

**Prayer points for:** Brenda Ryan and Mary Hall for good health. 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.

### **From Lorraine:**

I have informed the Leadership Team (Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November) and both our English and Mandarin Congregation's on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November of my resignation from ministry settlement at St Johns Bucklands Beach Cooperating Church. My last Sunday and farewell will be 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019.

Sudden change and having to transition is always a bit of a shock to us all, but once we start the process of moving forward it does get easier. At this time of our church life, the Leadership Team will be the ones who work to maintain our church life and how we look to the future and search for a new minister.

Our Church partners will also be very involved with us. As the Methodist church is our current coordinating partner, the Rev Marilyn Welch as our Methodist Superintendent, will start us on this journey. She will soon call a meeting of the Leadership Team and Church partner representatives and start the talking. One of the first things we will have to do as a congregation is decide which denomination (Anglican, Presbyterian or Methodist) we will have as the partner church from which we will call our next minister. Anticipating the new changes of our UCANZ Procedures, this partner church will be called our 'Appointing Partner'.

If you have any questions – and want to talk about all this please contact Lorraine.

### **Real Life with John Cowan**

7.30pm Sunday nights on Newstalk ZB. John Cowan's guest this Sunday 25 November will be television personality, Hilary Barry.

### **SAVE THE DATE - Sunday 2 December**

#### **Family BBQ at St Johns 4.30 pm-6.30 pm**

Sausages and bread provided. Please contribute a salad or other dish.

We need portable Gazebos and sun umbrellas to use on the day and helpers for setting up, serving on the BBQ ...

If you can help please contact Alan Vickers  
09 533 3790 or 021 051 3040



## Decorate the Church for Christmas.

We need as many people as possible to come and help put up and decorate Christmas Trees, other room decorations and the light 'strings' around the building. The more people we have the quicker it is and the more gets decorated! Thursday evening, **29 November from 7pm**. Please come and help :)

**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

### CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING

Save the dates to join the two carol singing opportunities we are planning for this Christmas.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December**, meet at St Johns 12.50 pm

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**, 7pm Bruce McLaren



### 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*

JESUS DOESN'T SEEM VERY KING-LIKE IN FRONT OF PILATE. HIS KINGSHIP IS HIDDEN, BUT HIS LEADERSHIP IS UNMATCHED.



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ON THE CROSS CHRIST THE KING LEADS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH DEATH TO LIFE ETERNAL!



GOOD THING IT'S NOT 'CHRIST THE TRAVEL AGENT SUNDAY' — CAUSE I LOVE THE DESTINATION BUT I'M NOT CRAZY ABOUT THE ROUTE.



JOHN 18: 33-37

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### Ministry Groups:

**Bucklands Beach Rest Home:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (25 November)	Next Week's Helpers (02 Dec)
Preacher	Rev Lorraine Francis	Rev Lorraine Francis
Keyboard	Joshua Wong	Joshua Wong
Projector	Ian Dittmer	Jed Stanton
Sound Desk	Bob Corbett	Jamie Corbett
Reader	Dick McDonald	Alison Stanton
Intercessor	Judy McDonald	Liz Speer
HC set up	N/A	Alan Vickers
HC Serving team	N/A	Alan Vickers, , Grace Corbett, Joan Rutherford, Shania Qiu
Prayer ministry	Alan Vickers	Joan Rutherford
Welcome Desk	Joan Rutherford	Betty Curd
Ushers	Dick and Judy McDonald	Derek Speer plus one
Counters	Dick McDonald, Li Ying Zhang	Derek Speer, Nessie Crawford
Morning Tea	Sue Chang, Alan Wang	Julie Dickey, Uraiwan Jolly
Flowers	St Johns	St Johns