



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 15 April 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: 'Love Means Showing Up'

Focus Scripture: Luke 24:36-48

Other Readings: Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7



Jesus Appears to the Disciples

³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

Next Sunday: 22 April 2018

Next week's theme: 'Love in Truth and Action'

Focus Scripture: John 10:11-18

Other Readings: Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24

Prayer points for: Brenda Ryan and Mary Hall for good health; Dorothy Peiris who has fallen and hurt her back; someone to pick up the ministry of looking after our IT system; Someone to be our Financial Coordinator for our St Johns Finance Team, more students for the English Language classes held at St Johns (we need a minimum of 12 students) please.

Leprosy Boxes are due. Please bring your box in for Joan to collect. Thank you :) If you'd like to know more about this ministry please talk to Joan.

Real Life with John Cowan 7.30pm Sunday nights on Newstalk ZB John Cowan's guest this Sunday night will be Morrie Chandler, Former President of MotorSport New Zealand and chairman of Rally New Zealand Ltd., Morrie was presented with a lifetime achievement award at the 55th Halberg Awards ceremony in February.

GIVING RECEIPTS - Giving Receipts are expected to be processed and available soon.

Parish Review Notice: Next Sunday we will be handing out a survey for all those at worship to fill in please. This is the Methodist Church requirement for the Parish Review. The replies will inform the basis of our parish review report. Please be prepared to spend some time following worship to complete the survey. This will be the only opportunity given to us to complete the survey. The survey has been translated into Mandarin for our Mandarin congregation.

On Sunday 6th May the Review Team of Ms Dylis Davies (Convenor, Methodist), Ms Jackie McGeorge (Methodist), Rev Michael Berry (Anglican, Archdeacon) and Rev Kevin Findlay (Presbyterian) will visit St Johns. As many of the team as possible will attend worship. They will then want to meet with anyone from St Johns who would like to talk to them, they will meet with the Leadership Team without Lorraine, and they will meet with Lorraine on her own.

They will also use the tradition Uniting Congregations Aotearoa New Zealand (UCANZ) parish review process and including a look at our last Annual Report, our financial reports, and property.

There are copies of the UCANZ Part B on the table by the pigeon-holes for anyone interested in submitting a response to numbers 1 to 6 and 8. Please submit any responses to Alison in the office so that we can follow the correct process.

English Language Classes run by English Language Partners are free for NZ citizens. Currently (Term 1) they have stopped for Term 1. They need a minimum of 12 students to get full government sponsorship. They currently only have 7, hence the prayer call for more students. The teacher is fully trained and really good. These

classes are friendly, very practical and focus on helping students integrate into NZ society. We (St John's) gain a little financially as they pay a rental for the hours on site, but by far the greatest gain is to have the friendly chatter, lots of people learning to know St Johns and people coming to church.

Main Street Singers: an American Chamber Choir in Concert St Mary's-in-Holy-Trinity Tuesday 17 April, 7pm **Entry free of charge.**

Under the direction of Mark Andrew Shaull, the Main Street Singers are inspired by a commitment to excellence, performing choral literature ranging from Renaissance to Contemporary in over a hundred concerts annually. Having been compared to top university level choirs, this Los Altos California (USA) high school ensemble has found success in artistic expression through their strong sense of devotion to group goals and continual search for personal and ensemble growth. Programme includes works by Philips, Weelkes, Morley, Monteverdi, Brahms, Peters, Bernstein, Walker and more.

Cathedral Organ Recital Series: Recital 7 - Olivier Latry Holy Trinity Cathedral Saturday 21 April, 7.30pm Do not miss this opportunity to hear a truly world-class musician. The final recital in the series, Recital 7 is an exciting performance by Olivier Latry, organist at Notre-Dame in Paris and a leading worldwide ambassador for his instrument. Olivier has performed in the world's most prestigious venues, been the guest of leading orchestras under renowned conductors, recorded for major labels, and premiered an impressive number of works. Olivier Latry teaches at the Conservatoire National Supérieur de Paris and is a recipient of numerous international distinctions and awards. Programme includes music by Mozart, Brahms, Franck, and Duruflé. Tickets on sale through iTICKET. General Admission \$50, Concession \$40 plus booking and transaction fees.

'Because You ASKED for it' 11am Tuesday 24th April BOTANY: St Columba Presbyterian Church. See foyer notice board for more details. *Daytime* Concert series.

UNITING CONGREGATIONS OF AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND (UCANZ) Special meeting – Saturday 28th April, 10 am – noon. Onehunga Co-operating Parish, Cnr Grey St & Onehunga Mall, Onehunga

UCANZ is holding a special meeting to discuss the proposed changes to the Procedures and processes for Co-operating Venture Churches to come to Onehunga for a conversation, information sharing and discount about Option C, a discussion on how the financial management and partnerships will be processed in the future, and how this will help different churches and partners. This meeting is especially for congregational representatives, ministers and those interested in what is happening.

Sunday 29 April ADVANCE NOTICE for women :). A mothers and daughters High Tea event at Waipuna. Celebrate Mother's Day together costs and timing to follow. Amie (Mandarin Congregation) is organising it.

Sunday Services: English / Mandarin & Children's Ministry 9:30a.m.
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Pastoral Care	Judy McDonald	274 8534
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: Wednesday 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 (15 April)	Next Week's Helpers (22 April)
Preacher	Rev Lorraine Francis	Rev Lorraine Francis
Keyboard	Joshua Wong	Rahil John
Projector	Alison Stanton	Aimie Ma
Sound Desk	Erika Lim	Alan Vickers
Reader	Trevor Haigh	Dick McDonald
Intercessor	Mavis Haigh	Judy McDonald
HC set up	Joan Jones	N/A
HC Serving team	David Hall; Joan Jones; John Copping; Christo John; John Pybus	N/A
Prayer ministry	Loas Toug	Alan Vickers
Welcome Desk	Loas Toug	Joan Rutherford
Ushers	Trevor and Mavis Haigh	Dick and Judy McDonald
Counters	Trevor Haigh; Grace Li	Dick McDonald and Li Ying Zhang
Morning Tea	Uraivan Jolly; Nessie Crawford	Sue Chang and Lisa Liao
Flowers	St Johns	St Johns