



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 11 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: 'The Way of Giving and Receiving'

Focus Scripture: Mark 12:38-44

Other Readings: Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Psalm 127; Hebrews 9:24-28



³⁸ And he said unto them in his doctrine, Beware of the scribes, which love to go in long clothing, and love salutations in the marketplaces,

³⁹ And the chief seats in the synagogues, and the uppermost rooms at feasts:

⁴⁰ Which devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: these shall receive greater damnation.

⁴¹ And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much.

⁴² And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing.

⁴³ And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury:

⁴⁴ For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.

Next Sunday: 18 November 2018

Next week's theme: 'The Way of Faithfulness'

Focus Scripture: Mark 13:1-8

Other Readings: 1 Samuel 1:4-20, 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Hebrews 10: 11-14, (15-18), 19-25

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.

Kindergarten/ Little Cubs Many children recently have turned five and started school. So, the kindergarten has spaces and needs more enrolments. Please pray for more children.

Feedback please: The Leadership Team is considering the issue of ground cover for the 'garden' the Kindergarten play area, currently covered by black matting, around 'Beryl's Tree.

We have several factors at play: 1. Beryl's Tree continues to grow and the roots have lifted the matting to a stage where it is becoming a safety issue for anyone playing on it. The Ministry of Education (Early Childhood) have said the matting must be repaired / replaced. 2. There is a drain running directly under the playground / tree which already we have had to cut root damage from. 3. With the heavy rain / downpours we have been experiencing the drainage flow is not as fast as is needed and water is very close to flowing into the ground floor rooms, of course once the rain stops it clears within minutes.

So the Leadership Team will need to make some decisions all of which will cost, but we have included this in our current budget. Our options are many but the following are our attempts to balance our needs and listen to the Kindergarten's concerns.

A) We can install a new drain along the concrete / matting edge, and then repair the matting or replace the matting with Tiger Turf like grass.

B) We can install the new drain, replace matting and re-contour the land shape / water flow.

C) We can cut down Beryl's tree, re-contour the area, install a shade cloth and depending on finances repair matting or install new surface coverings.

We are not asking you to make the decision – but we do want to receive feedback on your thoughts, especially with option (C) – and the removal of Beryl's Tree. Please talk to Lorraine, Alan or Bob. Thank you.

A report from the Finance Committee

We rely on regular giving of \$6000 a month and rental income of \$8000 a month. Overall we are running very close –

3 months to end October

Regular giving	22229
Rental income	33433
Total income	62146
All expenses	64975
Deficit after 4 months	2829

The deficit is due to the once-a-year payment for insurance of \$8491.

Progress report – Thanksgiving. Giving to 31 October \$4053. We have a target of \$7500. Past experience is that money dribbles in over several weeks

Real Life with John Cowan 7.30pm Sunday nights on Newstalk ZB. John Cowan's guest this Sunday 18 November is Dr Ralph Pim, Sport Adviser and Author. An inspirational teacher, dynamic team build, and author of nine books, Dr Pim is recognized as a global expert in character and leader development through sport.

Holy Trinity Cathedral – Music Matters

Sunday 11 November 10 am – 'From War to Peace'. A Eucharist of Commemoration will remember the centenary of Armistice Day. The service will feature the Auckland Boy's Choir, with reflections and prayers expressing the cost of war and the promise of peace.

Thursday, 15 November, 7 pm – 'Remember'

Join the Royal New Zealand Navy Band and special guests The New Zealand Male Voice Choir for a concert commemorating 100 years since the signing of the Armistice and the end of the Great War. Holy Trinity Cathedral. Tickets are available from iTicket. Adults \$20, Seniors \$15, Children and Students \$10.

Friday 16 November, 7 pm – 'Elvis: The Gospel Music'

Andy Stankovich return to perform the Grammy award winning Gospel Music of Elvis Presley, backed by a Full Gospel Choir, "The Shades" Quartet and intimate 6-Piece Show Band. For one night only, the music that defined and shaped Elvis Presley, will take center stage. Timeless classics from 'Amazing Grace', 'In the Ghetto' to 'Where Could I go But To The Lord' will fill the stunning surrounds of Auckland's Holy Trinity Cathedral.

Tickets through ticketmaster <https://www.ticketmaster.co.nz/search?q=elvis+the+gospel>

A Presentation on the suffering Church in Central and Southeast Asia

6 pm Sunday 11 November, Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bucklands Beach, 228 Bucklands Beach Road, Bucklands Beach

Hear from CEO Stephanie Johnston (Barnabas New Zealand), Field Director Boris Kostin (Central Asia Region) and Field Director Ernest Poon (Southeast Asia Region).

Movie @ St Johns

Joshua Wong is inviting us all to come and watch a new movie here at St Johns, "American Gospel – Christ Alone". Watch this space for a confirmed day and time.

This new movie's main premise is to expose the insidious nature of the prosperity gospel that has gained popularity in Western cultures (particularly America). It intends to counter this movement by presenting a more accurate and proper picture of what the true gospel is meant to be. Here's a trailer if you would like a taster:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jU75EzbdNEc>

Methodist Church Weekly Blog - If you would like to receive this weekly please inform Alison so that it can be forwarded to you weekly.

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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 (11 November)	Next Week's Helpers (18 Nov)
Preacher	Rev Lorraine Francis	Rev Lorraine Francis
Keyboard	Joshua Wong	Rahil John
Projector	Marsden Cheong	Alison Stanton
Sound Desk	Alan Vickers	Erika Lim
Reader	Graham Hay	Loas Toung
Intercessor	Joan Rutherford	Alan Vickers
HC set up	N/A	Joan Jones
HC Serving team	N/A	Rev Lorraine Francis, Joan Jones, David Hall
Prayer ministry	Sheila Simmons	Loas Toung
Welcome Desk	Brenda Ryan	Loas Toung
Ushers	Nick and Olga Ferreira	Judy McDonald, Jed Stanton
Counters	Nick Ferreira, Christo John	Christo John, Grace Li
Morning Tea	Rita Chi, Betty Curd	Uraiwan Jolly, Nessie Crawford
Flowers	St Johns	St Johns