



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 10 December 2017

**"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: Joy

Focus Scripture: Philippians 4:4-13

Other Readings: Luke 2:1-21, Matthew 2:2-12



Philippians 4:4-13 Final Exhortations

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Thanks for Their Gifts

10 I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. 11 I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. 12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Next Sunday: 17 December 2017

Next week's theme: Peace

Focus Scripture: Mt 1:18-25

Other Readings: Romans 8:14-17; Luke 2:48; Galatians 4:4-7

Prayer points for: George Morrison for strength and peace; Brenda Ryan for good health; Maya Corbett for healing of her knee; Families, Children and Leaders for Mainly Music Ministry please.



Thank you to all who contributed to our successful Family BBQ on Sunday afternoon. Over 100 people attended and we all enjoyed a magnificent meal and conversation in the 'new' venue. A special thank you to Alan Vickers for doing a sterling job of planning and coordinating such a memorable event.

Real Life with John Cowan 7.30pm Sunday nights on Newstalk ZB. John Cowan's guest this Sunday night (10 Dec) will be Auckland City Missioner, **Chris Farrelly**. Chris took up his position as CEO in June last year. Chris has a long history in health management and spent 10 years working in a South Korean slum where he led a number of health and social development programmes. He has a number of academic and professional qualifications including a Master of Theology and a Graduate Diploma in Dispute Resolution. Chris is a passionate advocate on behalf of those who are vulnerable or may be marginalised- a key function of the Auckland City Mission.

17 December 2017

7 pm Blue Service

24 December 2017

9.30 am Christmas Eve Worship

7.00 pm Family Service

10.00 pm Carols

10.30 pm Christmas Eve Worship

25 December 2017

9.30 am Christmas Day Worship



*May your Christmas be blessed and
Christ's love surround you*

THANKSGIVING 2017

We are delighted to tell you that thanksgiving contributions to date have enabled us have heat pumps installed in the upstairs hall before Christmas. Next we aim to install blinds. Thank you for your generosity.



Carol Singing Today

Sunday 10th 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 20th December

6.25 pm Dannemora Gardens, 30 Matarangi Road, East Tamaki Heights

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

If you require transport please meet in the **Church car park at 5.55 pm to leave at 6 pm.**

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

CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING AT CHRISTMAS

30 Hours Airtime on three networks – Newstalk ZB, Radio Sport and RadioLIVE have entrusted their airwaves to our talented team of presenters, to retell the Christmas story in a multitude of creative and compelling ways.

This Christmas Eve from 7 pm on RadioLIVE, Judy Bailey takes listeners on a nostalgic journey to explore the essence of a *Kiwiana Christmas*. We hear tales of everything from Father Christmas parachuting into the Auckland Domain to New Zealand's very first Christmas service at Oihi Bay in 1814 when Samuel Marsden proclaimed "Te Harinui" – glad tidings of great joy – the Good News.

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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 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 021 047 3565

	This Week's Helpers (10 Dec)	Next Week's Helpers (17 Dec)
Preacher	Joshua Wong	Rev Lorraine Francis
Keyboard	Rahil John	TBA
Projector	Jed Stanton	Ian Dittmer
Sound Desk	Erika Lim	Alan Vickers
Reader	Derek Speer	Mavis Haigh
Intercessor	Joan Rutherford	Dick McDonald
HC set up	N/A	Lorraine Francis
HC Serving team	N/A	Alan Vickers; Derek Speer; Bob Corbett; Ian Dittmer; Bob Williamson
Prayer ministry	Sheila Simmons	Alan Vickers
Welcome Desk	Pheon Hung	Loas Toung
Ushers	Nick and Olga Ferreira	Trevor and Mavis Haigh
Counters	Li Ying Zhang and Nick Ferreira	Trevor Haigh and Grace Li
Morning Tea	Rita Chi and Betty Curd	Uraiwan Jolly and Nessie Crawford
Flowers	St Johns	St Johns