



**Weekly Newsletter**  
**Sunday 18 November 2018**

**"Being the Gospel to all  
People"**

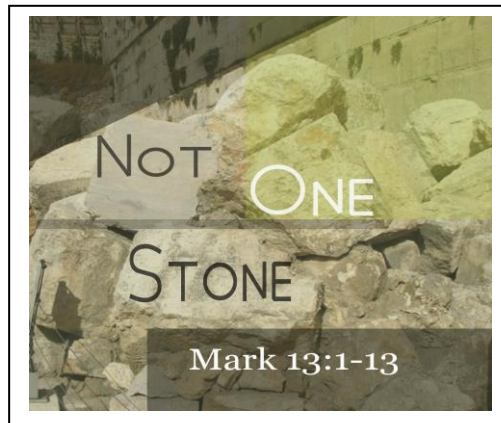
A very warm welcome is extended  
to all visitors to St Johns

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

**This week's theme: 'The Way of Faithfulness'**

**Focus Scripture: Mark 13: 1-8**

**Other Readings: 1 Samuel 1:4-10; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-25**



As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!"

<sup>2</sup> "Do you see all these great buildings?" replied Jesus. "Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down."

<sup>3</sup> As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup> "Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?"

<sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. <sup>6</sup> Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. <sup>7</sup> When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup> Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

**Next Sunday: 25 November 2018**

**Next 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**

**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.

### **MOVIE @ ST JOHNS**

#### **American Gospel – Christ Alone**

**Saturday 17 November**

**7pm- 10 pm**

The first in a 2-part series about the state of Christianity in America and the prosperity gospel has taken root. It will examine what are the key themes of this false gospel, and present a more beautiful and accurate version of Christianity as described in Scripture and how we should think about it.

Here's a trailer if you would like a taster:

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

## 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 –

### 4 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. We put aside a regular amount for this each month and had the cash available.

## Thanksgiving – Progress Report

Giving to 15 November \$4573.20. We have a target of \$7500.

## 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 :)

### 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



## ROSTERS

### December 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*

Sunday Services: English / Mandarin & Children's Ministry 9:30a.m.  
Office Hours: 9:30am – 3:00pm, Tuesday – Friday  
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Session Clerk	Alan Vickers	533 3790
People's Warden	Julie Dickey	535 5814
Minister's	Felicity Vincer	535 5883
Pastoral Care	Judy McDonald	274 8534
Prayer Chain	Judy McDonald	274 8534

### 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 (18 November)	Next Week's Helpers (25 Nov)
Preacher	Rev Lorraine Francis	Rev Lorraine Francis
Keyboard	Rahil John	Joshua Wong
Projector	Alison Stanton	Ian Dittmer
Sound Desk	Erika Lim	Bob Corbett
Reader	David Hall	Dick McDonald
Intercessor	Alan Vickers	Judy McDonald
HC set up	Joan Jones	N/A
HC Serving team	Rev Lorraine Francis, Joan Jones, David Hall	N/A
Prayer ministry	Alan Vickers	Alan Vickers
Welcome Desk	Alison Stanton	Joan Rutherford
Ushers	Dick McDonald, Jed Stanton	Dick and Judy McDonald
Counters	Christo John, Grace Li	Dick McDonald, Li Ying Zhang
Morning Tea	Uraiwan Jolly, Nessie Crawford	Sue Chang, Alan Wang
Flowers	St Johns	St Johns