



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 18 February 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: First Sunday in Lent

Focus Scripture: Genesis 9:8-17

Other Readings: Mark 1:9-15



Genesis 9:8-17 King James Version (KJV)

⁸And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying,⁹And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you;¹⁰And with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth.¹¹And I will establish my covenant with you, neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.¹²And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations:¹³I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.¹⁴And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud:¹⁵And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.¹⁶And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.¹⁷And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.

Next week's theme: 'The Blessing of Generations'

Focus Scripture: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Other Readings: Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

Prayer points for: Brenda Ryan for good health; Maya Corbett for healing of her knee, Families, Children and Leaders for Mainly Music Ministry; someone to pick up the ministry of looking after our IT system please.



to Bob Corbett who has faithfully nursed, fought, fixed, devised, saved, patched, created and been on 24/7 call for our churches IT system for the past 9+ years. We could not do any of our administration work without his background work with the system. His IT knowledge and patience with 'lay-learners' is beyond description. Thank you for putting up with 'us' in the office for so long 😊, we (as in all manner of St Johns administration) would not be here if you had not been serving the Lord in this ministry so wonderfully in the background. Thank you.

Thank you also to Julie Dickey for graciously giving a day of her time this week to clear out the upstairs kitchen cupboards and drawers, sorting and storing items in readiness for next week's renovations to begin. Thank you Julie.

English for Kiwi Life

If you know of anyone who would be interested in attending a free 'English as a Second Language' course this term, please encourage them to come and meet the tutor at an **enrolment morning at St Johns**.

Tuesday 20 February, 9.30 to 10.30am.

Concerned about the End of Life Bill?

NZ Christian Network is advising everyone who is concerned about euthanasia being legalised in New Zealand to send a submission to the Justice Select Committee.

This matter is time sensitive: Submissions to the Justice Select Committee close on 20 February 2018. For guidelines to make submissions online, by email or post go to the New Zealand Christian Network website, click on the tab NZCN/Noticeboard and 'read more.'

**OUT OF
BOUNDS**

Upstairs Kitchen

Work begins on the upgrade to the upstairs kitchen on Monday 19 February and will continue over the following three weeks into March.

For health and safety reasons, please do not access the kitchen area during this period. Parents need to be responsible for ensuring their children do not enter the upstairs kitchen nor play with kitchen items stored in the hall. We apologise for any inconvenience caused during the upgrade and hope we can all work together to ensure safety and the smooth running of day-to-day activities during this period.

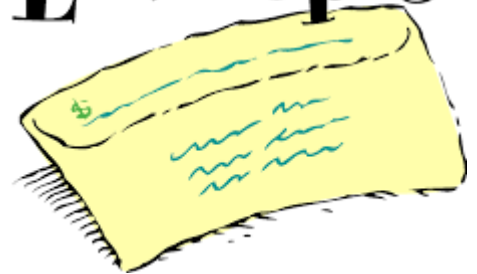
Do you have a surplus of offering envelopes?

These can still be used. Just let Alison know that you will not be requiring any more for the moment.

If you would prefer to change from weekly to monthly giving, please inform Alison by Thursday 1 March.

Thank you

Offering Envelopes



Sunday Services: English / Mandarin & Children's Ministry 9:30a.m.
Office Hours: 9:30am – 3:00pm, Tuesday – Friday
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| Minister | Rev. Lorraine Francis | 534 1380 |
| Administrator | Alison Stanton | 534 2305 |
| Child /Youth | | 534 2305 |
| 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 |
| Justice of Peace | Margaret Wernham | 534 9921 |

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 0473565

| | This Week's Helpers (18 Feb) | Next Week's Helpers (25 Feb) |
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| Preacher | Rev Grahame Drummond | Rev Lorraine Francis |
| Keyboard | Joshua Wong | Rahil John |
| Projector | Jed Stanton | Ian Dittmer |
| Sound Desk | Erika Lim | Jamie Corbett |
| Reader | Graham Hay | Dick McDonald |
| Intercessor | Mavis Haigh | Judy McDonald |
| HC set up | Alan Vickers | N/A |
| HC Serving team | David Hall; Alan Vickers; 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 | Judy and Dick McDonald |
| Counters | Trevor Haigh, Li Ying Zhang | Dick McDonald, Grace Li |
| Morning Tea | Uraiwan Jolly, Nessie Crawford | Sue Chang, Lisa Liao |
| Flowers | St Johns | St Johns |