



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 02 December 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: 'Sprouting Leaves'

Focus Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Other Readings: Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36



Jeremiah 33:14-16 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁴ "'The days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when I will fulfil the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.

¹⁵ "'In those days and at that time
I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line;
he will do what is just and right in the land.

¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved
and Jerusalem will live in safety.
This is the name by which it will be called:
The LORD Our Righteous Savior.'

Next Sunday: 9 December 2018

Next week's theme: 'Sound of a Promise Kept'

Focus Scripture: Luke 1:68-79

Other Readings: Baruch 5:1-9 or Malachi 3:1-4; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

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 6th November) and both our English and Mandarin Congregation's on Sunday 11th November of my resignation from ministry settlement at St Johns Bucklands Beach Cooperating Church. My last Sunday and farewell will be 3rd 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 at the Monterey Cinema, Howick – An Interview with God

Upon returning home from covering a war, journalist Paul Asher struggles to deal with the after-effects of his experiences, a failing marriage, and his dying faith.

Not knowing where to turn, he dives deeply into the story of a lifetime – an interview with a mysterious man claiming to be God. What does an inquisitive reporter ask God? What would you ask? This film will screen from 29 November. For dates and times go to

<https://www.montereyhowick.co.nz/movie/an-interview-with-god>

REMINDER – this 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





CHRISTMAS COFFEE AND CHAT

Tuesday 11 December at 10 am

Our final get together for this year.
Come along for a special morning tea – and
maybe something else!!

Why not bring a friend too.

If you need transport please contact the
Church office.

Diocese of Auckland will be hosting an online calendar for the advent season. The calendar will go live a couple of days before the first Advent (2 December). The address is www.advent-anglican.nz

PAKURANGA CHORAL SOCIETY presents *Many Shades of Christmas*

Sunday 9 December, 5 pm at All Saints Church, Howick.

Tickets: Adults \$25, Seniors \$20, Students \$10

CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING

Save the dates to join the two carol singing
opportunities we are planning for this Christmas.

Sunday 16th December, meet at St Johns 12.50 pm

Wednesday 19th December, 7pm Bruce McLaren



ROSTERS

Christmas Services 2018 and January 2019

Your assistance is needed for the smooth running of services over
the festive season and summer holidays.

Please see the sheet 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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Minister	Rev. Lorraine Francis	534 1380
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Administrator	Alison Stanton	534 2305
Session Clerk	Alan Vickers	533 3790
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Minister's	Felicity Vincer	535 5883
Pastoral Care	Judy McDonald	274 8534
Prayer Chain	Judy McDonald	274 8534

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 (02 December)	Next Week's Helpers (09 Dec)
Preacher	Rev Lorraine Francis	Rev Lorraine Francis
Keyboard	Joshua Wong	Rahil John
Projector	Jed Stanton	Savesh John
Sound Desk	Jamie Corbett	Bob Corbett
Reader	Alison Stanton	Mavis Haigh
Intercessor	Liz Speer	Joan Rutherford
HC set up	Alan Vickers	N/A
HC Serving team	Alan Vickers, Grace Corbett, Joan Rutherford, Shania Qiu, Alison Stanton	N/A
Prayer ministry	Joan Rutherford	Alan Vickers
Welcome Desk	Betty Curd	Could this be you?
Ushers	Derek Speer plus one	Nick and Olga Ferreira
Counters	Derek Speer, Nessie Crawford	Christo John, Nick Ferreira
Morning Tea	Julie Dickey, Uraiwan Jolly	Rita Chi, Betty Curd
Flowers	St Johns	St Johns