



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 30 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: 'Universal Glory'

Focus Scripture: Psalm 148

Other Readings: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52



Psalm 148

¹ Praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights above.

² Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

³ Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars.

⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens
and you waters above the skies.

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for at his command they were created,

⁶ and he established them for ever and ever—
he issued a decree that will never pass away.

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all ocean depths ...

Next Sunday: 6 January 2019

Next week's theme: 'Consumed by the Fire of a Star'

Focus Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Other Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7. 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12

Prayer points for: Brenda Ryan and Mary Hall for good health. For the families of both Loas Toun and Joyce Leach as they mourn the loss of a loved one. 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.

Thank you and New Year Blessings

Thank you to all for your Christmas gifts and good wishes. Lorraine and family have been well spoilt again this year with your gifts. As we enter the New Year may God's blessings of renewal touch your hearts, minds, and souls and fill you with deep abiding peace that gives life in the middle of chaos, pain, hurts, love, laughter and joy. Have a great year. Lorraine

Ministerial Vacancy, the First Step.

The Leadership Team met with the Church Partners on Tuesday night, the 11th Dec. Of the eleven members, ten were able to attend and following briefings from the three Partner Church Representatives a vote was held to determine our **Coordinating Partner** (to be called Appointing Partner after July 2019) from now on.

The result was a substantial majority vote for the **Anglican** Church to take this role. In due course Archdeacon Michael Berry will take up the management role for the Anglican Church. As a consequence his responsibility will include guidance in the process for appointment of a minister, overseeing the daily running of the church, as well as offering pulpit supply on Sundays. He may appoint someone on his behalf.

Although the Anglican Church now has the role of overseeing the vacancy, it does not confine the selection of a future appointee to come from that denomination. St Johns can broaden its outlook to find the best considered candidate from any of the three partner Churches and beyond.

If you have any questions please ask any member of the Leadership Team.

Picnic Lunch January 6th at Music Point to join with our Mandarin brothers and sisters. So no lunch at Church, but at a picnic at Music Point together :) following morning worship.

Kindergarten Playground update: Over the Christmas period we will be re-covering the downstairs playground black matting with an artificial grass. We are installing a drain along the edge of the concrete pathway. We will be removing the fixed climbing equipment. We are negotiating with the kindergarten about a plan to create a seating area and bark ground cover of 4.3 by 4.4m around the base of Beryl's Tree. Lorraine

Hall Kitchen Update We have a tiler coming in early January to install splashback tiles around the stoves. This is the last of the renovations, leaving only the task of finding

suitable large plates to replace our light brown speckled ones. The Light brown plates are too big for the bottom draw of the dishwasher, so we are replacing them.

The Francis-Dittmer's are leaving

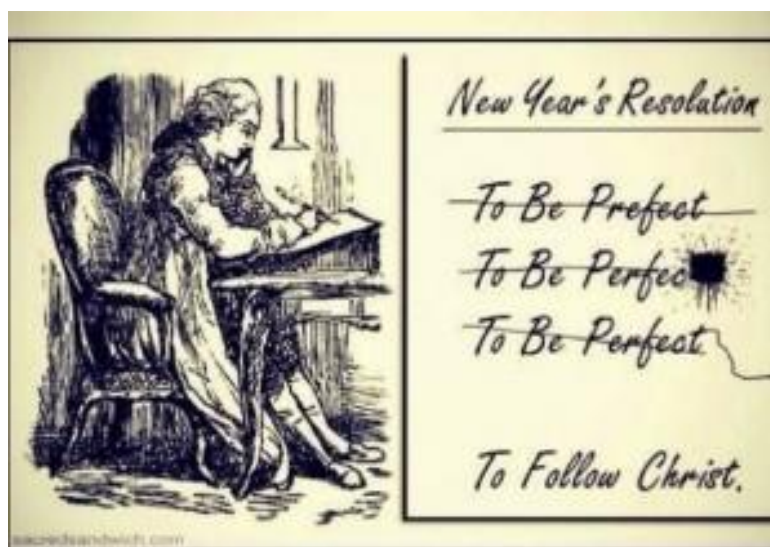
Lorraine's last day with us will be Sunday the 3rd of February. The combined service will be followed by our farewell to Lorraine and family, and a shared lunch to follow. It is fourteen and a half years since they joined us, we have enjoyed significant participation of the family in our church life.

In recognition of the service to St Johns, a presentation will be offered to Lorraine on the 3rd of February. If you would like to contribute towards a gift, please make a donation in a plain envelope with Lorraine written on the outside, and place in the offering or deliver to the church office.

Thank you. Alan Vickers, Session Clerk

The Three Wise Women

You do know what would have happened if it had been three wise WOMEN instead of men, don't you? They would have asked for directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole, and brought disposable nappies as gifts!



Sunday Services: English / Mandarin & Children's Ministry 9:30a.m.
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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 (30 December)	Next Week's Helpers (06 January)
Preacher	Rev Lorraine Francis	Rev Lorraine Francis
Keyboard	Aimie Ma	Rahil John
Projector	Alison Stanton	Savesh John
Sound Desk	Bob Corbett	Jamie Corbett
Reader	Liz Speer	David Hall
Intercessor	Joan Rutherford	Ian Dittmer
HC set up	Joan Jones	Alan Vickers
HC Serving team	Rev Lorraine Francis, Joan Jones, David Hall	Alan Vickers, Dave Dickey Jnr, Grace Corbett, Joan Rutherford, Shania Qiu
Prayer ministry	Alan Vickers	Joan Rutherford
Welcome Desk	Could you help?	Betty Curd
Ushers	Could you help?	Derek Speer, Jed Stanton
Counters	Could you help?	Derek Speer, Nessie Crawford
Morning Tea	Could you help?	Christine Lewis, Alison Stanton
Flowers	St Johns	St Johns