



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 19 November 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: 'Investing What is Offered'

Focus Scripture: Matthew 25: 14-30

Other Readings: Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11



Matthew 25: 14-30

¹⁴"Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, ^[a] each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. ¹⁸But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

¹⁹"After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.'

²¹"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

Next Sunday: 26 November 2017

Next week's theme: Christ Is Among Us

Focus Scripture: Mathew 25: 31-46

Other Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23

Prayer points for: George Morrison for strength and peace of mind; Brenda Ryan for good health; Maya Corbett for healing of her knee, Families, Children and Leaders for Mainly Music Ministry please; and Averil Rule on the recent death of her twin brother, Graeme Priestley.

Real Life with John Cowan 7.30pm Sunday nights on Newstalk ZB John Cowan's guest this Sunday night (19 Nov) will be former All Black, Grant Fox. Grant was a member of the All Blacks from 1985 to 1993, playing 46 test matches and helping the team win the first ever Rugby World Cup in 1987. In his retirement, Grant is coaching and is a prominent television sports commentator and in 2011 he was appointed as one of the All Blacks selectors.



Congratulations to Joshua Wong and Erika Lim
on their engagement

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES 2017

Thanksgiving envelopes are still available on the foyer table. If you would prefer to make your thanksgiving offering by direct credit please put 'Thanksgiving' as your reference. This year's thanksgiving offerings will go towards refurbishing and freshening-up the upstairs which is the environment in which our Mandarin language services are held. In particular we wish to:

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| 1. Install blinds | \$ 1,500 |
| 2. Improve the sound system | |
| - Microphone upgrade | \$ 1,000 |
| 3. Install heat pump | \$ 6,000 |
| 4. Paint | |
| - Upstairs Hall | \$ 2,480 |
| - Gallery | 1,780 |
| - Foyer | 1,440 |
| 5. Replace the vinyl flooring | |
| - Hall | \$11,684 |
| - Stairwell | \$ 5,715 |

As always we will be giving 10% of the money raised to a cause outside of St Johns. This year the Leadership Team decided to support the Chinese Churches Support Mission. (CCSM). This is close to the hearts of our Mandarin Brethren. Murray Cameron who is often here to speak at services upstairs works for CCSM.

INSPIRE/PREACH Ecumenical Lay Preachers Meeting, Saturday 25th Nov 9.30am – Noon.
The Methodist Church Offices, 409 Great South Road, Auckland. This is the beginning of a new venture for Lay Preachers in our area. The Lay Preachers License requires that Lay Preachers are involved in continuing education and the organisers intend to make it a practical for all Lay Preachers whatever their experience. RSVP 18th November
marilynw@methodist.org.nz

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!
Tuesday night, **28th November from 6-9pm.** Please come and help :).



SAVE THE DATE - Sunday 3 December

Family BBQ at St Johns 4.30 pm-6.30 pm

If you have a portable Gazebo or a sun umbrella we could use on the day please contact Alan Vickers

09 533 3790 or 021 051 3040

Bring your family and food to share

CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING

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

Sunday 10th December, afternoon
Wednesday 20th December, evening

Please note the change of dates.
More details closer to the time.



ROSTERS

December 2017 and January 2018

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 place your name on the dates 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
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

Girls' Brigade: In recess for 2017 CTC Julie 535 5814

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: at least on Youth-band Sunday after Church till 12:30 pm

	This Week's Helpers (19 Nov)	Next Week's Helpers (26 Nov)
Minister	Rev Lorraine Francis	Rev Lorraine Francis
Keyboard	Rahil John	Joshua Wong
Projector	Ian Dittmer	Alison Stanton
Sound Desk	Erika Lim	Bob Corbett
Reader	Mary Hall	Derek Speer
Intercessor	Liz Speer	Mavis Haigh
HC set up	Joan Jones	N/A
HC Serving team	David Hall; Joan Jones; John Copping; John Pybus and Christo John	N/A
Prayer ministry	Loas Toung	Alan Vickers
Welcome Desk	Loas Toung	Joan Rutherford
Ushers	Trevor and Mavis Haigh	Dick and Judy McDonald
Counters	Trevor Haigh and Grace Li	Dick McDonald and Li Ying Zhang
Morning Tea	Uraiwan Jolly and Nessie Crawford	Sue Chang and Lisa Liao
Flowers	St Johns	St Johns