



**Weekly Newsletter**  
**Sunday 17 June 2018**

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

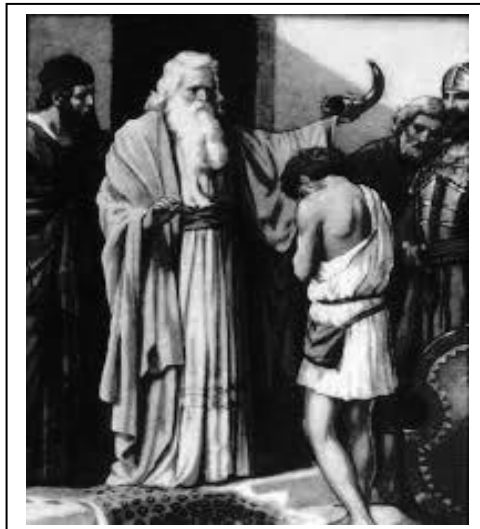
A very warm welcome is extended  
to all visitors to St Johns

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

**This week's theme: 'God's Role for Me'**

**Focus Scripture: 1 Samuel 15:34 -16:13**

**Other Readings: Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17; Mark4: 26-34**



<sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

<sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either." <sup>9</sup> Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the LORD chosen this one."<sup>10</sup> Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The LORD has not chosen these." <sup>11</sup> So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep."

Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives." <sup>12</sup> So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one." <sup>13</sup> So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

**Next Sunday: 24 June 2018**

**Next week's theme: 'Agents of God'**

**Focus Scripture: 1 Samuel 17: 1-54**

**Other Readings: Psalm 110**

**Prayer points for:** Brenda Ryan, George Morrison and Mary Hall for good health; Sheila and her family as they mourn her son-in-law's death; someone to pick up the ministry of looking after our IT system; someone to be our Financial Coordinator for our St Johns Finance Team. Protection for our buildings from burglars, (seven of our twelve external doors show signs of attempted forced entry).

**Can you do this?** We are looking for someone to be a Church welcome-er on the second Sunday of each month. If you or you think someone else might help out in this ministry please talk to Lorraine – or Loas Toung or Joan Rutherford. Thank you.

**Leave:** Lorraine is on leave from Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June until Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July. The Medical conference that Lorraine is travelling with Ian to is in Madrid this year. We plan to explore the top coast line of Spain finishing in Madrid and flying home.

I have a week of Study leave starting Monday 9 July and so will be back at work on Tuesday 17 July. The Study leave is to attend a conference at Carey Baptist Bible College on "Holy Spirit Leadership and Practice."

My thanks to the wonderful team of worship leaders and preachers we have here at St Johns; of whom Joshua Wong and Dick McDonald are leading us through this period. Rev Grahame Drummond will be leading worship for the last two Sundays. Rev Kevin Findlay (St Andrew's Howick) Ph Office 09 535 4403 is our primary ministry 'go-to-person', but first call Alan Vickers 021 051 3040 or Alison in our Office 09 534 2305.

Blessings  
Lorraine

**Real Life with John Cowan** 7.30pm Sunday nights on Newstalk ZB John Cowan's guest this Sunday night 17 June is William Paul Young. William is a Canadian best-selling author of the novels *The Shack*, *Cross Roads* and *Eve*. Born in Alberta, Canada, but lived with his missionary parents in the highlands of Papua New Guinea among the Dani, a technologically stone age tribal people until he was six years old. These became his family as the first white child and outsider who ever spoke their language, he was granted unusual access into their culture and community.

William's novel *The Shack* resulted from a manuscript for his children and close friends on his perspectives on God and on the inner healing he had experienced as an adult. His latest project is the recently released movie, *Heart of Man*, a narrative storytelling and documentary film that reveals the compassionate heart of God that illuminates an age-old Truth: that shame is not a barrier to God's love.

If you are interested in seeing *The Heart of Man* movie it premieres on **Tuesday 26 June, 6.30 pm** at Event Cinemas St Lukes.



The first of our 2018 discussions will take place on  
**Sunday 24 June** after our morning service.

**“Aging is not for Sissies”**  
**How is God leading us to minister to this age group?**

This will be followed by a soup and rolls lunch.

**St Andrews, Howick** have invited us to come to their parish camp. It is on 10 to 12 August at Totara Springs Christian Centre, Matamata. There are registration forms on the foyer table; we are always invited to share this opportunity with them. Lorraine



### **Warm bedding and clothing needed**

With winter fast approaching donations of warm clothing and warm bedding such as duvets, blankets, eiderdowns, sheets are needed for a charity in Glen Innes. Please leave at St Johns for Felicity Vincer to collect and deliver. *Thank you*

Grace International has emailed us this note:

*Thank You very much for the bedding and kitchen stuff that you dropped off today. We are grateful always for the support. Lata Davison*

Thank you to all who donated cans of food for the Auckland City Mission's Two Can Appeal last week.

There is still an opportunity next **Sunday 24 June** to donate cans for the Appeal.



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Justice of Peace		

#### 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:** Wednesday 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 (17 June)	Next Week's Helpers (24 June)
Preacher	Rev Lorraine Francis	Joshua Wong
Keyboard	Aimie Ma	Rahil John
Projector	Jed Stanton	Marsden Cheong
Sound Desk	Erika Lim	Alan Vickers
Reader	Loas Toug	Judy McDonald
Intercessor	Mavis Haigh	Dick McDonald
HC set up	Lorraine Francis	N/A
HC Serving team	Alan Vickers, Bob Corbett, Ian Dittmer, Felicity Vincer	N/A
Prayer ministry	Loas Toug	Alan Vickers
Welcome Desk	Loas Toug	Joan Rutherford
Ushers	Trevor and Mavis Haigh	Dick and Judy McDonald
Counters	Trevor Haigh, Grace Li	Dick McDonald, Li Ying Zhang
Morning Tea	Uraiwan Jolly, <a href="#">plus one</a>	Sue Chang, Lisa Liao
Flowers	St Johns	St Johns