



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 24 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: 'Agents of God'

Focus Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:1-54

Other Readings: Psalm 110



David and Goliath

17 Now the Philistines gathered their forces for war and assembled at Sokoh in Judah. They pitched camp at Ephes Dammim, between Sokoh and Azekah. ² Saul and the Israelites assembled and camped in the Valley of Elah and drew up their battle line to meet the Philistines. ³ The Philistines occupied one hill and the Israelites another, with the valley between them.

⁴ A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. His height was six cubits and a span.^[a] ⁵ He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels^[b]; ⁶ on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. ⁷ His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels.^[c] His shield bearer went ahead of him.

⁸ Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. ⁹ If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us."

Next Sunday: 1 July 2018

Next week's theme: 'Brushing Up against Grace'

Focus Scripture: Mark 5:21-43

Other Readings: Psalm 130; 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Prayer points for: John Copping, Brenda Ryan and Mary Hall for good health; Ray (Sheila's son-in-law) for ease with his cancer pain, a miracle for healing and for his wife, Alison as she supports him in this; someone to pick up the ministry of looking after our IT system; someone to be our Financial Coordinator for our St Johns Finance Team.

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 Tounge or Joan Rutherford. Thank you.

Real Life with John Cowan 7.30pm Sunday nights on Newstalk ZB John Cowan's guest this Sunday night 24 June is Professor Grant Gillett, Professor of Biomedical Ethics

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 this **Sunday 24 June** to donate cans for the Appeal.



The first of our 2018 discussions will take place this Sunday **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

STAYING SAFE - Age Concern Counties Manukau invites you to attend a refresher driving workshop on:

Day: Tuesday 26 June

Venue: Andrews Presbyterian Church 11 Vincent Street, Howick

Time: 9.30am – 2.30pm

Content: Have fun and brush up on ways to maintain your mobility and independence in this class room based workshop for mature road users, which will cover 4 key themes:

- **Keeping Safe** – thinking about your safety
- **Being Safe** – driving skills
- **Safe Journeys** – managing road situations
- **Keep Moving Safely** – alternatives to driving

This interactive session involves the use of resources from the NZ Transport Agency and a workbook for participants to keep, along with other information to take away. **You also receive a \$10 MTA voucher at the end of the day.** Morning tea and lunch provided.

Bookings are essential *as numbers are limited and for catering purposes*

Free of charge *but a donations towards costs always appreciated!*

For further information or to register your interest in attending this course:

Ring the Age Concern Office 09 279-4331 Ext 800

Email: reception@accm.org.nz

Leave:

Lorraine is on leave from Tuesday 19th June until Tuesday 10th 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

Sunday Services: English / Mandarin & Children's Ministry 9:30a.m.
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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: 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 (24 June)	Next Week's Helpers (01 July)
Preacher	Joshua Wong	Dick McDonald
Keyboard	Rahil John	Joshua Wong
Projector	Marsden Cheong	Jed Stanton
Sound Desk	Alan Vickers	Bob Corbett
Reader	Judy McDonald	Mavis Haigh
Intercessor	Dick McDonald	Joan Rutherford
HC set up	N/A	Alan Vickers
HC Serving team	N/A	Alan Vickers, Dave Dickey Jnr, Grace Corbett, Joan Rutherford & Thomas Liu
Prayer ministry	Alan Vickers	Joan Rutherford
Welcome Desk	Joan Rutherford	Betty Curd
Ushers	Dick and Judy McDonald	Derek Speer, Trevor Haigh
Counters	Dick McDonald, Li Ying Zhang	Derek Speer, Christo John
Morning Tea	Sue Chang, Lisa Liao	Vanessa Gibbs, Christine Lewis
Flowers	St Johns	St Johns