



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 21 October 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: 'Under new Management'

Focus Scripture: Isaiah 53:1-7

Other Readings: 2 Corinthians 5;16-21



53 Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ²He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. ³He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. ⁴Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. ⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. ⁶We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

Next Sunday: 28 October 2018

Next week's theme: 'Waiting on God'

Focus Scripture: Job 42:1-6

Other Readings: Psalm 34:1-8; 19-22; Mark 10:46-52

Prayer points for: George Morrison's family, 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.

Kindy – Little Cubs has had a lot of its children turn 5 and go to school, so yes exciting, however this means it has a lot of spaces and needs more enrolments. Please pray for more children.

Opportunity to be of service

The following opportunity is available to serve on our Sunday Services.

Usher

Could you serve as one of our Ushers on the first Sunday of the month? If you are interested please talk to Derek Speer or contact Alison at the office 534 2305

Study Leave Report. Copies of Lorraine's Study Leave report are on the table under the pigeonholes.

St John's Bucklands Beach Cooperating Parish Review 6 May 2018 report copies are on the table under the pigeonholes.

A report from the Finance Committee

We rely on regular giving of \$6000 a month and rental income of \$8000 a month. Overall we are running very close –

3 months to end September

Regular giving	17063
Rental income	25114
Total income	45906
All expenses	42513
Surplus - so far	3393

Progress report – Thanksgiving. Giving to 2nd October \$3503. We had a target of \$7500. Past experience is that money dribbles in over several weeks

Methodist Church Annual Conference: The 2018 Conference Summary is now available on the Methodist website <http://www.methodist.org.nz/conference/2018>.

Cinderella, a Christmas Pantomime 11am Tuesday 20 November 2018 @ BOTANY: St Columba Presbyterian Church 480 Ti Rakau Dr. Book on line @ www.daytimeconcerts.co.nz or Call toll free on 508 266 237 or go to: bookings@operatunity.co.nz for tickets. The 2019 Concert Programme is available on the booklets shelving unit in the foyer.

Real Life with John Cowan 7.30pm Sunday nights on Newstalk ZB. John Cowan's guest this Sunday 21 October is Blue Bradley the co-owner of Crave Café.



COFFEE and CHAT

Tuesday 6 November

10am -11.30am in the Church foyer.

If you need a ride please phone Alison
in the office (5342305).

BARNABAS FUND ART EXHIBITION 8 November 5 -7 pm.

This art exhibition is to raise money to free a family from slavery.

The purpose is to raise money to free a family from slavery in Pakistan. Many Christians in Pakistan are trapped in “bonded labour” and it not only affects them, but their children and can even extend into future generations. The art exhibit will feature paintings for sale the size of the bricks made in the kilns in Pakistan as well as other vibrant artwork from several NZ artists. All paintings are done by local artists. The paragraph below explains why we are doing this.

Brick-kiln workers in Pakistan, many of whom are impoverished Christians, are low paid. If someone falls sick or another kind of family crisis occurs, they have to take a loan from their employer, the Muslim owner of the brick-kiln. After this, money is deducted from their weekly wages to pay the interest on the loan, and this can go on for years, even for generations. As long as the debt remains, the family is “bonded” to their brick-kiln. They cannot leave to get another job and have to try to subsist on the reduced wages: it is almost like slavery. They may have no hope of regaining their freedom, and their children can't go to school. We hope to raise enough money, about \$4,000, to free two families from debt. It will make a huge difference to their lives and their children's futures.

Also, Patrick Sookhdeo will be in the Auckland area on 4th November and will be speaking at 10:00am Sunnynook Baptist Church and also 6:30pm at Mangere Bridge Baptist Church.

Sunday Services: English / Mandarin & Children's Ministry 9:30a.m.
Office Hours: 9:30am – 3:00pm, Tuesday – Friday
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Justice of Peace		

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 (21 October)	Next Week's Helpers (28 October)
Preacher	Rev Grahame Drummond	Rev Grahame Drummond
Keyboard	Joshua Wong	Rahil John
Projector	Alison Stanton	Aimie Ma
Sound Desk	Jamie Corbett	Erika Lim
Reader	Dick McDonald	Michelle Cao
Intercessor	Judy McDonald	Alan Vickers
HC set up	Christine Lewis	N/A
HC Serving team	Judy McDonald, Dick McDonald, Christine Lewis, Alison Stanton, Christo John	N/A
Prayer ministry	Loas Toug	Alan Vickers
Welcome Desk	Loas Toug	Joan Rutherford
Ushers	Dick and Judy McDonald	Nessie Crawford plus one
Counters	Christo John, Grace Li	Nessie Crawford, Li Ying Zhang
Morning Tea	Uraiwai Jolly, Nessie Crawford	Sue Chang, Alan Wang
Flowers	St Johns	St Johns