



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 04 March 2018

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

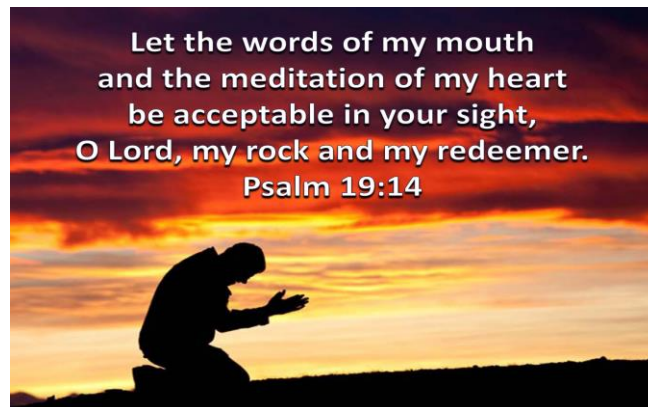
A very warm welcome is extended
to all visitors to St Johns

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

This week's theme: Contemplate God's Glory

Focus Scripture: Psalm 19

Other Readings: Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22



¹ The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
² Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.
³ They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.
⁴ Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.
In the heavens God has pitched a tent for
the sun.
⁵ It is like a bridegroom coming out of his
chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run
his course.
⁶ It rises at one end of the heavens
and makes its circuit to the other;
nothing is deprived of its warmth.
⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul.
The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.

⁸ The precepts of the LORD are right,
giving joy to the heart.
The commands of the LORD are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.
⁹ The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever.
The decrees of the LORD are firm,
and all of them are righteous.
¹⁰ They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the honeycomb.
¹¹ By them your servant is warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
¹² But who can discern their own errors?
Forgive my hidden faults.
¹³ Keep your servant also from wilful sins;
may they not rule over me.
Then I will be blameless, innocent of
great transgression.

Next Sunday: 11 March 2018

Next week's theme: God's Love is Steadfast

Focus Scripture: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Other Readings: Numbers 21:4-9; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

Prayer points for: Brenda Ryan for good health; Maya Corbett for healing of her knee; someone to pick up the ministry of looking after our IT system please.

Real Life with John Cowan 7.30pm Sunday nights on Newstalk ZB



Happy 90th Birthday
John Pybus

GIVING RECEIPTS

Giving Receipts for the tax year ending 31 March 2018 will be processed during the third and fourth week of April.

LENT BIBLE STUDY: You are invited to stay after morning worship on Palm Sunday, 25th March and join in a Bible Study. We will conclude by sharing a light lunch together. We will be following the Lectio Divina method of group study. Our passage will be Mark 14:32-42.

The Lectio Divina study method below is what we have followed at St Johns previously with Chris Skinner:

Choose a significant Gospel passage

Read passage through out loud (by a good reader)

After a short time participants speak aloud a key phrase or word that particularly struck them. There is no comment/questioning/judgment from the other participants

The passage is read again slowly and meaningfully

In groups of four to six, participants share on the passage and their significant word or phrase. Again no comment/questioning/judgment from the other participants

Return to larger group. Some may wish to share in the larger group. Provide some time for this.

English for Kiwi Life

If you know of anyone who would be interested in attending a free 'English as a Second Language' course at St Johns, please encourage them to contact the ESOL tutor Cholena Main at 0210435378 or email cholenamcmillan@yahoo.com

SUMMER ORGAN RECITALS continue at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Parnell

Sat 17 March 2018, 7.30 pm – Recital 6, John Linker Programme includes music by Bach, Mendelssohn and Nieland. Tickets on sale through iTICKET.

A MESSAGE FROM THE METHODIST CHURCH

We ask parishes to pray for a moratorium on new oil and gas exploration.

We see **action on climate change** as essential for caring for our common home, and our global neighbours. Climate justice is part of our commitment to peace and stewarding our resources responsibly for future generations.

Let us urge the government to refrain from block offers for new oil and gas exploration. We are concerned that offers for new oil and gas exploration could be made at the Petroleum Industry Conference 26th March.

Please write to Hon Megan Woods, Minister for Energy and Resources, to Prime Minister Ardern and Hon James Shaw, Minister for Climate Change to request an end to new oil and gas exploration. A draft letter is being circulated to Parish secretaries.

The *Climate Conversations* Resource is available as hard copy on the Public Questions website http://www.methodist.org.nz/public_questions_network/index3

EXTENSION FOR SUBMISSIONS - End of Life Bill.

NZ Christian Network is advising everyone who is concerned about euthanasia being legalised in New Zealand that the deadline for submissions to the Justice Select Committee has been extended to **midnight Tuesday 6 March 2018**. For guidelines to make submissions online, by email or post go to the New Zealand Christian Network website, click on the tab NZCN/Noticeboard and 'read more.'



Upstairs Kitchen

The old kitchen bench tops, units, cupboards and flooring have been removed. The piping and wiring have been prepared, gib stopping completed and this week the installation of the kitchen units begins.

For health and safety, please refrain from entering the upstairs kitchen area while work continues.

Sunday Services: English / Mandarin & Children's Ministry 9:30a.m.
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Pastoral Care	Judy McDonald	274 8534
Prayer Chain	Judy McDonald	274 8534
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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: 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: Contact Joshua 021 0473565

	This Week's Helpers (04 Mar)	Next Week's Helpers (11Mar)
Preacher	Rev Lorraine Francis	Rev Lorraine Francis
Keyboard	Aimie Ma	Joshua Wong
Projector	Alison Stanton	Marsden Cheong
Sound Desk	Bob Corbett	Alan Vickers
Reader	John Pybus	Michelle Cao
Intercessor	Joan Rutherford	Bob Williamson
HC set up	Alan Vickers	N/A
HC Serving team	Alan Vickers; Dave Dickey Jnr; Grace Corbett; Joan Rutherford and Thomas Liu	N/A
Prayer ministry	Joan Rutherford	Sheila Simmons
Welcome Desk	Betty Curd	Pheon Hung
Ushers	Derek Speer, John Pybus	Nick and Olga Ferreira
Counters	Derek Speer, Nessie Crawford	Nick Ferreira, Christo John
Morning Tea	Shirley Snoad, Christine Lewis	Rita Chi, Betty Curd
Flowers	St Johns	St Johns