



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 2 September 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: 'Mission'

Focus Scripture: Exodus 3:1-12

Other Readings: Psalm 125



3 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight – why the bush does not burn up." ⁴When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Here I am." And Moses said, "Here I am." ⁵"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." ⁶Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. ⁷The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. ⁸So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey – the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. ⁹And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." ¹¹But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹²And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."

Next Sunday: 16 September 2018

Next week's theme: 'The Concerns of God'

Focus Scripture: Mark 8: 27-38

Other Readings: James 3:1-12; Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19

Prayer points for: George Morrison, Brenda Ryan and Mary Hall for good health. The Nominating Team and process of discerning members for the Leadership Team.

Newsletter Information Note for the Parish from the Leadership Team

I want to bring several matters from the Leadership Team to your attention for the Annual General Meeting and ask for your prayerful consideration.

1. The Leadership and Finance Teams are supporting an addition to our administrative staff in this year's budget. We have budgeted for 5 hours a week paid Mandarin ministry support. It is an extension of the administrative support given to the congregation by Alison Stanton. While most of Alison's work supports St Johns Parish as a whole, she does work to specifically support the English speaking fellowship. We believe by extending the administrative support specifically for our Mandarin Fellowship we are seeking to redress this imbalance. We will be presenting a motion to the AGM asking for congregational support for this.
 2. We will be bringing an update of the Leadership Team's working on the 5 year strategic plan.
 3. We will be bringing a motion that we change what has been a choice made year by year of a Charity recipient for our Thanksgiving and Christmas Special donations to being fixed to our chosen charity for 5 years. We are asking for suggestions / nominations for that Charity from you, and that these be given to the Leadership Team for the November 6th 2018 meeting.
- Blessings Lorraine

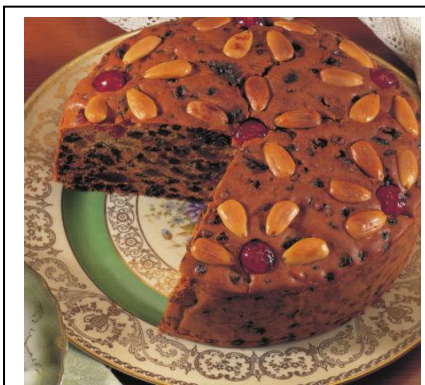
Annual General Meeting

St Johns AGM Sunday 9 September following our Sunday Service

Trinity Puppeteers present: 'The Fishermen'
23 September at 7.30pm, Trinity Methodist Church
474 Pakuranga Rd, Pakuranga

The Fishermen is an original dramatic presentation by the Trinity Puppeteers. It uses half height full bodied puppets to explore the story of Peter, and his fellow fishermen Andrew, John and James, as Jesus enters their lives, and the changes that occur. The dialogue is aimed at an adult audience, although older children would still find it enjoyable. Light refreshment will be served at the conclusion (approx. 8.30pm).





Christmas Cakes @ \$59

In support of the Friends of the Anglican Trust for Women and Children.

Order Forms for a Ruth Pretty Christmas Cake are available from on the notice board in the foyer.

COFFEE and CHAT

Come and join us in our new monthly drop-in venture – COFFEE and CHAT. Spend time with other members of our church family – and bring a friend.

Our next get together is on **Tuesday 11 September** in the church foyer from 10am -11.30am. If you need a ride please phone the office 534 2305.

A gold coin donation would be appreciated.



Try something different

AFRICAN DRUM and DANCE WORKSHOP @ St Johns

**Saturday 15 September 2018
10am – 3pm
See details opposite**

AFRICAN DRUM AND DANCE WORKSHOP

15th OF SEPTEMBER 10AM - 3PM
ST JOHNS CHURCH HALL
245 BUCKLANDS BEACH RD
AUCKLAND

Drums Provided
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THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

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If you do not have a Thanksgiving envelope there will be some available on the table in the foyer. Please write you giving number on the front of the envelope.

If you offer your thanksgiving via direct credit please ensure you reference 'thanksgiving' when making the payment.

Sunday Services: English / Mandarin & Children's Ministry 9:30a.m.
Office Hours: 9:30am – 3:00pm, Tuesday – Friday
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Session Clerk	Alan Vickers	533 3790
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Minister's	Felicity Vincer	535 5883
Pastoral Care	Judy McDonald	274 8534
Prayer Chain	Judy McDonald	274 8534
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 (9 Sept)	Next Week's Helpers (16 Sept)
Preacher	Rev Lorraine Francis	Rev Lorraine Francis
Keyboard	Joan Williamson	Joshua Wong
Projector	Savesh John	Alison Stanton
Sound Desk	Alan Vickers	Alan Vickers
Reader	Derek Speer	Trevor Haigh
Intercessor	Liz Speer	Mavis Haigh
HC set up	Alan Vickers	Lorraine Francis
HC Serving team	Dave Dickey Jnr, Alan Vickers, Grace Corbett, Joan Rutherford, Shania Qiu	Derek Speer, Bob Corbett, Alan Vickers, Ian Dittmer, Bob Williamson
Prayer ministry	Sheila Simmons	Loas Toung
Welcome Desk	Brenda Ryan	Loas Toung
Ushers	Derek Speer plus one	Trevor and Mavis Haigh
Counters	Derek Speer, Nessie Crawford	Trevor Haigh, Grace Li
Morning Tea	Betty Curd, Alison Stanton	Uraiwan Jolly, Nessie Crawford
Flowers	St Johns	St Johns