



**Weekly Newsletter**  
**Sunday 17 September 2017**

**“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: 'Pay-back – Jesus Way'**

**Focus Scripture: Exodus 14: 19-31**

**Other Readings: Psalms 114; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18: 21-35**



**Exodus 14:19-31**

<sup>19</sup> Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, <sup>20</sup> coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long.

<sup>21</sup> Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, <sup>22</sup> and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

<sup>23</sup> The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. <sup>24</sup> During the last watch of the night the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. <sup>25</sup> He jammed<sup>[a]</sup> the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

**Next Sunday: 24 September 2017**

**Next week's theme: 'Generosity Wins'**

**Focus Scripture: Exodus 16:2-15**

**Other Readings: Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45 Phil 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16**

**Prayer points for:** Brenda Ryan for good health; Steve Logan for strength in his recovery; Families, Children and Leaders for Mainly Music Ministry please; George Morrison and family with the sudden death of his daughter, Fiona.

**Emergency Prayer** If you require emergency prayer between 15 September to 7 October please contact Mavis Haigh 534 8891.

**Nomination Team:** The year has cycled around and we are into the season of the approach of our Annual General Meeting (**AGM 24 September 2017**). The first step was to establish the Nominating Team who are tasked with gathering a list of people to serve on the Leadership Team. There is a detailed letter available on the foyer table with more information about the process. At the congregational meeting following our service on 20 August, Christo John and Lily Han were elected to serve on the Nomination Team.

**Congregational Meeting Notice:** Our AGM will take place after our service next week, **Sunday 24 September**. Please stay to join us for this important meeting in our annual calendar.

**St John's 5 Year Plan:** The Leadership Team has been working on a 5 year plan for St Johns. There are a few copies of the current version available on the foyer table for you to take and read. I don't think most of us on LT realised when we began this process just how flexible and adaptable such a plan has to be. When you read it, you will realise we have achieved some things already (kitchen/roof); we are struggling with other parts and we would like congregational endorsement for future progression. LT will be asking for congregational endorsement at the AGM. If you have any questions or would like clarification on some points please talk to Lorraine.

**Alpha course:** Please continue to pray for: The course and for God to touch the hearts of those seeking or in need of renewal. For spiritual protection for St John's and all involved during Alpha.

**Congratulations:** Congratulations to Rahil John on passing his Grade 8 music exam. How blessed we are to have Rahil as part of our Music Ministry at St Johns. Congratulations also to Mia Corbett who recently won two silvers in Melbourne as part of the two Cheerleading teams she belongs to.

**Real Life with John Cowan** 7.30pm Sunday nights on Newstalk ZB John Cowan's guest this Sunday night (17 September) will be Dame Suzie Moncrieff. Dame Suzie Moncrieff DNZM is a New Zealand sculptor and arts entrepreneur, and the founder of the World of Wearable Arts.

**Fellowship Lunch:** Friday 29 September at noon, Ara Tai Café, Half Moon Bay. Please sign the form in the foyer if you are interested in joining us.



**The Power of the Cross:** A prayer and healing service. 6.30 pm Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October, Glenfield Presbyterian Church, 82 Chartwell Avenue, Glenfield. All welcome. Guest Preacher: Rev Mark Keown.

**Exhibition: Colin McCahon: On the Road** Inspired by Faith. 9-14 October 2017 at Somervell Presbyterian Church, 497 Remuera Road, Remuera. Free entry.  
[www.somervell.org.nz/artweek](http://www.somervell.org.nz/artweek)

**The Five Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation 1517-2017** The community of St Luke and St Heliers Presbyterian Church invite you to a public marking this anniversary. **“How do we speak about God? Authenticity for Martin Luther and for us”** by Professor Peter Matheson, **St Lukes Church 130 Remuera Road, 17 October at 7.30 pm.**

**One More at the Table:** Uniting Congregations of Aotearoa New Zealand (UCANZ) Forum 'One More at the Table' takes place from 26-29 October at the Onehunga Co-operating Parish, Corner of Grey Street and Onehunga Mall. This year's UCANZ Forum goal is to enlarge vision and equip those attending with greater understanding of the diversities encountered in the life of Cooperative Ventures. Full programme at [www.ucan.org.nz](http://www.ucan.org.nz)

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#### 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

**Girls' Brigade:** In recess for 2017 CTC Julie 535 5814

**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:** at least on Youth-band Sunday after Church till 12:30 pm

	This Week's Helpers (17 Sept)	Next Week's Helpers (24 Sept)
Minister	Rev Lorraine Francis	Rev Lorraine Francis
Keyboard	Joshua Wong	Rahil John
Projector	Alison Stanton	Ian Dittmer
Sound Desk	Alan Vickers	Jamie Corbett
Reader	Michelle Cao	David Dickey
Intercessor	Joan Rutherford	Alan Vickers
HC set up	Lorraine Francis	N/A
HC Serving team	Derek Speer, Bob Corbett, Alan Vickers, Ian Dittmer and Bob Williamson	N/A
Prayer ministry	Loas Toung	Alan Vickers
Welcome Desk	Loas Toung	Joan Rutherford
Ushers	Trevor and Mavis Haigh	John Pybus, Derek Speer
Counters	Trevor Haigh, Grace Li	Nick Ferreira, Li Ying Zhang
Morning Tea	Uraiwan Jolly, Christine Lewis	Sue Chang and Friend
Flowers	St Johns	St Johns