



**Weekly Newsletter**  
**Sunday 11 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: 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**



Psalm 107:1-3; 17-22 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

<sup>2</sup> Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story - those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,

<sup>3</sup> those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.

Psalm 107" 17-22 (NIV)

<sup>17</sup> Some became fools through their rebellious ways and suffered affliction because of their iniquities.

<sup>18</sup> They loathed all food and drew near the gates of death.

<sup>19</sup> Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress.

<sup>20</sup> He sent out his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave.

<sup>21</sup> Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind.

<sup>22</sup> Let them sacrifice thank offerings and tell of his works with songs of joy.

**Next Sunday: 18 March 2018**

**Next week's theme: God's Love Is on Our Hearts**

**Focus Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

**Other Readings: Psalm 51:1-12; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33**

**Prayer points for:** Brenda Ryan for good health; someone to pick up the ministry of looking after our IT system please.



Thank you to the six people who helped on  
Monday to tidy Our House.

Your support is much appreciated.

John Pybus would like to thank everyone at St Johns for the kind words expressed on the occasion of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. He was very moved.

### **I CAN ONLY IMAGINE**

**6 pm., Thursday 15 March  
Monterey Cinema, Howick**

A true story drama about the singer of Christian band MercyMe. Whose loss of his father, Denis Quaid, to cancer inspires him to write the hit song.

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR** - Alison is away until Tuesday 10 April. As part of her voluntary work for La Leche League she is in Berlin attending the La Leche League European Management Symposium (EMS) followed by the La Leche League International Leader Accreditation Council meetings. She will also visit her daughters and their families in England after the conclusion of the conference and meetings.

### **GIVING RECEIPTS**

Giving Receipts for the tax year ending 31 March 2018 will be processed after Alison's return, during the third and fourth week of April.

*7.30 pm Thursdays  
@  
St Johns  
All welcome. English  
language spoken.*





## EASTER SERVICES

**Maundy Thursday 7 pm March 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Good Friday 9:30 am March 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Easter Sunday 9:30am April 1st**

**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.

**Real Life with John Cowan** 7.30pm Sunday nights on Newstalk ZB John Cowan's guest this Sunday night (11 March) will be broadcasting personality Clarke Gayford.

**LENT BIBLE STUDY: You are invited to stay after morning worship on Palm Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> 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*
- *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.*

**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 26<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.methodist.org.nz/public_questions_network/index3)

Sunday Services: English / Mandarin & Children's Ministry 9:30a.m.  
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Prayer Chain	Judy McDonald	274 8534
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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

**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 (11 Mar)	Next Week's Helpers (18 Mar)
Preacher	Rev Lorraine Francis	Rev Lorraine Francis
Keyboard	Joshua Wong	Rahil John
Projector	Marsden Cheong	Savesh John
Sound Desk	Alan Vickers	Erika Lim
Reader	Michelle Cao	Graham Hay
Intercessor	Bob Williamson	Mavis Haigh
HC set up	N/A	Lorraine Francis
HC Serving team	N/A	Alan Vickers, Bob Corbett, Ian Dittmer, Derek Speer, Bob Williamson
Prayer ministry	Sheila Simmons	Loas Toung
Welcome Desk	Pheon Hung	Loas Toung
Ushers	Nick and Olga Ferreira	Trevor and Mavis Haigh
Counters	Nick Ferreira, Christo John	Trevor Haigh, Grace Li
Morning Tea	Rita Chi, Betty Curd	Uraiwan Jolly, Nessie Crawford
Flowers	St Johns	St Johns