



**Weekly Newsletter**  
**Sunday 3 December 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:** Hope

**Focus Scripture:** Luke 2:8-20

**Other Readings:** John 10: 1-10, 14-16; 1 Samuel 16:1, 10-13; Psalm 23



<sup>8</sup> And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests." <sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." <sup>16</sup> So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

**Next Sunday: 10 December 2017**

**Next week's theme: Joy**

**Focus Scripture: Matthew 2:2-12**

**Other Readings: Luke 2:1-21, Isaiah 55:1-3, 12-13**

**Prayer points for:** George Morrison for strength and peace; Brenda Ryan for good health; Maya Corbett for healing of her knee, Families, Children and Leaders for Mainly Music Ministry please.



**TODAY - Sunday 3 December**

**Family BBQ at St Johns 4.30 pm-6.30 pm**

Bring goodwill and food to share

**Real Life with John Cowan** 7.30pm Sunday nights on Newstalk ZB John Cowan's guest this Sunday night (3 Dec) will be Sam Johnson. Sam was the 2012 Young New Zealander of the Year and founder of the Student Volunteer Army. Sam Johnson and Tyler Brummer were inspired to set up WeVisit in 2016. It's a social enterprise set up to combat isolation amongst the elderly. Sam believes that social connection between youth and the elderly can tackle some of the complex issues including mental illness, youth suicide and loneliness.

## **THANKSGIVING 2017**

We are grateful for your generous thanksgiving donations to date. These have enabled us to make a start on the refurbishing and freshening-up of the upstairs hall. We have contracted to install the heat pumps and next we aim to install blinds.

Thanksgiving envelopes are still available on the foyer table. If you would prefer to make your thanksgiving offering by direct credit, please put 'Thanksgiving' as your reference.

**HOWICK SINGERS presents *Celebrating Christmas* - 8 December at 7.30 pm**

St Andrews Church, Vincent Street, Howick. Donations at the door. No tickets required. A light supper will be served.

**CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING AT CHRISTMAS - 30 Hours Airtime on three networks –**

**Newstalk ZB, Radio Sport and RadioLIVE** have entrusted their airwaves to Christian Broadcastings' talented team of presenters, to retell the Christmas story in a multitude of creative and compelling ways.

This Christmas Eve from 7 pm on RadioLIVE, Judy Bailey takes listeners on a nostalgic journey to explore the essence of a *Kiwiana Christmas*. We hear tales of everything from Father Christmas parachuting into the Auckland Domain to New Zealand's very first

Christmas service at Oihi Bay in 1814 when Samuel Marsden proclaimed “Te Harinui” – glad tiding of great joy – the Good News.



### *Carol Singing Today*

#### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

**1pm** Avril Rule's, 7b Waller Ave., Bucklands Beach

**2pm** Highlands Retirement Village lounge, 49 Aberfeldy Avenue.

If you require transport please meet in the **Church carpark at 12.55 pm.**

#### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

**6.25 pm** Dannemora Gardens, 30 Matarangi Road, East Tamaki Heights

**7.15 pm** Bruce McLaren Retirement Village lounge, 795 Chapel Road.

If you require transport please meet in the **Church car park at 5.55 pm to leave at 6 pm.**

**Please bring your friends and family – these occasions are fun events.**

**Supper will be served after singing at Bruce McLaren.**

**Please drive carefully!**

**If you require any further information please ring Judy**

**27 48534 or 021 1057 6327**



#### **ROSTERS**

##### **Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services**

We still have some gaps on the rosters for our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.

Please see the roster sheets on the noticeboard and let Alison or Lorraine know if you can assist.

*Thank you*

Sunday Services: English / Mandarin & Children's Ministry 9:30a.m.  
Office Hours: 9:30am – 3:00pm, Tuesday – Friday  
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Minister's	Felicity Vincer	535 5883
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Prayer Chain	Judy McDonald	274 8534
Justice of Peace	Margaret Wernham	534 9921

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

	This Week's Helpers (3 Dec)	Next Week's Helpers (10 Dec)
Minister	Rev Lorraine Francis	Joshua Wong
Keyboard	Joshua Wong	Jed Stanton
Projector	Alison Stanton	Ian Dittmer
Sound Desk	Jamie Corbett	Erika Lim
Reader	Michelle Cao	Derek Speer
Intercessor	Shirley Snoad	Joan Rutherford
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 and John Pybus	Nick and Olga Ferreira
Counters	Derek Speer and Nessie Crawford	Nick Ferreira and Christo John
Morning Tea	Christine Lewis and	Rita Chi and Betty Curd
Flowers	St Johns	St Johns