



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 6 May 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: 'Loving Friends'

Focus Scripture: 1 John 5:1-6

Other Readings: Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; John 15:9-17



1 John 5:1-6 Faith in the Incarnate Son of God

1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. 2 This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. 3 In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, 4 for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. 6 This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

Next Sunday: 13 May 2018

Next week's theme: 'Love leads the Way'

Focus Scripture: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Other Readings: Psalm 1, 1 John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19

Prayer points for: Brenda Ryan and Mary Hall for good health; someone to pick up the ministry of looking after our IT system; someone to be our Financial Coordinator for our St Johns Finance Team.

PARISH REVIEW NOTICE

Thank you to all who contributed to the Parish Review Process.

The Review Team will write their report. The process in the past has been that it will be given to the Leadership Team for an opportunity to correct any facts and then made available for the parish and our church partners.



Tax Receipts for the year ended 31 March 2018 are ready for collection. They are available from a box on the table in the foyer.

Reminder

Our monthly shared lunch is after today's service.

Please stay and join us.



Sunday 6 May 5 pm Handel's Messiah at Twilight – All Saints Church, Howick

Morag Atchison, Soprano; Sarah Court Alto; Andrew Grenon, Tenor and James Harrison, Bass. Michael Bell, Organ. Conductor David Hamilton with the Pakuranga Coral and Cantemus Choirs. This is an opportunity to hear four New Zealand soloists with international reputations singing one of the greatest choral works ever written.

Tickets at the door. Adults \$24, Seniors \$20, Students \$10

Miss Saigon – Macleans College Production

We have exceptional talent with our young people at St Johns. The Lead role is Jackie Liu as Kim, Anya John-Francke as Kitty, one of the Dreamland Girls and Amanda Pu in the Viet Cong. Have you thought of supporting them by attending a performance? If so

performances are between Thursday 10 May 2018 and Saturday 19 May 2018 at Macleans College Auditorium, 2 Macleans Rd, Bucklands Beach, Auckland, Auckland 2014.

CONTACT DETAILS: <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/book/event?eid=49>

Thursday 10 May 7:00 PM, Friday 11 May 7:00 PM, Saturday 12 May 7:00 PM, Sunday 13 May 3:00 PM, Thursday 17 May 7:00 PM, Friday 18 May 7:00 PM, Saturday 19 May 7:00 PM

Little Cubs Kindy

We have received the lovely red cyclamen in the foyer as a thank you for our part in helping them achieve a very good ERO report. The ERO team commented specifically on the positive relationship between the kindergarten and Church.

Real Life with John Cowan 7.30pm Sunday nights on Newstalk ZB. John Cowan's guest was unknown as we went to print.

WANTED TO RENT a one-bedroom flat with some storage. Considerate and reliable tenant. If you can help please contact the church office 5342305

'God's Not Dead: A Light in Darkness', now showing at the Monterey Cinema, Howick. Daytime and evening screenings. Check the cinema for times as these vary.

"A deadly fire rips through St. James Church, devastating the congregation and Pastor Dave. Adjoining Hadleigh University uses the tragedy to kick the congregation off campus. The escalating controversy creates a dilemma for the small church – can Christians fight for their rights and be the light for Christ at the same time? Yet even in life's darkest valleys, a small flame can light the way toward healing and hope."

Methodist Festival of Song – Sunday 20 May, 7 pm at Pitt Street Church

The festival of song is a significant event for the whole Methodist family across the Auckland region. The Festival Service will include hymns both old and new, and choral singing, hopefully along with other musical contributions.

Message from the Methodist Church

The church is preparing our response to climate change by bringing a policy for climate justice to Conference 2018. Climate justice requires us to reduce pollution of the atmosphere as well as to strengthen policies for the fair sharing of wealth so that everyone can be part of the change towards stewardship of earth and atmosphere. Pope Francis has said, "If we damage the environment we damage the poor".

The Public Issues Working group has prepared a draft policy. We are inviting all bodies of the church to engage with this policy, as it affects the many aspects of church life, from theology and faith to financial investments, management of church properties and what goods churches buy. Climate justice involves us all in moving away from being part of causes of pollution to living well with the earth.

The Climate Justice Summary and the Backgrounder are displayed on the column in the foyer and at http://www.methodist.org.nz/public_questions_network/pi_resources

You can let Betsan know what you think and how this policy needs to be amended for presentation as a Decision of Conference 2018. betsan@publicquestions.org.nz

Sunday Services: English / Mandarin & Children's Ministry 9:30a.m.
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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: 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 (6 May)	Next Week's Helpers (13 May)
Preacher	Rev Lorraine Francis	Rev Lorraine Francis
Keyboard	Rahil John	Joshua Wong
Projector	Jed Stanton	Savesh John
Sound Desk	Bob Corbett	Jamie Corbett
Reader	Graham Hay	Derek Speer
Intercessor	Liz Speer	Joan Rutherford
HC set up	Alan Vickers	N/A
HC Serving team	Alan Vickers; Dave Dickey Jnr; Grace Corbett; Joan Rutherford; Thomas Liu	N/A
Prayer ministry	Joan Rutherford	Shelia Simmons
Welcome Desk	Loas Toun	Pheon Hung
Ushers	Derek Speer and John Pybus	Nick and Olga Ferreira
Counters	Derek Speer and Nessie Crawford	Nick Ferreira, Christo John
Morning Tea	Christine Lewis and Shirley Snoad	Betty Curd, Rita Chi
Flowers	St Johns	