



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 24 December 2017

“Christmas Eve”

**“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: Love

Focus Scripture: Lessons and Carols



Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7 The Promise of a Messiah

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

Next Sunday:

Focus Scripture: Luke 2:22-40

Other Readings: Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7

Prayer points for: Brenda Ryan for good health; Maya Corbett for healing of her knee.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING

THANK YOU

to all who generously gave their time to sing carols in our community this season, to Joshua, Rahil, Aimie and Joan for their keyboard skills and Judy McDonald whose planning and coordination ensured things ran smoothly.



CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING AT CHRISTMAS

30 Hours Airtime on three networks – Newstalk ZB, Radio Sport and RadioLIVE have entrusted their airwaves to our 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 tidings of great joy – the Good News.



Sunday 31 December Picnic at Music Point

The Mandarin congregation invites you to join them for a picnic lunch on the last Sunday of the year.

More details to follow

From Ruth Burgess, in *Candles & Conifers*

*In towns and villages
In tower blocks and terraces
Christ is waiting to be born*

*In palaces and shanty-towns
In high streets and back-streets
Christ is waiting to be born*

*In the vastness of the universe
In the intimacy of our hearts
Christ is waiting to be born*

*Come, Lord Jesus
Come into our homes
Come into our lives
Come and stay*

This morning's helpers	9.30 am 24 December
Minister	Alan Vickers
Keyboard	Joshua Wong
Projector	Jed Stanton
Sound Desk	William F-D
Readers	A variety of Readers
Intercessor	Alan and Thomas
Prayer ministry	Lorraine Francis
Welcome Desk	Joan Rutherford
Ushers	Dick and Judy McDonald
Counters	Dick McDonald, Li Ying
Morning Tea	Sue Chang, Lisa Liao

Tonight's Helpers	7pm (24 Dec)
Preacher	Rev Lorraine Francis
Keyboard	Joshua Wong
Projector	Aimie Ma
Sound Desk	Jamie Corbett
Reader	Loas Toun
Intercessor	Lorraine Francis
Prayer ministry	Lorraine Francis

Tonight's Helpers	11pm (24 Dec)
Preacher	Rev Lorraine Francis
Keyboard	Joshua Wong
Projector	Alison Stanton
Sound Desk	Alan Vickers
Reader	Christo John and Family
Intercessor	Lorraine Francis
HC set up	Alan Vickers
HC Serving team	Alan Vickers; Dave D; Thomas Liu; Alison Stanton +1
Prayer ministry	Alan Vickers
Welcome Desk	Loas Toun
Ushers	Christo John
Counters	N/A
Morning Tea	N/A
Flowers	St Johns

9:30 am	Helpers Christmas Day (25 Dec)	Next Week's Helpers (31 Dec)
Preacher	Rev Lorraine Francis	Rev Lorraine Francis
Keyboard	Aimie Ma	Joan Williamson
Projector	William Dittmer- Francis	Alison Stanton
Sound Desk	Bob Corbett	Alan Vickers
Reader	David Hall	Bob Williamson
Intercessor	Ian Dittmer	Judy McDonald
HC set up	Joan Jones	Judy McDonald
HC Serving team	Joan Jones; David Hall; John Copping; John Pybus plus 1	Dick and Judy McDonald; Alison Stanton; Christine Lewis, plus 1
Prayer ministry	Ian Dittmer	Alan Vickers
Welcome Desk	Can you help?	Joan Rutherford
Ushers	Can you help?	Judy and Dick McDonald
Counters	N/A	Bob Williamson and
Morning Tea	N/A	Sue Chang and Lisa Liao
Flowers	St Johns	St Johns

Sunday Services: English / Mandarin & Children's Ministry

Office Hours: 9:30am – 3:00pm, Tuesday – Friday

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Prayer Chain	Judy McDonald	274 8534
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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: 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 021 047 3565