



**Weekly Newsletter**  
**Sunday 26 November 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: 'Christ Is Among Us'**

**Focus Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46**

**Other Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23**



**Matthew 25:31-46**

<sup>31</sup> "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. <sup>34</sup> "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' <sup>37</sup> "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' <sup>40</sup> "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

**Next Sunday: 3 December 2017**

**Next 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**

**Prayer points for:** George Morrison for strength and peace; Brenda Ryan for good health; Maya Corbett for healing of her knee and Averil Rule on the recent death of her twin brother, Graeme Priestley. Thank you to the Lord for the increase in numbers of children at Mainly Music.

**Gift received commemorating the Consecration of the Holy Trinity Cathedral, Auckland.**

We have received a candle holder by ceramist Barry Hall, inspired by Ann Robinson's design of the baptism font at Holy Trinity Cathedral, created to commemorate the consecration of Holy Trinity Cathedral on 28 October. We are encouraged to light this candle whenever we gather for meetings or significant conversations, to be a reminder of the baptismal call to: *Walk in the faith of Christ crucified and risen. Shine with the light of Christ.*

**A message from our Methodist Partners Public Questions**

Amongst all the policy activity on child poverty, Zero Carbon Act, the Trans Pacific Partnership, MSD scrapping client data collection and more, two matters of distress came to the fore:

- The **detainees** on Manus Island in Papua New Guinea. New Zealand's offer to resettle 150 detainees was again refused by Australia.
- North Korea and the US remind us of the peril of nuclear aggression and the effects of a nuclear winter on agriculture.

Hon. Gareth Evans acclaims NZ for championing nuclear disarmament. Evans urges us to campaign for the UN Nuclear Weapons Prohibition Treaty 2017. For information re Gareth Evans and militarization and disarmament see

[http://www.methodist.org.nz/public\\_questions\\_network/pi\\_resources](http://www.methodist.org.nz/public_questions_network/pi_resources)

We pray for peace and justice in these situations.

**Decorate the Church for Christmas.** We need as many people as possible to come and help put up and decorate Christmas Trees, other room decorations and the light 'strings' around the building. The more people we have the quicker it is and the more gets decorated! Tuesday night, **28<sup>th</sup> November from 6-9pm.** Please come and help :).



**SAVE THE DATE - Sunday 3 December**

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

We need portable Gazebos and sun umbrellas to use on the day and helpers for setting up, serving on the BBQ ...

If you can help please contact Alan Vickers

09 533 3790 or 021 051 3040

## CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING

Save the dates to join the two carol singing opportunities we are planning for this Christmas.

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December**, afternoon  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**, evening

**Please note the change of dates.**  
More details closer to the time.



## THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES 2017

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.

This year's thanksgiving offerings will go towards refurbishing and freshening-up the upstairs which is the environment in which our Mandarin language services are held. In particular we wish to:

1. Install blinds	\$ 1,500
2. Improve the sound system	
- Microphone upgrade	\$ 1,000
3. Install heat pump	\$ 6,000
4. Paint	
- Upstairs Hall	\$ 2,480
- Gallery	1,780
- Foyer	1,440
5. Replace the vinyl flooring	
- Hall	\$11,684
- Stairwell	\$ 5,715

As always we will be giving 10% of the money raised to a cause outside of St Johns. This year the Leadership Team decided to support the Chinese Churches Support Mission. (CCSM). This is close to the hearts of our Mandarin Brethren. Murray Cameron who is often here to speak at services upstairs works for CCSM.

## A Report from the Finance Committee

Four months to end October 2017-

Regular Income	\$
Giving	23642
Rents	30833
 Total Income	 61204
 Normal Expenses	 63427
Deficit	(2223)

These figures exclude spending on the Kitchen and Worship room roof which are funded by income from previous years. Giving was \$3686 below budget. Overall we are holding our own but please continue with your regular giving. *Thank you*

Sunday Services: English / Mandarin & Children's Ministry 9:30a.m.  
Office Hours: 9:30am – 3:00pm, Tuesday – Friday  
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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

**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 (26 Nov)	Next Week's Helpers (3 Dec)
Minister	Rev Lorraine Francis	Rev Lorraine Francis
Keyboard	Joshua Wong	Joshua Wong
Projector	Alison Stanton	Savesh John
Sound Desk	Bob Corbett	Jamie Corbett
Reader	Derek Speer	Michelle Cao
Intercessor	Mavis Haigh	Shirley Snoad
HC set up	N/A	Alan Vickers
HC Serving team	N/A	Alan Vickers; Dave Dickey Jnr; Grace Corbett; Joan Rutherford; Thomas Liu
Prayer ministry	Alan Vickers	Joan Rutherford
Welcome Desk	Joan Rutherford	Betty Curd
Ushers	Dick and Judy McDonald	Derek Speer and John Pybus
Counters	Dick McDonald, Li Ying Zhang	Derek Speer and Nessie Crawford
Morning Tea	Sue Chang and Lisa Liao	Shirley Snoad and Christine Lewis
Flowers	St Johns	St Johns