



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 08 July 2018

**“Being the Gospel to all
People”**

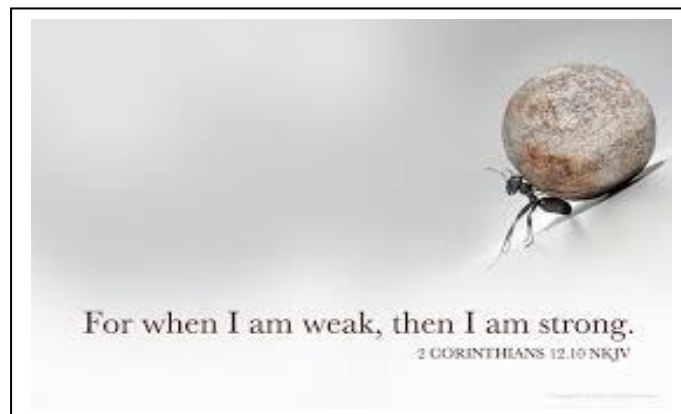
A very warm welcome is extended
to all visitors to St Johns

Morning tea is offered after the service today, so please stay and enjoy.

This week's theme: 'A different kind of Power'

Focus Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Other Readings: Mark 6: 1-13



2 Corinthians 12:2-10 New International Version (NIV)

² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. ³ And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows— ⁴ was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell. ⁵ I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. ⁶ Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, ⁷ or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹ But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Next Sunday: 15 July 2018

Next week's theme: 'The Waiting Father'

Focus Scripture: Psalm 24:1-2 & 7-10

Other Readings: Luke 15: 11-32

Prayer points for: John Copping, 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.

Opportunities to be of service at St Johns

Several opportunities have opened up to serve at our Sunday Services.

Church Welcomer

We need your smile and a friendly welcome to be extended to all coming to worship on the second Sunday of each month. If you or you think someone else might help out in this ministry please talk to Lorraine – or Loas Toung or Joan Rutherford.

Morning Tea

There are spaces on the first and fourth Sunday of the month for a regular helper to be on our Morning Tea team.

Please contact Alison at the office 534 2305 if you are available and willing to serve regularly on one of these weeks.

Communion Servers

There are some spaces on our regular communion teams. Please speak with Lorraine or Alison if you are interested. *Thank you*

Help make our streets more inclusive.

Researchers at the Medical and Health Sciences of The University of Auckland are looking for people who live in the Howick/Highland Park area and identify as elderly and/or having a disability, to participate in a University of Auckland study about how people experience journeys on Auckland streets.

What's involved? An interview which could include you taking us on a short journey of your choosing.

Koha of \$30 petrol or food voucher will be given to all participants.

Interested? Contact Roshini Peiris-John 09 923 6218 r.peiris-john@auckland.ac.nz

Lead Reseacher: Shanthi Ameratunga, Epidemiology and Biostatistics, University of Auckland
s.ameratunga@auckland.ac.nz

Real Life with John Cowan 7.30pm Sunday nights on Newstalk ZB John Cowan's guest this Sunday night 08 July is Jo Cribb. As one of the youngest Chief Executives ever

appointed in the New Zealand Public Service, Jo Cribb invested her time in the Ministry for Women spearheading issues for women. Formerly the Deputy Children's Commissioner, author of the Government's Green Paper on Vulnerable Children, director of IHC and two school boards of trustees, she has a doctorate in public policy and works internationally as a director of Volunteer Service Abroad.



Men's Breakfast
@ St Johns
Saturday 21 July
8am-9am
Gold coin donation

Notice to elect a Nomination Team

The year has cycled around and we are into the season of the approach of our Annual General Meeting **(AGM 9 September)**.

The first step towards it is to establish the Nominating Team who are tasked with gathering a list of people to serve on the Leadership Team. We will need four people because we have the expected rotation loss of members, and two people have left. Lily Han returned to China and Jessie Liu is now at university in Australia. Christo John and Lorraine Francis are the remaining team. Please prayerfully consider this ministry and who can serve.

Congregational Meeting Notice

We will hold a congregational meeting immediately after worship on Sunday 5 August to elect the Nomination Team.



Thank you for your generous donations of warm bedding and clothing which Felicity kindly delivered to Grace International in Glen Innes

Invitation to Auckland service to mark the 70th anniversary of the World Council of Churches

On Sunday 22 July at 7pm at the Church of Holy Sepulchre on Khyber Pass, Auckland there will be a service to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the World Council of Churches in a multicultural worship service of thanksgiving. A warm invitation is extended to all to join this ecumenical service.

Sunday Services: English / Mandarin & Children's Ministry 9:30a.m.
Office Hours: 9:30am – 3:00pm, Tuesday – Friday
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Minister	Rev. Lorraine Francis	534 1380
Mandarin Lay Leader	Shania Qiu	532 8127
Administrator	Alison Stanton	534 2305
Session Clerk	Alan Vickers	533 3790
People's Warden	Julie Dickey	535 5814
Minister's	Felicity Vincer	535 5883
Pastoral Care	Judy McDonald	274 8534
Prayer Chain	Judy McDonald	274 8534
Justice of Peace		

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 (08 July)	Next Week's Helpers (15 July)
Preacher	Rev Grahame Drummond	Rev Grahame Drummond
Keyboard	Rahil John	Aimie Ma
Projector	Alison Stanton	Savesh John
Sound Desk	Jamie Corbett	Erika Lim
Reader	David Hall	Mavis Haigh
Intercessor	Alan Vickers	Joan Rutherford
HC set up	N/A	Christine Lewis
HC Serving team	N/A	Dick and Judy McDonald; Christine Lewis; Alison Stanton +1
Prayer ministry	Sheila Simmons	Loas Toung
Welcome Desk	<i>Could this be you?</i>	Loas Toung
Ushers	Nick and Olga Ferreira	Trevor and Mavis Haigh
Counters	Nick Ferreira, Trevor Haigh	Trevor Haigh, Grace Li
Morning Tea	Rita Chi, Betty Curd	Uraiwan Jolly + 1
Flowers	St Johns	