



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 03 September 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: "The Concerns of God"

Focus Scripture: Exodus 3:1-15;

Other Readings: Ps 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Rm12:0-21; Mt16:21-28



Moses and the Burning Bush

³Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."⁴When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am."⁵ "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." ⁶Then he said, "I am the God of your father, ^[a] the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.⁷The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. ⁸So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites.

Next week's theme: 'Struggle'

Focus Scripture: Genesis 32:22-31

Other Readings: Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

Next Sunday: 10 September 2017

Next week's theme: 'Land Sunday; Two World Views – One God'

Focus Scripture: Psalm 139: 7-12

Other Readings: John 10: 7-18; Romans 5: 12-17

Prayer points for: Rev Grahame Drummond and family as they mourn Maureen; Erica Lim as she and her family mourns the death of her Grandmother; Rita Jackson for comfort and healing; Brenda Ryan for good health; Steve Logan for strength in his recovery; Families, Children for Mainly Music Ministry please; Everybody with winter coughs and colds!

Nomination Team: The year has cycled around and we are into the season of the approach of our Annual General Meeting (**AGM 24 September 2017**). The first step was to establish the Nominating Team who are tasked with gathering a list of people to serve on the Leadership Team. At the congregational meeting following our service on 20 August, Christo John and Lily Han were elected to join Joan Rutherford, Jessie Liu and Uraiwan Jolly serving on the Nomination Team. Please, please talk to one of them if you are thinking of someone who might serve on the St Johns Leadership Team. We would like to have at least two nominations from either congregation.

Congregational Meeting Notice: Our AGM will take place after our service on **Sunday 24 September**. Please stay to join us for this important meeting in our annual calendar.

A REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – JULY 2017

	Actual	Budget
<u>Income</u>	\$	\$
Offerings	5292	6833
Rents	6662	7333
Total income	13311	14820
 <u>Expenses</u>	 12081	 15451

Offerings were \$1500 below budget and \$800 below July last year. This is a big concern. Rents are expected to catch up the difference which is due to timing.

Please pray for God's provisioning for our finances.

Alpha course: Please continue to pray for: The course and for God to touch the hearts of those seeking or in need of renewal. For spiritual protection for St John's and all involved during Alpha.

Real Life with John Cowan 7.30pm Sunday nights on Newstalk ZB John Cowan's guest this Sunday night (3 September) will be Heather du Plessis-Allan, journalist and TV presenter.

Combined Youth Worship Service

Sunday 10 September 6.30 pm – 8 pm at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Parnell. This is a combined Youth Service, with young people from the Anglican, Baptist, Presbyterian and Wesleyan Methodist Churches of Auckland. Join others to fill up Holy Trinity Cathedral with young people from all over Auckland to worship together, hear a great message and celebrate being one in the body of Christ. Charlie Baker (former AYM staff & preacher from E-Fest '16) will be preaching. The St Paul's. Symonds St Youth band will be leading the worship.

God of Wonder –Science talks with Theology September 22/23 Conference starts at 7 pm , Friday 22nd with a free public lecture at Old Government House, University of Auckland. Continues all day Saturday with a panel discussion in the evening. Keynote Speaker Professor Christopher Southgate, The Glory of God: signs of glory in creation. Register at www.nzcis.org

Exhibition Colin McCahon: On the Road Inspired by Faith 9-14 October 2017 at Somervell Presbyterian Church, 497 Remuera Road, Remuera. Free entry
www.somervell.org.nz/artweek

One More at the Table: Uniting Congregations of Aotearoa New Zealand (UCANZ) Forum 'One More at the Table' takes place from 26-29 October at the Onehunga Co-operating Parish, Corner of Grey Street and Onehunga Mall. This year's UCANZ Forum goal is to enlarge vision and equip those attending with greater understanding of the diversities encountered in the life of Cooperative Ventures. Early bird registration until 31 August \$180. Full programme at www.ucan.org.nz



On at the Movies from 31 August: ALL SAINTS a film based on the inspiring story of salesman-turned-pastor Michael Spurlock (John Corbett), the tiny church he was ordered to shut down, and a group of refugees from Southeast Asia. Together, they risked everything to plant seeds for a future that might just save them all.

The Five Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation 1517-2017 The community of St Luke and St Heliers Presbyterian Church invite you to a public marking this anniversary. **"How do we speak about God? Authenticity for Martin Luther and for us"** by Professor Peter Matheson, **St Lukes Church 130 Remuera Road, 17 October at 7.30 pm.**

Sunday Services: English / Mandarin & Children's Ministry 9:30a.m.
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Pastoral Care	Judy McDonald	274 8534
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

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 (3 Sept)	Next Week's Helpers (10 Sept)
Minister	Rev Lorraine Francis	Bob Williamson
Keyboard	Joshua Wong	Rahil John
Projector	Alison Stanton	Savesh John
Sound Desk	Bob Corbett	Erika Lim
Reader	Derek Speer	Trevor Haigh
Intercessor	Liz Speer	Mavis Haigh
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	Sheila Simmons
Welcome Desk	Betty Curd	Pheon Hung
Ushers	John Pybus, Derek Speer	Nick and Olga Ferreira
Counters	Derek Speer, Christo John	Nick Ferreira, Christo John
Morning Tea	Vanessa Gibbs, Chris Lewis	Rita Chi, Betty Curd
Flowers	St Johns	St Johns