



**Weekly Newsletter**  
**Sunday 30 September 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: 'Getting Out of the Way'**

**Focus Scripture: Psalm 124**

**Other Readings: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22; James 5:13-20; Mark 9: 38-50**



If the LORD had not been on our side—  
let Israel say—

<sup>2</sup>if the LORD had not been on our side  
when people attacked us,

<sup>3</sup>they would have swallowed us alive  
when their anger flared against us;

<sup>4</sup>the flood would have engulfed us,  
the torrent would have swept over us,

<sup>5</sup>the raging waters  
would have swept us away.

<sup>6</sup>Praise be to the LORD,  
who has not let us be torn by their teeth.

<sup>7</sup>We have escaped like a bird  
from the fowler's snare;  
the snare has been broken,  
and we have escaped.

<sup>8</sup>Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.

**Next Sunday: 7 October 2018**

**Next week's theme: 'Salvation has come to this house'**

**Focus Scripture: Luke 19: 1-10**

**Other Readings: Psalm 119:137-144**

**Prayer points for:** George Morrison, Brenda Ryan and Mary Hall for good health. For two people, one to be our Presbyterian representative and another to be our second Anglican representative. For Charmaine and her mother, for Charmaine as she travels to England to care for her mother who needs constant care from heart problems. Charmaine hopes it will only be till December, but if her mother does not improve by then, Charmaine will move herself to the UK for as long as her mother needs her.

**DAY Light Saving begins** 2 am Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>. Following the saying – of 'spring forward / fall back' – put your clocks an hour forward and be at church with us :)



### **Community Food Stand**

These little roadside structures are making a difference in the fight against food waste by creating local spaces for people to pass on food they don't need. These stands provide an avenue by which people can share excess produce from their gardens.

Would you like to set one up for your community? For all the information and advice on how to set one up please go to [lovefoodhatewaste.co.nz](http://lovefoodhatewaste.co.nz)

### **ADVANCE CARE PLANNING**

**Age Concern Counties Manukau invites you to attend this presentation on:**

**Day:** Thursday

**Date:** 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2018

**Venue:** East City Wesleyan Church  
219 Burswood Drive, Botany

**Time:** 10am – 12 noon

**Content:** Peoples needs change as they age and there may come a time when a person is no longer able to make decisions or advocate for themselves. Many of us find thinking about the end of life difficult. This can mean we don't talk about it and don't put any plans in place for the future. What is an ACP, why should we have one, what is the process to complete one? Come & find out what is involved from our guest speaker.

***Our thanks to Evergreens Seniors for hosting this***

- **Morning tea provided at 10 am**
- **Bookings essential** for catering purposes
- **Free of charge** but donations towards costs always appreciated! (We are registered charity, so donations \$5 and over are tax deductible.)
- **For further information or to register your interest in attending this seminar:**  
**Ring** the Age Concern Office 09 279 4331 Ext 800 or **Email:** [reception@accm.org.nz](mailto:reception@accm.org.nz)

\*\*\* **LEPROSY MISSION BOXES** are now due. Please hand in to Joan Jones \*\*\*

## THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

**30 September 2018**

The objective of thanksgiving this year is to raise money to improve the toilet facilities on the worship room level. During the week, Monday to Friday, the kindergarten has exclusive use of the downstairs toilets and any users of the hall, foyer or Worship room only have access to the small toilet next to Lorraine's office. We want to upgrade this area including creating a disabled toilet.

If you do not have a Thanksgiving envelope there will be some available on the table in the foyer. Please write your giving number on the front of the envelope.

If you offer your thanksgiving via direct credit please ensure you reference 'thanksgiving' when making the payment.

### **Heritage Organ Recital – St Mary's, Sunday 30 September, 1.30 pm**

Jointly presented by Parnell Heritage and the Cathedral, come along and listen to the Cathedral's esteemed organist, Dr Philip Smith, on Sunday 30 September at 1.30pm followed by afternoon tea in the Bishop Monteith Visitors' Centre.

Programme includes music by Edward Elgar and J.S Bach

**Admission is free, donations appreciated.**

### **COFFEE and CHAT**

Spend time with other members of our church family – and bring a friend.

Our next get together is on **Tuesday 2 October** in the church foyer from 10am -11.30am. If you need a ride please phone Alison in the office (534 2305).

A gold coin donation would be appreciated.

## Coffee and Chat

Join us for a  
tea or a coffee  
and a biscuit...



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		

### 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

**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 (30 Sept)	Next Week's Helpers (07 Oct)
Preacher	Rev Lorraine Francis	Dick McDonald
Keyboard	Rahil John	Joshua Wong
Projector	Alison Stanton	Jed Stanton
Sound Desk	Jamie Corbett	Bob Corbett
Reader	Michelle Cao	Judy McDonald
Intercessor	Alan Vickers	Bob Williamson
HC set up	Joan Jones	Alan Vickers
HC Serving team	Rev Lorraine Francis, Joan Jones, David Hall	Alan Vickers, Dave Dickey Jnr, Grace Corbett, Judy McDonald, Shania Qiu
Prayer ministry	Joan Rutherford	TBA
Welcome Desk	Loas Toug	Betty Curd
Ushers	Trevor and Mavis Haigh	Nick and Olga Ferreira
Counters	Trevor Haigh, Grace Li	Nick Ferreira, Nessie Crawford
Morning Tea	Christine Lewis, Julie Dickey	Christine Lewis, Julie Dickey
Flowers	St Johns	St Johns