



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 05 November 2017

**“Being the Gospel to all
People”**

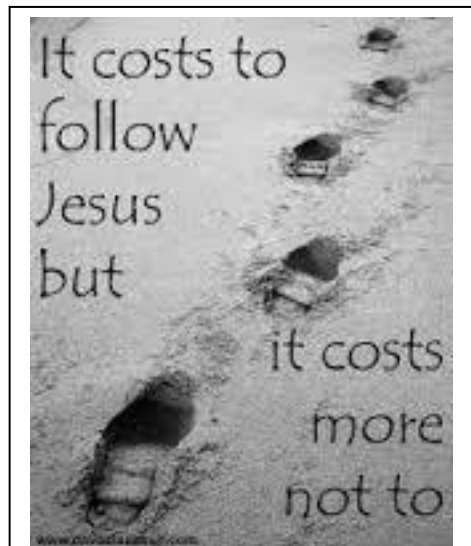
A very warm welcome is extended
to all visitors to St Johns

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

This week's theme: What Should I do?

Focus Scripture: Matthew 23:1-12

Other Readings: Joshua 3:7-17; Psalms 107:1-7, 33-37; 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13



Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: ² “The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat. ³ So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. ⁴ They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.

⁵ “Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their phylacteries^[a] wide and the tassels on their garments long; ⁶ they love the place of honour at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; ⁷ they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called ‘Rabbi’ by others.

⁸ “But you are not to be called ‘Rabbi,’ for you have one Teacher, and you are all brothers. ⁹ And do not call anyone on earth ‘father,’ for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. ¹⁰ Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one Instructor, the Messiah. ¹¹ The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹² For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Next Sunday: 12 November 2017

Next week's theme: Be ready

Focus Scripture: Matthew 25:1-13

Other Readings: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Prayer points for: Brenda Ryan for good health; Families, Children and Leaders for Mainly Music Ministry please; George Morrison and family with the sudden death of his daughter, Fiona.

Blessings during this sacred time of All Hallows, All Saints, and All Souls - a thin place in the turning of the year.

May you take time to remember and give thanks for all who you carry in your heart, for all who encouraged you along the way, and for all that is to come.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES 2017 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 hall which is badly needed. This is the environment in which our Mandarin language services are held. So if you can please give generously.

In particular we wish to:

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| 1. Install blinds | \$ 1,500 |
| 2. Improve the sound system | |
| - Microphone upgrade | \$1,000 |
| 3. Install heat pump | \$ 6,000 |
| 4. Paint | Quote to come |
| 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.

Moderator 2018-2020 Assembly The Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand is pleased to inform you that it will be bringing the name of Rev Taimoanaifakafo (Fakafo) Kaio to the General Assembly in October 2018 for election as Moderator of the Assembly, for a period of two years from the 2018 General Assembly through to the 2020 General Assembly.

President and Vice-President Elect for the Methodist Church NZ Te Hāhi Weteriana O Aotearoa are: Rev Setaita Kinahoi Veikune and Ms Nicola Grundy be President Elect and Vice President Elect to be inducted at Conference 2018 in Christchurch.

Real Life with John Cowan 7.30pm Sunday nights on Newstalk ZB John Cowan's guest this Sunday night (5 November) will be motivational speaker, **Jake Bailey**. Diagnosed with Burkitts non-Hodgkinson lymphoma, a rare and aggressive cancer in 2015, Jake Bailey captured the world with his speech as head boy Christchurch Boys' High School.

Commons Auckland – "Healing our Divided Nation" Monday 16 November, 7 -9 pm. Greenlane Christian Centre, 17 Marewa Road, Greenlane. Commons is a live learning experience that challenges attendees to stay curious, think well, and advance good in our communities. During this two-hour live event, attendees hear fast-paced global and local talks educating them on how to thoughtfully engage their city and cultural moment. Join us to learn and consider how to advance good in Auckland.

INSPIRE/PREACH Ecumenical Lay Preachers Meeting, Saturday 25th Nov 9.30am – Noon. The Methodist Church Offices, 409 Great South Road, Auckland. This is the beginning of a new venture for Lay Preachers in our area. The Lay Preachers License requires that Lay Preachers are involved in continuing education and the organisers intend to make it a practical for all Lay Preachers whatever their experience. RSVP 18th November marilynw@methodist.org.nz

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, **28th November from 6-9pm**, please come and help :).

Christmas Carol Singing. Yes we will need you to join the two carol singing opportunities we are planning for this Christmas. Sunday afternoon 10th December and Tuesday night 12th December. More details closer to the time – but please put these dates into your diaries :).



ROSTERS

December 2017 and January 2018

Your assistance is needed for the smooth running of services over the festive season and summer holidays.

Please see the sheets in the foyer and place your name on the dates you would be available and willing to serve.

For those who walked with us, this is a prayer.
For those who have gone ahead, this is a blessing.
For those who touched and tended us,
who lingered with us while they lived,
this is a thanksgiving.
For those who journey still with us in the shadows of
awareness,
in the crevices of memory, in the landscape of our dreams,
this is a benediction.

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Sunday Services: English / Mandarin & Children's Ministry 9:30a.m.
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Minister's	Felicity Vincer	535 5883
Pastoral Care	Judy McDonald	274 8534
Prayer Chain	Judy McDonald	274 8534
Justice of Peace	Margaret Wernham	534 9921

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.

	This Week's Helpers (5 Nov)	Next Week's Helpers (12 Nov)
Minister	Rev Lorraine Francis	Rev Lorraine Francis
Keyboard	Joshua Wong	Joshua Wong
Projector	Savesh John	Amy Ma
Sound Desk	Jamie Corbett	Alan Vickers
Reader	Loas Toung	Mavis Haigh
Intercessor	Joan Rutherford	Shirley Snoad
HC set up	Alan Vickers	
HC Serving team	Alan Vickers; Dave Dickey Jnr; Grace Corbett; Joan Rutherford and Thomas Liu	N/A
Prayer ministry	Joan Rutherford	Sheila Simmons
Welcome Desk	Betty Curd	Pheon Hung
Ushers	Derek Speer and John Pybus	Nick and Olga Ferreira
Counters	Derek Speer and Nessie Crawford	Nick Ferreira and Christo John
Morning Tea	Christine Lewis and	Betty Curd and Rita Chi
Flowers	St Johns	St Johns