



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 20 January 2019

**“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: 'Witnessing God's New Way in the World'

Focus Scripture: John 2:1-11

Other Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11



Jesus Changes Water Into Wine

2 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."
⁴ "Woman, ^[a] why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."
⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."
⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. ⁸ Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."
They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."
¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Next Sunday: 27 January 2019

Next week's theme: 'Shaped by God's Word'

Focus Scripture: Luke 4:14-21

Other Readings: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Prayer points for: Brenda Ryan and Mary Hall for good health. For the families of both Loas Toun and Joyce Leach as they mourn the loss of a loved one. For two people, one to be our Presbyterian representative and another to be our second Anglican representative. Prayer for both St Johns and Lorraine (and family) as we move into this time of change. Please pray for an increase in enrolments for Little Cubs Kindy.

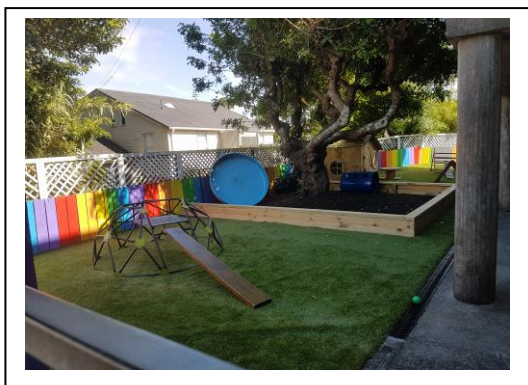
Ministerial Vacancy, the First Step.

The Leadership Team has determined that our **Coordinating Partner** (to be called Appointing Partner after July 2019) from now on is the Anglican Church.

Archdeacon Michael Berry has informed us that Archdeacon Carole Hughes is going to manage this process as all the current vacancies in this diocese are in Michael's region and he needs to share the workload. They are working on identifying a priest for the interim and will inform us as soon as they can. It is standard Anglican practice to do nothing in a parish until the incumbent has actually left.

Kindergarten playground update

Please go and have a look at the children's playground downstairs. We have had the black matting re-covered with artificial grass. We have had a drain installed along the edge of the concrete pathway. The fixed climbing equipment has been removed and a seating area has been created with bark ground cover of 4.3 by 4.4m around the base of Beryl's Tree.



Hall kitchen update



We have had a tiler install splashback tiles around the stoves. Thank you Felicity for the donation of the tiles. All that is left of our kitchen renovations is the task of finding suitable large plates to replace our light brown speckled ones. The light brown plates are too big for the bottom draw of the dishwasher, so we are replacing them.



This Sunday, 20 January, we
celebrate Meryl Rhynd's
100th birthday.

Contributions of finger food
would be appreciated.

Spanz Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand

St Johns Bucklands Beach is mentioned on Page 6 of the *Spanz Summer 2018 issue*.

The Francis-Dittmers are leaving

Lorraine's last day with us will be Sunday the 3rd of February. The combined service will be followed by our farewell to Lorraine and family, and a shared lunch to follow. It is fourteen and a half years since they joined us, we have enjoyed significant participation of the family in our church life.

In recognition of the service to St Johns, a presentation will be offered to Lorraine on the 3rd of February. If you would like to contribute towards a gift, please make a donation in a plain envelope with Lorraine written on the outside, and place in the offering or deliver to the church office. Thank you. Alan Vickers, Session Clerk

Could you help?

We are in need of more ushers, counters, welcomers, and some to serve on prayer ministry at the end of each service. Please contact the office 534 2305 if you would be willing and able to assist?

World Day of Prayer

You are invited to participate in the ecumenical service to commemorate the World Day of Prayer, to be held at St Columba Presbyterian Church, 480 Ti Rakau Drive, Botany on Friday 1 March at 10.30 am. This event is a wonderful opportunity to be part of an international initiative to pray for God's blessing on our world.



Sunday Services: English / Mandarin & Children's Ministry 9:30a.m.
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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

Home Groups: No home group at this time please contact Rev Lorraine Francis

Men's Group: Thursday 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 (20 January)	Next Week's Helpers (27 January)
Preacher	Rev Lorraine Francis	Rev Lorraine Francis
Keyboard	Joan Williamson	Joshua Wong
Projector	Alison Stanton	Marsden Cheong
Sound Desk	Alan Vickers	Bob Corbett
Reader	Trevor Haigh	Judy McDonald
Intercessor	Mavis Haigh	Dick McDonald
HC set up	Christine Lewis	N/A
HC Serving team	Christine Lewis, Dick & Judy McDonald, Alison Stanton plus one	N/A
Prayer ministry	Could you help?	Alan Vickers
Welcome Desk	Could you help?	Joan Rutherford
Ushers	Mavis & Trevor Haigh	Judy and Dick McDonald
Counters	Trevor Haigh & Grace Li	Dick McDonald & Li Ying Zhang
Morning Tea	Uraiwan Jolly & Nessie Crawford	Sue Chang plus one
Flowers	St Johns	St Johns