



**Weekly Newsletter**  
**Sunday 18 March 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: God's Love is on Our Hearts**

**Focus Scripture: Jeremiah 31-34**

**Other Readings: Psalm 51:1-12; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33**



**Jeremiah 31:31-34 KJV**

31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:

33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; after those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

**Next Sunday: 25 March 2018**

**Next week's theme: 'Love Arriving'**

**Focus Scripture: Mark 11:1-11**

**Other Readings: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29**

**Prayer points for:** Brenda Ryan for good health; someone to pick up the ministry of looking after our IT system please. Little Cubs Kindy as they have an ERO Inspection on Monday and Tuesday.



## **EASTER SERVICES**

**Maundy Thursday 7 pm March 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Good Friday 9:30 am March 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Easter Sunday 9:30am April 1st**

**LENT BIBLE STUDY:** You are invited to stay after morning worship on Palm Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> March and join in a Bible Study. We will conclude by sharing a light lunch together. We will be following the Lectio Divina method of group study. Our passage will be Mark 14:32-42.

The Lectio Divina study method below is what we have followed at St Johns previously with Chris Skinner:

*Choose a significant Gospel passage*

*Read passage through out loud*

*After a short time participants speak aloud a key phrase or word that particularly struck them. There is no comment/questioning/judgment from the other participants*

*The passage is read again slowly and meaningfully*

*In groups of four to six, participants share on the passage and their significant word or phrase. Again no comment/questioning/judgment from the other participants*

*Return to larger group. Some may wish to share in the larger group. Provide some time for this.*

**7.30 pm Thursdays**

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**St Johns**

*All welcome. English  
language spoken.*



**MEN'S GROUP**

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR** - Alison is away until Tuesday 10 April. As part of her voluntary work for La Leche League she is in Berlin attending the La Leche League European Management Symposium (EMS) followed by the La Leche League International Leader Accreditation Council meetings. She will also visit her daughters and their families in England.

### **GIVING RECEIPTS**

Giving Receipts for the tax year ending 31 March 2018 will be processed after Alison's return, during the third and fourth week of April.

### **NEW Financial Year (2018-2019) Offering Envelopes**

Alison has prepared these and they were available for those who use Offering Envelopes on Sunday. The box with those not handed out will be in the foyer again this Sunday, just ask if you did not receive yours. Thank you.

**Study Leave** A copy of Lorraine's Study Leave report is available on the foyer table.

**Real Life with John Cowan** 7.30pm Sunday nights on Newstalk ZB John Cowan's guest this Sunday night (18 March) will be This Sunday night, (18th March) John Cowan's guest will be Health and Development Researcher, **Professor Richie Poulton**.

Christchurch born, Professor Poulton, serves on many government, public and academic statutory bodies and is a consultant internationally.

After completing his Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology and Master's Degree in Science from the University of Otago, Professor Poulton worked as a clinical psychologist before embarking on a PhD. In 1995, he was awarded a PhD in Psychiatry and took up the position of Deputy Director of the Dunedin Multi-disciplinary Health and Development Research Unit, later becoming Director. Having received a plethora of medals and awards for his work, which centres around mental health and psychosocial causes of chronic physical disease.

Professor Poulton established and became a Co-Director of the National Centre for Lifecourse Research, a research centre based at the University of Otago. In 2014, he was appointed as part-time Chief Science Advisor to the Ministry of Social Development, was named as a Highly Cited Researcher by Thomson-Reuters, and was also listed in 2014 World's Most Influential Scientific Minds.

**Invite to the Movies: St Andrew's Howick** invite the people of St John's to join them at **6pm on Weds 28th March** at the Monterey Theatre. They have tickets for sale at \$4.00 each (an ice-cream included!) for "Mary Magdalene".

This is an about to be released movie and is described as a biopic, so is based on Mary's life. It casts her as a misfit in her own village community and traces her journey with Jesus and the community of disciples to the cross. They have 100 seats booked. Tickets are obtained through Jane at the office. Ph 5354403 or [admin@howpres.org.nz](mailto:admin@howpres.org.nz). She can reserve some so those who come can be given them on the night.

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Prayer Chain	Judy McDonald	274 8534
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### 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:** 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:** Contact Joshua 021 0473565

	This Week's Helpers (18 Mar)	Next Week's Helpers (25 Mar)
Preacher	Rev Lorraine Francis	Rev Lorraine Francis
Keyboard	Rahil John	Joshua Wong
Projector	Savesh John	Jed Stanton
Sound Desk	Erika Lim	Jamie Corbett
Reader	Graham Hay	Dick McDonald
Intercessor	Mavis Haigh	Judy McDonald
HC set up	Lorraine F	N/A
HC Serving team	Alan Vickers, Ian Dittmer, Bob Williamson and Bob Corbett	N/A
Prayer ministry	Loas Toug	Alan Vickers
Welcome Desk	Loas Toug	Joan Rutherford
Ushers	Trevor and Mavis Haigh	Dick and Judy McDonald
Counters	Trevor Haigh, Grace Li	Dick McDonald, Li Ying Zhang
Morning Tea	Uraiwan Jolly, Nessie Crawford	Sue Chang, Lisa Liao
Flowers	St Johns	St Johns