



**Weekly Newsletter**  
**Sunday 17 December 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: Peace**

**Focus Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25**

**Other Readings: Romans 8:14-17; Luke 2:48; Galatians 4:4-7**



<sup>18</sup> This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

<sup>20</sup> But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

<sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

<sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. <sup>25</sup> But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

**Next week's theme: Love**

**Focus Scripture: Lessons and Carols**

**Prayer points for:** George Morrison for strength and peace; Brenda Ryan for good health; Maya Corbett for healing of her knee; Families, Children and Leaders for Mainly Music Ministry please.



Thank you to all who contributed to our successful Family BBQ. Over 100 people attended and we all enjoyed a magnificent meal and conversation in the 'new' venue. A special thank you to Alan Vickers for doing a sterling job of planning and coordinating such a memorable event.

**Real Life with John Cowan** 7.30pm Sunday nights on Newstalk ZB. John Cowan's guest this Sunday night (17 Dec) will be The Block NZ foreman and builder, Peter Wolfkamp.

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**17 December 2017**

7 pm            Blue Service

**24 December 2017**

9.30 am        Christmas Eve Worship

7.00 pm        Family Service

10.30 pm      Carols

11 pm          Christmas Eve Worship

**25 December 2017**

9.30 am        Christmas Day Worship

*May your Christmas be blessed and  
Christ's love surround you*



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**OFFERINGS** at the 7pm and 10.30 pm Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services will be donated to the Chinese Churches Support Mission (CCSM).

## THANKSGIVING 2017

We are delighted to tell you that thanksgiving contributions to date have enabled us contract for heat pumps to be installed in the upstairs hall before Christmas. Next we aim to install blinds. Your generosity is much appreciated.



### *Carol Singing*

Thank you to all who participated in our community carol singing last Sunday and in particular to our pianists, Rahil John and Joshua Wong. If you missed out on this special event, there is one last opportunity to join in.

#### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

**6.25 pm** Dannemora Gardens, 30 Matarangi Road, East Tamaki Heights

**7.15 pm** Bruce McLaren Retirement Village lounge, 795 Chapel Road.

If you require transport please meet in the **Church car park at 5.55 pm to leave at 6 pm.**

**Please bring your friends and family – these occasions are fun events.**

**Supper will be served after singing at Bruce McLaren.**

**Please drive carefully!**

**If you require any further information please ring Judy**

**27 48534 or 021 1057 6327**

## CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING AT CHRISTMAS

**30 Hours Airtime on three networks – Newstalk ZB, Radio Sport and RadioLIVE** have entrusted their airwaves to our talented team of presenters, to retell the Christmas story in a multitude of creative and compelling ways.

This Christmas Eve from 7 pm on RadioLIVE, Judy Bailey takes listeners on a nostalgic journey to explore the essence of a *Kiwiana Christmas*. We hear tales of everything from Father Christmas parachuting into the Auckland Domain to New Zealand's very first Christmas service at Oihi Bay in 1814 when Samuel Marsden proclaimed "Te Harinui" – glad tidings of great joy – the Good News.

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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 021 047 3565

	This Week's Helpers (17 Dec)	Next Week's Helpers (24 Dec)
Preacher	Rev Lorraine Francis	Rev Lorraine Francis/Alan Vickers
Keyboard	Jessie Liu	Joshua Wong
Projector	Ian Dittmer	Jed Stanton
Sound Desk	Alan Vickers	William Francis-Dittmer
Reader	Mavis Haigh	A variety of Readers
Intercessor	Dick McDonald	To Be Announced
HC set up	Lorraine Francis	N/A
HC Serving team	Alan Vickers; Derek Speer; Bob Corbett; Ian Dittmer; Bob Williamson	N/A
Prayer ministry	Alan Vickers	Rev Lorraine Francis
Welcome Desk	Loas Toung	Joan Rutherford
Ushers	Trevor and Mavis Haigh	Dick and Judy McDonald
Counters	Trevor Haigh and Grace Li	Dick McDonald, Li Ying Zhang
Morning Tea	Uraiwan Jolly and Nessie Crawford	Sue Chang, Lisa Liao
Flowers	St Johns	St Johns