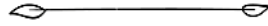




Christ Church
YOUR VILLAGE CHURCH

13 January 2019



Acts 8: 14 —17

Luke 3: 15 —17; 21, 22

Welcome to our service and very special greetings to any visitors to Christ Church this morning

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING

⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."



²¹ When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

NB: Image taken from our own stained glass window

. CHRISTMAS TEAR FUND APPEAL

The total amount donated to Tear Fund as a result of our Christmas Services' cash appeal was approximately \$415. This is significantly more than in previous years. The money will obviously be put to excellent use by Tear Fund..

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this annual collection.

AUCKLAND CITY MISSION FOOD APPEAL

Earlier this week another bin full of food was packaged up and delivered to the City Mission. It is only one month since we last needed to make a delivery so this is a great effort especially as it covers the Christmas—New Year period. However, as we all know, the demand for food parcels increases significantly this time of the year so please keep up your generous giving to this appeal..

BUILDING PROJECT—AN UPDATE FROM PAM

Just prior to Christmas the Diocese gave permission for us to draw down some further funds from our capital lodged with them so that we will have sufficient to make up the third of the money we need in order to apply for funding from the Lotteries Grants Board in the early 2019 round. We would value the prayers of the people as we prepare this application in January. The result will not be known until June but if all goes well we should be able to begin work towards the end of 2019 .

The Lotteries Grants Board application is the final application we will be making, so much depends on the outcome.

BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER GROUPS - Both groups meet at the church

Bible Study Group: 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm

Prayer Group: 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH

Prayer underlies all that we do. At 7:30 every Wednesday night (or another time which suits you) join everybody in prayer for our church ministries.



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