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*COTS Youth is for young people in school years 7 to 13.  
During school terms we meet on **Friday** evenings 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm and  
during the 9.00 am **Sunday** service in the Youth Basement.*

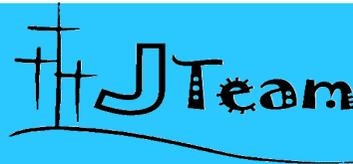
This Sunday is our All Age service, so we'll be in for the whole service today.

### Friday 16th August

This Friday, there will be no youth group, as the youth will be going to the Op-Shop ball next Saturday, 17th August! We'll be meeting at the church at 6:55.  
Bring: \$10 per person.

Watch out for further news and updates on the COTS Youth Facebook page.

**WHAT IS J TEAM? J Team is for ages 3 to Yr 6 at 9am & 11am services during term time. We have two age groups at J Team at both our services 9am-10.15am and 11am-12.20pm.**



We pause in our series to have a special week.

Sarah and the Patten family will soon leave us so today is a celebration of the family that is around them, our church family. We are having an all-age service where the kids and youth get to share their enthusiasm and their points of view. To pray and intercede on your behalf. Our younger people have a great love for God and are experiencing his love. Great opportunity to hear about it.

Next week we will be farewelling the Patten Family so will but up early in time for us to commission then into their new exciting adventure.

Coming soon. Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Aug, 4-6pm is Messy Church. Great opportunity to bring family and friends. Activities and crafts, songs and stories, plus best of all a meal together.

## Church of the Saviour

# Welcome

*At Church of the Saviour we welcome all people  
as we seek to love God and love others more*



**Our Vision: To call into relationship with God the people of Blockhouse Bay and beyond!**

### Message from our Vicar Revd Sarah Patten

Dear church family,

When you get ready to move on, you start to think about what kind of memories people will have of you after you go. I hope for example that Christmas at the Beach, will be one of my legacies to Blockhouse Bay, alongside those who have made a commitment to follow Jesus in my time here, and some people who are still in marriages, because I was able to point them in the direction of the right people to help them.

I also hope that through being faithful in preaching and teaching God's word, through being the person I am, that many of you will have spiritually fed and grown, and been encouraged in your personal journeys with Jesus.

Yet I also know some of you will remember the time I said something you really disagreed with, or didn't do the thing you absolutely thought we should be doing! When I first started as a curate at St John's everyone said how wonderful the previous curate and his family were. I really thought they were near perfect until a few months later when some different stories started to emerge!

When the next leaders come both temporary and permanent we need to give them the freedom to be themselves, to do things

differently, to create their own legacy. Before we start griping about the specks in their eyes, we may need to remove a few logs of our own, and we need to be honest about ourselves and our leaders. We all have moments of brilliance, and moments of failure. Yet the church is big enough for that. If Peter who denied Jesus three times could be reinstated as the foundation stone of the church, then we all have room to make mistakes and to grow.

Jesus asks us the same question he asked Peter: 'Do you love me?' and when we reply he reminds us to, 'Feed my sheep'. We still have the same task ahead of us no matter who is at the helm of the church, and we are all responsible for it. So let's allow each other to be human, failing and brilliant all wrapped into one, because God chooses to partner with us, knowing

### Services this week

**9am**—Praise and worship service with teaching, prayer and communion

**11am**—Café-style service

**Wed: 9.30am**—Communion service followed by morning tea

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what we are like. He chooses us anyway to build his church.

Love and blessings,

Sarah

## Coming Up

Talk presented by Seniors @ the Bay. **Local BHB and West Auckland History.** Raewynn Robertson *Senior Librarian from Auckland Libraries.*

**Monday 12th and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August from 10.30am in the Community Hall.** *Includes morning tea, two different talks - welcome to attend both.*



**Messy Church** this coming Saturday 17th August, 4-6pm. Crafts and songs, Bible story, creative prayer and meal. Great for the whole family.

**You can contribute to the work here at COTS:** Deposit donation directly to the church bank account **(for donations only)** 12 3049 0264019 52 with your name or donor number as reference, contact the office for a donor number to get a tax receipt. This can be an ongoing automatic payment or a one-off donation. An EFTPOS machine is available in the church foyer for donations.

## On this week

**Evening Worship** Sunday 7pm at church  
**Playgroup** Mon, Wed and Thurs 9am  
**Seniors @ the Bay** Monday and Friday 9.30  
**Vestry** Monday 7.30pm church lounge  
**Mainly Music** Tuesday 10am  
**Wednesday Service** 9.30am  
**SPACE (parenting course)** Weds 1pm  
**Bible in Schools** BHB Primary 8.50am  
**ESOL pre-intermediate** Thursday 10am  
**Youth** Friday 7-9pm  
**Sunday Services**—see front page  
**Rest Home services**—Peacehaven Friday 3pm

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## Notices

**The Patten family would like to thank the church** for the beautiful gifts you gave us, Anna loved her carved wooden kiwi box, Femke her kiwi style water bottle, Murray his wine and coffee mug and Sarah the glorious flowers, and a beautiful patterned poncho which will keep her warm on cold English nights. The placemats and coasters are also a great reminder of our kiwi heritage. We also really appreciate the gift of money as there are so many set up costs including buying an oven when we get there, and so you have thoughtfully helped us with our transition to life on the other side of the planet. We have loved being part of your church family and part of the Blockhouse Bay community and will really miss life in BHB.

**Leaving gift and card for Sarah.** If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift, please place this in the offering bags in an envelope marked "Leaving gift for Sarah" or make an online gift clearly referenced for Sarah's gift. A card for Sarah is available to sign in the church foyer. Today is the last day to sign the card as it will be presented next week on Sarah's last Sunday.

**The Elders** have been a group who have offered spiritual advice and prayerful support to Sarah in her leadership. At a time of leadership transition, it is customary for such a group to be discontinued, so that a new leader can draw alongside them the kind of support from which they will benefit. Thank you to the Elders for the faithful way they have served the church for many years.

**The Word for Today.** The August-October edition is available from the cupboard in the church foyer. \$2 donation appreciated.

**Youth team helpers required.** If you would be able to assist our youth team in their Sunday morning or Friday night sessions, please see our youth intern Kathryn, [k.n.kennerley@gmail.com](mailto:k.n.kennerley@gmail.com)

**Calling all flower arrangers!** We would like to recruit more people to help arrange flowers for the church on a roster basis. Please see Martyn if you could offer to assist with this.

**Room for rent.** \$170 pw single room available now for rent. Furnished or unfurnished. In Green Bay/Titirangi. Close to bus stops and all amenities. Phone Joanna on 021 050 0025.

**COTS Counselling Team.** If you would like to see a counsellor to discuss a life issue, please let the church office know. Male and female counsellors are part of the team.

**Fancy a good read?** The church library offers a great range of reading and also home group resources. It's located just off the church foyer. Borrowing is free.

