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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.*

### Friday 9th August, 7-9pm

This Friday we have a special guest speaker coming to speak about what God's been up to in their life. Come ready to be inspired! Please bring \$2 to contribute towards supper.

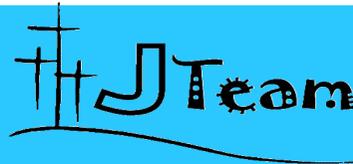
Watch out for further news and updates on the COTS Youth Facebook page.

**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.**

Term 2 is moving along. This week in our new series - Letters from a King we are thinking about what we can learn from the messages written to churches in the New Testament.

We are talking about Smyrna today. They had a rough time with people telling lies about them. Even though they had lies told about them, some were put into prison and others were killed for being Christians, they never stopped following Jesus and walking God's way.

Sometimes we have some opposition when we are trying to follow Jesus too. How do you find it hard? What things have you experienced trying to put you off or stop you? Have you ever been accused of something you didn't do? How did you react? Were you able to clear your name?



*Letters from  
a King*



## 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,

Recently Mum has been getting stuck into mystery novels, and I have to admit I'm a bit partial to series like NCIS where a team of experts work together to solve crimes. Femke has been showing an interest in Sherlock Holmes as well.

A good mystery usually keeps you guessing until the end when all is resolved. Some people tend to think of the Bible as a bit of a mystery, and best left to preachers to explain and sort out, yet we all have a responsibility for feeding ourselves. There is a bit of a problem when we know more about what other people say about the Bible than the Bible itself.

It isn't always easy reading and understanding the Bible, and yet Jesus manages to teach in a way that is easily understood, through pictures and stories, and if we need to start by reading the stories and teaching of Jesus in the Bible then that is a great place to start.

The letter to Timothy reminds us that: 'All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.'

The Bible is meant to equip us, it isn't an

impenetrable book, but accessible. Sure we may need some help with difficult passages but that is what Bible study notes and commentaries are for, to help us engage with, and figure out the bits that are, well, a bit mysterious. We should all be Bible detectives in that we are making sense of what we read, and are building what we read into our daily lives.

In Psalm 1, the psalmist talks of God's law being his delight, and how it is always on his mind in the day and the night. Elsewhere too we are encouraged to think about God's laws and to internalise them – making them part of who we are as Christians.

If you haven't got to your Bible in a while, pull out a deer-stalker and a magnifying glass, and let's get stuck in. All of God's

### 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

## All Welcome

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word to us is precious, and we don't want to miss a thing.

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.*

## On this week

**Evening Worship** Sunday 7pm at church  
**Playgroup** Mon, Wed and Thurs 9am  
**Seniors @ the Bay** Monday and Friday 9.30  
**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**—Crestwood today 10am,  
Capella Thursday 2pm

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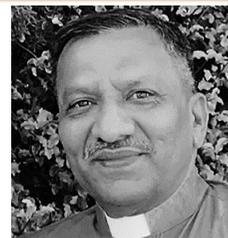
**Leaving gift and card for Sarah.** If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift, please place this in the offering bags in an envelope marked "Leaving gift for Sarah" or make an online gift clearly referenced for Sarah's gift. A card for Sarah is available to sign in the church foyer.

**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.

## Notices

**Revd Shashikant (Shashi) Christian.**

Shashi is looking forward to joining us here at Church of the Saviour on 1 September after Sarah's departure, and he will be the interim Priest-in-Charge until we recruit a permanent Vicar.



Shashi and his wife Ruth have a grown-up daughter and they live in Howick.

The following is extracted from the profile provided by Shashi:

*Passionate, strategic, organisational and pastoral team leader who enjoys building and enhancing meaningful gospel-focused relationships. With a strong personal faith, Shashi is a missional, call driven individual seeking to serve as a leader of the Parish.*

Since 2010 Shashi has been in leadership roles at SIM International, a missionary organisation. Prior to that he worked as a Missioner at St Margaret's, Hillsborough with Rev Max Scott.

Shashi and his family moved to New Zealand 2001 and commenced work as Dean in the Distance Learning Department at the New Covenant International Bible College in Penrose here in Auckland.

Prior to coming to New Zealand Shashi served as Presbyter (equivalent to Vicar) at Saint Luke's Hindustani Church in Hyderabad India.

- Shashi will start with us on Sunday 1st September
- Martyn continues his role as Associate Vicar
- Our Archdeacon has indicated Shashi will be with us for at least 6 months

- Shashi, his wife Ruth and daughter Shiprah will continue to reside at their Howick home. Vestry will need to find a tenant for 50 Kay Drive until it is required by the new permanent Vicar
- As interim Priest-in-Charge Shashi's role will be to keep COTS on the same course as we are at present with no mandate to make any significant changes.

**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

**A big thank you from Jessica** to everyone who donated jars so that she could get all her colouring resources organised in Playgroup. She has been able to achieve everything she hoped. Thanks!

**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.

**Lost property.** We have built up a lot of lost property recently. For this week only it's on a table in the foyer. Please claim anything that is yours. There's especially a lot of umbrellas!

