



St John's
Being the Gospel to all People

Sunday
28 November 2021

A very warm welcome is extended to all
on Zoom this Sunday.
Stay for a chat online after the service.

First Day of Advent

Scripture readings: **Book of Ruth: Chapter One** *The Message*



1 ¹⁻² Once upon a time—it was back in the days when judges led Israel—there was a famine in the land. A man from Bethlehem in Judah left home to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. The man's name was Elimelech; his wife's name was Naomi; his sons were named Mahlon and Kilion—all Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They all went to the country of Moab and settled there.

3-5 Elimelech died and Naomi was left, she and her two sons. The sons took Moabite wives; the name of the first was Orpah, the second Ruth. They lived there in Moab for the next ten years. But then the two brothers, Mahlon and Kilion, died. Now the woman was left without either her young men or her husband.

6-7 One day she got herself together, she and her two daughters-in-law, to leave the country of Moab and set out for home; she had heard that God had been pleased to visit his people and give them food. And so she started out from the place she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law with her, on the road back to the land of Judah....

Next Sunday: 5 December
Theme: Second Sunday of Advent
Scripture reading: Book of Ruth: Chapter Two

Prayer points for: the safety of all workers at our borders, in health, emergency, social and essential services during the global pandemic; for good health for Mary and Brenda and for accessibility and uptake of the Covid vaccine.

Here is the **Sunday morning** zoom invite:
Jeff is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9895548740?pwd=VFduaXNJWCtJYnErZlVJME1NUm9JQT09>

Meeting ID: 989 554 8740 Passcode: 7777777

THANKSGIVING 2021

NOVEMBER

This year our thanksgiving offerings will go towards the upstairs hall and gallery renovations and 10% to the Breakfast Club.

Thanksgiving offerings via direct credit to Bucklands Beach Cooperating Parish
03-0166-0135407-25 - please ensure you reference 'thanksgiving.'

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Bucklands Beach Cooperating Parish

SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER

Following the 9.30 am Services

THIS WEEK
28 Nov – 05 Dec 2021

Sunday 9.30 am Zoom services
in English and service in
Mandarin

Friday:
7 pm – 9 pm Youth Group on
Zoom

Sunday: Services in English and
Mandarin **To be advised**
whether a Zoom or in-person
service.

IMPORTANT - ROSTERS for December 2021 and January 2022

With the prospect that we will be able to return to in-person services in December, if you are on one of our roster teams, please can you let Alison know by Tuesday 23 November, if you will be away during any period in December or January. If you are available, particularly for Christmas Eve or Christmas Day services, please phone the office 5342305

St Johns Advent Walk

Mary and Joseph travelled nearly **145km** on their journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

We would like to invite anyone and everyone to join us at St Johns as we aim to walk/run/cycle the same distance (from the 24th of Nov till the 24th of Dec) in preparation for the holiday season.

Want to know when our next group walk will be?

Find out on our website (stjohnsbb.org.nz) or on our social media.



The Advent walk to the manger, uses scripture as a focus. Please contact the office 534 2305, if you would like to receive the resources for your advent walk to Bethlehem.



Thank you to all who have made a contribution towards the work of the Breakfast Club. A total of \$1,400 has been donated to date.

This is an ongoing project for us to support families. Learn more about what they do here <https://breakfastclub.org.nz> It is hoped we will be able to do something hands on to help this worthy charity in 2022.

Donations can be made at any time to **Bucklands Beach Cooperating Parish**

03-0166-0135407-25 clearly referencing 'Breakfast Club'

Christian World Service – Meaningful gifts

Looking for a gift this Christmas with a promise of change?

All choices support the life-changing work of CWS partners as local people work to overcome poverty and injustice in their own communities. To see their full

range of gifts including fruit trees, school supplies, animals, garden tools, emergency health kits, baby and mother health ...

<https://gift.org.nz/shop/?bblinkid=255760924&bbemailid=35361699&bbejrid=-2138280082>

St John's Community Camp

EAT. PLAY. PRAY.

the unforced rhythms of grace

<p>EAT</p> <p>What would have happened if we expanded the circle, lengthened the table, and decided to feast together?</p>	<p>PLAY</p> <p>Outdoor games, a quiz night, a themed dinner, art, puzzles, music areas and opportunities to explore the Hunua Ranges</p>	<p>PRAY</p> <p>A few chapel sessions lead by an amazing spiritual director, a talented worship band and a space for small group discussions.</p>
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ANYONE AND EVERYONE INVITED!

Fri 25th - Sun 27th February
Hunua Presbyterian Camp

\$100pp for the weekend
\$50 for 1 night/day
\$15 for under 5yrs
*all activities are optional

For more information or to register go to:
www.stjohnsbb.org.nz/community-camp

Sunday Services: English / Mandarin Services via Zoom 9:30a.m.

Office Hours: Tues & Thurs 9:00am – 2:00pm, Fri 9am-11am

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