



**St Johns**  
Being the Gospel to all People

**Sunday**  
**12 December 2021**

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.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of  
Advent

**Scripture readings: Ruth: 3: 1-18**



**3** <sup>1-2</sup> One day her mother-in-law Naomi said to Ruth, “My dear daughter, isn’t it about time I arranged a good home for you so you can have a happy life? And isn’t Boaz our close relative, the one with whose young women you’ve been working? Maybe it’s time to make our move. Tonight is the night of Boaz’s barley harvest at the threshing floor.

<sup>3-4</sup> “Take a bath. Put on some perfume. Get all dressed up and go to the threshing floor. But don’t let him know you’re there until the party is well under way and he’s had plenty of food and drink. When you see him slipping off to sleep, watch where he lies down and then go there. Lie at his feet to let him know that you are available to him for marriage. Then wait and see what he says. He’ll tell you what to do.”

<sup>5</sup> Ruth said, “If you say so, I’ll do it, just as you’ve told me.”

<sup>6</sup> She went down to the threshing floor and put her mother-in-law’s plan into action...

**Next Sunday: 19 December 2021**  
**Theme: The fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**Scripture reading: Ruth 4: 1-17**

**Prayer points for:** Brenda and Mary for good health; for those currently going through treatment; for accessibility to and uptake of Covid vaccines; for the safety of all workers at our borders, in health, emergency, social and essential services during the global pandemic.

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Bucklands Beach Cooperating Parish

## **AGM**

### **Sunday 12 December**

**Following the 9.30 am  
service**

### **THIS WEEK 12 -19 Dec**

9.30 am Service in English followed by the Annual General Meeting.

**Tuesday:** Parish Office open 9 am until 2 pm

**Thursday:** Parish Office attended 9 am until 2 pm

**Friday:**  
Parish Office attended 9am until 11am  
9.30 am – noon Knitting Group (chapel)  
7 pm – 9 pm Youth Group

**Sunday:** 9.30 am service in English



### **Christmas Services @ St Johns 2021**

**Friday 24 December**

7.30 pm Christmas Eve Worship

**Saturday 25 December**

9.30 am Christmas Day Worship

**PARISH OFFICE**

**will be closed from 24th December until Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January**

## RETURNING TO IN-PERSON SERVICES AT ST JOHNS

### – when and what will it look like?

Auckland is now in the **red** setting of the Covid-19 Protection Framework (traffic lights).

- St Johns will open for in-person services on **Sunday 12 December** for the vaccinated.
- All entering the building will be required to show their **My Vaccine Pass**. Please have this ready for the ushers to scan.
- Entrance will be via the main entrance only. The downstairs doors, kindergarten and downstairs toilets will be closed off.
- If you park in the main carpark please walk up the driveway in front of the manse to the main entrance.
- Communion for the time being will be in one kind only, bread.
- Face coverings are required for workers and volunteers. If you are a volunteer such as an usher at the service, you are required to wear a mask.
- While in the red setting we will not be serving morning tea.

Auckland's current setting will be reviewed on Monday 13 December, and then held that way until review again on 17 January 2022.



**The Nativity Project at Holy Trinity Cathedral** each year seeks to draw attention to an important environmental or social issue. This year's theme is **re-GENERATION: Supporting our naïve environment**. People are encouraged to gift native trees for Christmas through Trees that Count. The aim is to raise awareness about the importance of preserving our unique native environment in Aotearoa New Zealand, and to raise funds to assist the regeneration of our native trees.

To engage with the Nativity Project: re-GENERATION you are invited to:

- Visit the installation on the Holy Trinity Cathedral forecourt from 29 November to 25 December in a safe and socially distanced manner.
- Donate a native tree or trees to our Nativity Project Tree Registry  
<https://grow.treesthatcount.co.nz/registry/re-generationthenativityproject2021>

Sunday Services: English / Mandarin & Children's Ministry 9:30a.m.  
 Office Hours: Tues & Thurs 9:00am – 2:00pm, Fri 9am-11am  
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**Youth Group:** Contact Jeff 022 674 0044 [minister@stjohnsbb.org.nz](mailto:minister@stjohnsbb.org.nz)

	<b>This Week's Helpers (12 Dec)</b>	<b>Next Week's Helpers (19 Dec)</b>
Preacher	Rev Jeff Odhiambo	Rev Jeff Odhiambo
Keyboard	N/A	Rahil John
Projector	Jed Stanton	Alison Stanton
Sound Desk	Kieran John-Francke	Bob Corbett
Reader	Trevor Haigh	Michelle Cao
Intercessor	Mavis Haigh	Liz Speer
HC set up	N/A	N/A
HC Serving team	N/A	N/A
Prayer ministry	N/A	N/A
Welcome Desk	N/A	N/A
Ushers	Alison Stanton, Jed Stanton	Trevor and Mavis Haigh
Counters	Nessie Crawford, Trevor Haigh	Bob Williamson, Jeanette Li
Morning Tea	N/A	N/A