



St Johns
Being the Gospel to all People

Sunday
19 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.

4th Sunday of
Advent

Scripture readings: Ruth: 4: 1-17



...¹³ Boaz married Ruth. She became his wife. Boaz slept with her. By God's gracious gift she conceived and had a son.

¹⁴⁻¹⁵ The town women said to Naomi, "Blessed be God! He didn't leave you without family to carry on your life. May this baby grow up to be famous in Israel! He'll make you young again! He'll take care of you in old age. And this daughter-in-law who has brought him into the world and loves you so much, why, she's worth more to you than seven sons!"

¹⁶ Naomi took the baby and held him in her arms, cuddling him, cooing over him, waiting on him hand and foot.

¹⁷ The neighbourhood women started calling him "Naomi's baby boy!" But his real name was Obed. Obed was the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David...

Next Sunday: 26 December 2021

Theme: Finding Joy

Scripture reading: Luke 2:41-52

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



Christmas Services @ St Johns 2021

Friday 24 December

7.30 pm Christmas Eve Worship

Saturday 25 December

9.30 am Christmas Day Worship

THIS WEEK 19 -26 Dec

Sunday 19th: 9.30 am Services in English and Mandarin

12.45-4.30pm Saeng Myung Saem Korean Church

Tuesday 21st: Parish Office open 9 am until 2 pm

Thursday 23rd: Parish Office attended 9 am until 2 pm

Friday 24th:

Parish Office attended 9am until 11am

7.30 pm Christmas Eve worship

Saturday 25th:

9.30 am Christmas Day worship

Sunday 26th: 9.30 am service in English

12.45-4.30pm Saeng Myung Saem Korean Church

Parish Office will be closed from 24 December until 11 January.

A message from the Jeff and the Parish Council

It would be helpful to know how many of you who have been attending our services on Zoom and are vaccinated will be transitioning to the in-person services. Also to know if you are uneasy about attending and would like a livestream service to access the service. Or if you are unvaccinated let us know if you would watch a livestream service.

Contact the Parish Office 534 2305 or Jeff 022 674 0044

RETURNING TO IN-PERSON SERVICES AT ST JOHNS

–what will it look like?

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

- St Johns is now open for in-person services 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 carpark entrance will be closed. The downstairs area including the 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.



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>

	This Week's Helpers (19 Dec)	Next Week's Helpers (26 Dec)
Preacher	Rev Jeff Odhiambo	Rev Jeff Odhiambo
Keyboard	N/A	N/A
Projector	Alison Stanton	Are you able to assist here?
Sound Desk	Bob Corbett	Can you help here?
Reader	David Hall	Judy McDonald
Intercessor	Joan Rutherford	Dick McDonald
HC set up	Alison Stanton	N/A
HC Serving team	Jeff Odhiambo	N/A
Prayer ministry	N/A	N/A
Welcome Desk	N/A	Joan Rutherford
Ushers	Trevor and Mavis Haigh	Dick and Judy McDonald
Counters	Bob Williamson, Jeanette Li	David Hall, Nessie Crawford
Morning Tea	N/A	N/A

Christmas Eve Helpers	7.30 pm Carols and Worship 24 December
Preacher	Rev Jeff Odhiambo
Keyboard	N/A
Projector	Jed Stanton
Sound Desk	Bob Corbett
Reader	Trevor Haigh
Intercessor	Mavis Haigh
HC set up	Rev Jeff Odhiambo
HC Serving team	Rev Jeff Odhiambo

Christmas Day	9.30 am 25 December
Preacher	Rev Jeff Odhiambo
Keyboard	Rahil John
Projector	Alison Stanton
Sound Desk	Collin Francke
Reader	Felicity Vincer
Intercessor	Rev Jeff Odhiambo
HC set up	Rev Jeff Odhiambo
HC Serving team	Rev Jeff Odhiambo

St John's Cooperating Parish

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