



*St John's*  
Being the Gospel to all People

**Sunday**  
**26 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.

## Finding Joy

**Scripture readings: Luke 2:41-52 NSRV**



<sup>41</sup> Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup> When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. <sup>44</sup> Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup> When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." <sup>49</sup> He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup> But they did not understand what he said to them. <sup>51</sup> Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

<sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

**Next Sunday: 2 January 2022**  
**Theme: Pilgrims on the Road**  
**Scripture reading: Matthew 2:1-12 NSRV**

**Following Sunday: 9 January 2022**  
**Theme: Beloved**  
**Scripture reading: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 NSRV**

**Prayer points for:** those for whom this Christmas season is a struggle; 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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## Christmas/NewYear

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
**7.30 pm** Carols and Worship and Holy Communion

**Parish Office closes from 11 am on Christmas Eve until Tuesday 11 January 2022**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
**9.30 am** Christmas Day Worship and Holy Communion

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
9.30 am Service in English

## St John's Community Camp

# EAT. PLAY. PRAY.

the unforced rhythms of grace

### EAT

What would happen if we expanded the circle, lengthened the table, and decided to feast together?

### PLAY

Outdoor games, a quiz night, a themed dinner, art, puzzles, music areas and opportunities to explore the Hunua Ranges

### PRAY

A few chapel sessions lead by an amazing spiritual director, a talented worship band and a space for small group discussions.

## ANYONE AND EVERYONE INVITED!

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> - Sun 27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.stjohnsbb.org.nz/community-camp)

## PARISH OFFICE

Closes from 11 am 24<sup>th</sup> December and re-opens on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

### IN-PERSON SERVICES AT ST JOHNS

- All entering the building are 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 entrance, kindergarten and downstairs toilets are 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.

### CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING ASSOCIATION (CBA)

CBA plan to bring the hope of the Christmas story to more than 250,000 listeners on Friday and Saturday over eighteen hours nationwide on Newstalk ZB. You can find the programme details at <https://www.cba.org.nz/christmas>



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'

Read about the Breakfast Club Christmas Store 2021 in Sami's report.

I CAN TOTALLY  
RELATE TO MARY  
HERE!

YOU CAN?

HOW?

ARE YOU KIDDING?  
WHO *ISN'T* ANNOYED  
BY A TWELVE YEAR-  
OLD KNOW IT ALL?

WWW.AGNUSDAY.ORG

LUKE 2:41-52

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<b>Christmas Eve Helpers</b>	<b>7.30 pm Carols and Worship 24 December</b>
Preacher	Rev Jeff Odhiambo
Keyboard	Albert Ip
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

<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>9.30 am 25 December</b>
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

	<b>This Week's Helpers (26 Dec)</b>	<b>Next Week's Helpers (2 Jan)</b>
Preacher	Rev Jeff Odhiambo	Rev Jeff Odhiambo
Keyboard	Albert Ip	Rahil John
Projector	Daniel Smart	Alicia Odhiambo
Sound Desk	<a href="#">Could you help here?</a>	Trevor Haigh
Reader	Judy McDonald	David Hall
Intercessor	Dick McDonald	Joan Rutherford
HC set up and serving	N/A	Rev Jeff Odhiambo
Prayer ministry	N/A	Joan Rutherford
Welcome Desk	N/A	N/A
Ushers	Dick and Judy McDonald	Derek and Liz Speer
Counters	David Hall and Nessie Crawford	Derek and Christo John

**St John's Cooperating Parish**

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Sunday Services in English at 9.30 am

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