



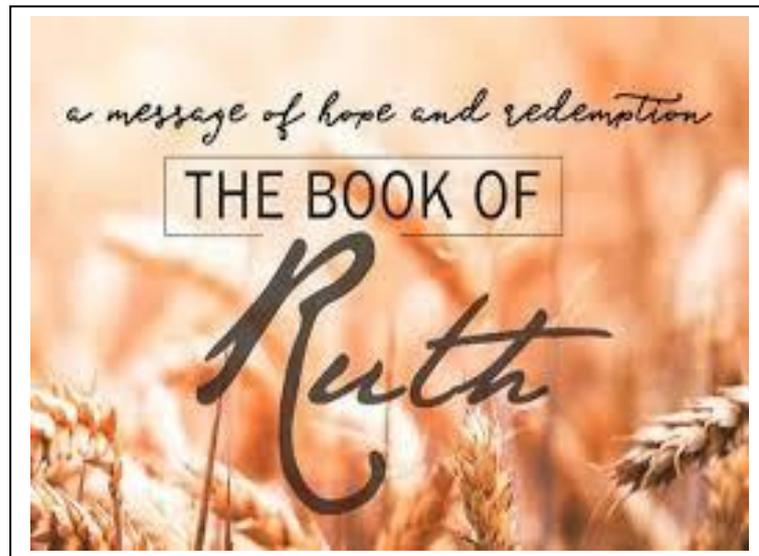
St Johns
Being the Gospel to all People

Sunday
05 December 2021

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

Second Sunday
of Advent

Scripture readings: Ruth: 2: 1-23 *The Message*



... ⁸⁻⁹ Then Boaz spoke to Ruth: “Listen, my daughter. From now on don’t go to any other field to glean—stay right here in this one. And stay close to my young women. Watch where they are harvesting and follow them. And don’t worry about a thing; I’ve given orders to my servants not to harass you. When you get thirsty, feel free to go and drink from the water buckets that the servants have filled.”

¹⁰ She dropped to her knees, then bowed her face to the ground. “How does this happen that you should pick me out and treat me so kindly—*me*, a foreigner?”

¹¹⁻¹² Boaz answered her, “I’ve heard all about you—heard about the way you treated your mother-in-law after the death of her husband, and how you left your father and mother and the land of your birth and have come to live among a bunch of total strangers. GOD reward you well for what you’ve done—and with a generous bonus besides from GOD, to whom you’ve come seeking protection under his wings.”

¹³ She said, “Oh sir, such grace, such kindness—I don’t deserve it. You’ve touched my heart, treated me like one of your own. And I don’t even belong here!” ...

Next Sunday: 12 December
Theme: Third Sunday of Advent
Scripture reading: Ruth: 3: 1-18

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

Here is the **Sunday morning 5 December** zoom invite:
Jeff is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9895548740?pwd=VFduaXNJWCtJYnErZfVJME1NUm9JQT09>

Meeting ID: 989 554 8740 Passcode: 7777777

THIS WEEK
05 Dec – 12 Dec 2021

Sunday 5 December
9.30 am Zoom services in English and service in Mandarin

Friday 10 December
Youth Group 7.30 pm

Sunday: 9.30 am Service in English - My Vaccine Pass required for entry.
Followed by the Annual General Meeting.

Bucklands Beach Cooperating Parish

AGM

SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER
Following the 9.30 am Service

THANKSGIVING 2021

This year our thanksgiving offerings will go towards the upstairs hall and gallery renovations and 10% to the Breakfast Club. \$3600 has been received to date.

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

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.

Studying Theology at the University of Otago

The Theology Programme at the University of Otago offers many opportunities for the study of Theology, Church History, Ministry, Biblical Studies, and Pastoral Theology, both on-campus and to many students across Aotearoa New Zealand through its successful distance study programme. We are committed to serving Christian communities throughout the country.

New enrolments for 2022 are now open. For details of papers go to: <https://www.otago.ac.nz/theology/study/papers/> or see the attached posters.

To enrol go to <https://www.otago.ac.nz/study/enrolment/>

REAL LIFE - This Sunday night (5th December), John Cowan's guest will be operatic tenor **Simon O'Neill**.

Simon O'Neill has snagged two Grammy nominations this year for Best Choral Performance and Best Engineered Album in Classical.

Hailing from Ashburton, Simon received his musical training at the University of Otago and Victoria University, graduating with an honours degree in music. He received scholarships to the Juilliard Opera Center and the Manhattan School of Music, earning a Master of Music degree in 2000. In late 2016 he was awarded Doctor of Music (Honoris Causa) from Victoria University. He went on to be appointed Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit in the 2017 Queen's Birthday Honours.

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>

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“Na, ma te Atua, nana nei te tumanako, e whakaki koutou ki te hari katoa, ki te rangimarie, i runga i te whakapono, kia hua ai to koutou tumanako, i runga i te kaha o te Wairua Tapu” ... “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15

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