



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

**Sunday**  
**13 February 2022**

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.

## Healing for All

**Scripture readings: Luke 6: 17-26 NIV**



<sup>17</sup> He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, <sup>18</sup> who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, <sup>19</sup> and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

<sup>20</sup> Looking at his disciples, he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup> Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.

<sup>23</sup> "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> "But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort.

<sup>25</sup> Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

**Next Sunday: 20 February 2022**

**Theme: Living as Disciples**

**Scripture reading: Luke 6:27-38**

**Prayer points for:** for Don Battley on the passing of Eleanor this week; the Brook family in their time of bereavement; Olga and the Ferreira family during their time of bereavement; for the citizens of Tonga following the cases of Omicron being detected in the community, the recent volcanic eruption and tsunamis; for accessibility to and continued uptake of Covid vaccines; for good health for Brenda and Mary and for the safety of all workers at our borders, in health, emergency, social and essential services during the global pandemic.

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### **Connecting with life**

- **What brings you to a place of happiness or feeling blessed?**

### **Scripture**

**Luke 6:17–26** Jesus begins to teach about the life of discipleship and turns conventional human understanding upside down.

- **What does Jesus' positioning (v. 17) reveal about the way of Jesus? the way of discipleship?**

Jesus describes the realm of God in a way that illustrates discipleship is not a single achievement but a way of living.

- **Does this feel discouraging or liberating for you?**
- **In your experience, how does your community view discipleship?**

Most of us would not view poverty or powerlessness or being ostracized as desirable states of being. It was no different in Jesus' time when he spoke these words. What could be good news about poverty, hunger, or being hated? Moreover, Jesus concludes with a series of woes/troubles ahead for those who are rich, full, laughing...

- **How do we receive these words today?**
- **How do we hear the message "blessed are you who are poor," when so many live in poverty and struggle with the economic hardships of a pandemic, political unrest, or natural disasters?**

A woman from Chile said to a woman from North America, "We don't want you to give everything away. Don't become as us – we want to all have enough."

**THIS WEEK 13 Feb – 20 Feb**

#### **Friday 11 February**

Youth Group 7-9 pm (Upstairs hall)

**Sunday 13 February:** 9.30 am Service in English and Mandarin

#### **Parish Office is open**

Tuesday 9 am – 2 pm

Thursday 9 am – 2 pm

Friday 9 am – 11 am

**Wednes AA meeting now via Zoom**

#### **Friday 18 February**

9.30am Knitting Group (foyer)

7pm-9pm Youth Group

**Sunday 20 February** 9.30 am service in English and Mandarin

- **What does it mean to be a community where there is no difference between rich and poor?**

The Beatitudes show us how, in Jesus' mind, we are blessed both for what we are and are not, for what we have and will receive.

- **How are your blessings and giftedness a call to be connected to others?**

### Connecting scripture and life

Most of the world continues to live in great poverty. The Beatitudes carry with them the message of both blessing and call to action as powerfully today as they did over 2000 years ago.

- **Where and how might you, individually and as a church, participate in the vision Jesus offers of a world of abundance, joy, and mercy for all?**

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### **EMERGENCY RESPONSE FOR TONGA**

**Anglican Missions** is working with the Anglican Diocese of Polynesia to replenish preposition relief supplies located at four Anglican churches in Nuku'alofa, along with assisting in a response and recovery project based on needs assessments from communities in Tonga. Donations can be made here

<https://angmissions.org.nz/donate>



### **St John's Community Camp**

**EAT. PLAY. PRAY**

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> – Sun 27<sup>th</sup> February**

**Hunua Presbyterian Camp**

**To register go to:**

**<https://stjohnsbb.org.nz/community-camp/>**

### **Coffee and Chat**

There will be no Coffee and Chat during February. If the Covid-19 setting changes we will reassess the situation for March.

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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	<b>This Week's Helpers (13 February)</b>	<b>Next Week's Helpers (20 February)</b>
Preacher	Rev Jeff Odhiambo	Rev Jeff Odhiambo
Keyboard	Albert Ip	Albert Ip
Projector	Alison Stanton	Alison Stanton
Sound Desk	Trevor Haigh	Trevor Haigh
Reader	David Hall	David Hall
Intercessor	Julie Dickey	Julie Dickey
HC set up	N/A	N/A
HC Serving team	N/A	N/A
Prayer ministry	Could you help here?	Joan Jones
Welcome Desk	N/A	N/A
Ushers	Nessie Crawford, Alison Stanton	Trevor and Mavis Haigh
Counters	Christo John, Bob Williamson	Trevor, plus one
Morning Tea	N/A	N/A