



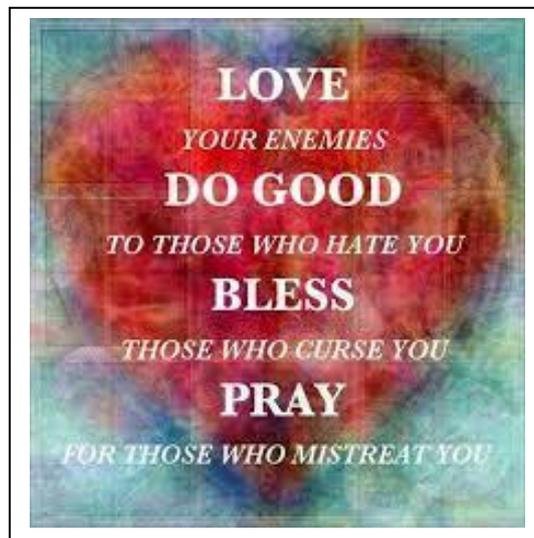
**St Johns**  
Being the Gospel to all People

**Sunday**  
**20 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.

## Living as Disciples

**Scripture readings: Luke 6: 27-38 NIV**



<sup>27</sup> "But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. <sup>29</sup> If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you. <sup>32</sup> "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. <sup>34</sup> And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. <sup>37</sup> "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. <sup>38</sup> Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

**Next Sunday: 27 February 2022**

**Theme: Holy Mystery**

**Scripture reading: Luke 9:28-36**

**Prayer points for:** for Don Battley and family on the passing of Eleanor; the Brook family in their time of bereavement; Olga and the Ferreira family during their time of bereavement; relevant support For Tonga during the recovery period from the volcanic eruption and tsunami; for accessibility to and continued uptake of Covid vaccines in Aotearoa and the worldwide; 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**

**Q When have you experienced the mercy of another person?**

**Q When has mercy been asked of you?**

### **Scripture**

**Luke 6:27–38** records Jesus' controversial claim about those who believe and act differently: Love your enemies. Sustain all regardless of your judgment of them as good or bad. Be merciful for God is merciful – to go beyond what is comfortable and forgive, reserve judgment/condemnation, be merciful. Here, Jesus turns our focus from an obsession with perfection to a posture of compassion.

**Q What is most difficult for us (forgiveness, holding back judgment, showing mercy)?**

**Q What daily practices can help us be more Christ-like?**

**Q How might you foster compassion for people you feel a need to judge?**

### **Connecting scripture and life**

Ponder Jesus' radical teaching on love.

**Q What is the challenge for your church in this teaching?**

Jesus teaches that loving must extend beyond; doing good must extend beyond; forgiveness must be our attitude.

### **THIS WEEK 20 Feb – 27 Feb**

**Sunday 20 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

#### **Friday 25 February**

9.30am Knitting Group (foyer)

#### **Friday 25 to Sunday 27 February**

CHURCH CAMP at Hunua

#### **Sunday 27 February**

9.30 service at Hunua as part of  
Church Camp

And

9.30 am service in English and  
Mandarin @ St Johns

Q To what extent might someone outside the church community say, “we know they are Christians by their love, by their deeds, by their forgiveness”?

Q How might you grow together in this?

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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>

## ASH WEDNESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH

**IMPORTANT** – please let Jeff or Alison know as soon as possible if you would prefer a daytime or evening service



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)

**Registrations close this weekend**

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	<b>This Week's Helpers (20 February)</b>	<b>Next Week's Helpers (27 February)</b>
Preacher	Rev Jeff Odhiambo	Mavis Haigh & Liz Speer
Keyboard	Joan Williamson	n/a
Projector	Jed Stanton	Alison Stanton
Sound Desk	Daniel Smart	Trevor Haigh
Reader	Dick McDonald	Liz Speer
Intercessor	Judy McDonald	Mavis Haigh
HC set up	Jeff Odhiambo	N/A
HC Serving team	Jeff Odhiambo	N/A
Prayer ministry	Joan Jones	Could you help here?
Welcome Desk	N/A	N/A
Ushers	Trevor and Mavis Haigh	Alison Stanton
Counters	Trevor plus one	Jeanette Li plus one
Morning Tea	N/A	N/A