



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

**Sunday**  
**20 March 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.

**Riddle Me This?**

**Scripture readings: Luke 13:1-8 NIV**



**13** Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup> Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? <sup>3</sup> I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. <sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup> I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.”

<sup>6</sup> Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. <sup>7</sup> So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’

<sup>8</sup> “‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it.

**Next Sunday: 27 March 2022**

**Theme: Welcoming Grace**

**Scripture readings:** Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; **Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

**Prayer points for:** peace in Ukraine; a full recovery for all in our community testing positive with Omicron; and for the safety of all frontline workers in health, emergency and essential services during this global pandemic.

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### **Connecting with life**

Reflect on what is for some an everyday experience of hunger and thirst in all its physicality.

- **Where are the areas of the world that are filled with emptiness, and who are the peoples of the world who fear they may never be satisfied?**
- **In what ways has the pandemic, the climate crisis, or the global economy left some at the margins, forcing people into poverty, displacing people from their homes?**

### **Scripture**

There is blessing and promise in this week's readings but also warning. God is patient and yet also looking for a response even if it is just to come and buy and eat that which is good for a change. God knows what truly satisfies human need. At times we realize it and yet often seek to be satisfied in ways that do not enrich life.

#### **Isaiah 55:1-9**

- **What are the relationships that sustain and those that send us away hungry?**
- **When, in daily life, do you hear the invitation to return to God?**
- **From whom do you experience unconditional welcome? Where do you get refreshed and renewed?**

**Luke 13:1-9** provides an image of a gardener giving refreshment to an ailing plant.

- **Who are the faithful gardeners in your community? How do you see them looking for the good and nurturing those who are vulnerable?**
- **What could be nurtured in you in order to feel refreshed?**

### **Connecting scripture and life**

God invites us to open ourselves to the sound and sight, and to the presence and call of God's generous goodness all around us and within us.

#### **THIS WEEK 20 – 27 March**

**Sunday 20 March:** 9.30 am Presbyterian Holy Communion Service in English and Mandarin

**Monday 21 March**  
Space Programme for new parents on Zoom

**Thursday 24 March**  
3.15 – 4.15 pm MusiqHub (foyer)

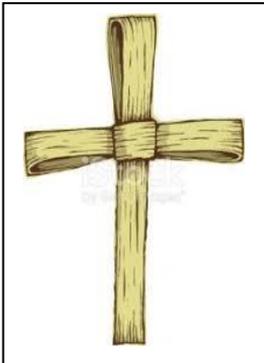
**Friday 25 March**  
9.15 am – noon Knitting Group (foyer)

**Friday 25 March**  
Youth Group meeting via Zoom

**Sunday 27 March** 9.30 Service in English and Mandarin

- Where do you see God's generous goodness in the world?
- Where might we be called to enrich our spiritual lives and express our passion for God? What can you do this week to answer God's invitation?

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## PALM CROSSES

**Save the date – Friday 8 April 12 noon – 2pm  
Join us at church to make palm crosses for Palm  
Sunday**

### HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES

**Maundy Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April** from 4 pm  
Foot washing and Stations of the Cross.  
Concludes with communion and  
stripping of the altar at 7.30 pm

**Good Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April**            9:30 am Service

**Easter Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April**        9.30 am Service

### Stations of the Cross – open hours

Thursday 14 April            4 pm to 7.30 pm

Good Friday 15 April        9.30 am to 11 am

Saturday 16 April            10 am to 4 pm

Sunday 17 April              9.30 am to 11 am

**Cheri Liu, one of our Youth leaders is planning to start a car detailing business. "If you would like your car groomed or know of anyone with a car who would like a quality job done including wash, vacuum and wax, please message me for more details. [Cheriliu2003@hotmail.com](mailto:Cheriliu2003@hotmail.com) or 021 079 3636."**



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	<b>This Week's Helpers (20 March )</b>	<b>Next Week's Helpers (27 March)</b>
Preacher	Rev Jeff Odhiambo	Rev Jeff Odhiambo
Musician	Rahil John	Joan Williamson
Projector	Daniel Smart	Jed Stanton
Sound Desk	Jed Stanton	Daniel Smart
Reader	Trevor Haigh	Felicity Vincer
Intercessor	Mavis Haigh	Bob Williamson
HC set up	Rev Jeff Odhiambo	N/A
HC Serving team	Rev Jeff Odhiambo	N/A
Prayer ministry	Joan Jones	Could you help?
Welcome Desk	Could you help?	Joan Rutherford
Ushers	Trevor and Mavis Haigh	Trevor and Mavis Haigh
Counters	Trevor Haigh, Christo John	Bob Williamson, Jeanette Li