



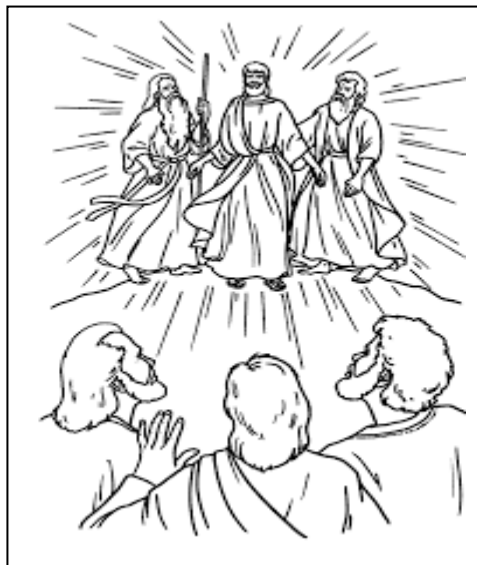
**St Johns**  
Being the Gospel to all People

**Sunday**  
**27 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.

**Changed**

**Scripture readings: Luke 9:28-36 CEV**



<sup>28</sup> About eight days later Jesus took Peter, John, and James with him and went up on a mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> While he was praying, his face changed, and his clothes became shining white. <sup>30</sup> Suddenly Moses and Elijah were there speaking with him. <sup>31</sup> They appeared in heavenly glory and talked about all that Jesus' death<sup>[a]</sup> in Jerusalem would mean.

<sup>32</sup> Peter and the other two disciples had been sound asleep. All at once they woke up and saw how glorious Jesus was. They also saw the two men who were with him.

<sup>33</sup> Moses and Elijah were about to leave, when Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here! Let us make three shelters, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But Peter did not know what he was talking about.

<sup>34</sup> While Peter was still speaking, a shadow from a cloud passed over them, and they were frightened as the cloud covered them. <sup>35</sup> From the cloud a voice spoke, "This is my chosen Son. Listen to what he says!"

<sup>36</sup> After the voice had spoken, Peter, John, and James saw only Jesus. For some time they kept quiet and did not say anything about what they had seen. ...

**Next Sunday: 6 March 2022**

**Theme: Practice Gratitude**

**Scripture reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13**

**Prayer points for:** 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 worldwide; for the safety of all workers at our borders, in health, emergency, social and essential services during this global pandemic; for Don Battley and family on the passing of Eleanor; and for a full recovery for all in our community testing positive with Omicron.

### **Connecting with life**

- **When and where, in your own experience and the community have you seen the breaking in of the holy? How did you respond to it?**

### **Scripture**

**Luke 9:28–43**

- **What was the disciples' reaction to this encounter with the Holy Mystery?**

This story is in two parts. One part takes place on top of a mountain, and the second takes place on a city street at the bottom of the mountain. God is with us both on mountaintops and in valleys.

- **When have you had a “mountaintop” experience of God’s presence?**
- **When have you encountered God in one of life’s valleys?**
- **What is the experience of God like in each place?**

Transfiguration Sunday provides an opportunity to remember “thin place” times. Times when we are aware that a tissue-thin veil stands between the ordinary world and the mystic world.

- **What clouds, or other things, block a full experience of God’s presence – limit “thin place” moments with Holy Mystery?**

### **Connecting scripture and life**

“Don’t just do something. Stand there!” is a quote variously attributed to President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Clint Eastwood, and Lewis Carroll’s White Rabbit, among others.

- **What does it mean in our lives – as individuals and as the church – to sit with Holy Mystery?**

**THIS WEEK 27 Feb – 6 March**

**Saturday 26 February**

**From 5 pm** Outside Get-Together in the courtyard at St Johns

**Sunday 27 February:** 9.30 am Service in English and Mandarin

**Monday 28 February**

Space Programme for new parents on Zoom

**Wednesday 2 March**

**ASH WEDNESDAY Service At 4 pm.**

**Thursday 3 March**

3.15 – 4.15 pm MusiqHub (foyer)

**Friday 4 March**

9.15 am – noon Knitting Group (foyer)

**Sunday 06 March** 9.30 am Holy Communion service in English and Mandarin

**FOOD BANK SUNDAY**

- What might you do this week to create space for an encounter with glory? What will you need to let go?

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**THE BEST BITS**

**CAMPS CANCELLED BUT LETS GET TOGETHER**

WHEN: SATURDAY 26TH FEB FROM 5PM

WHERE: OUTSIDE IN THE CHURCH COURTYARD

WHAT: CAMP IS CANCELLED AND YOUTH GROUP WON'T BE ON SO LETS GET TOGETHER FOR ALL THE BEST BITS FROM CAMP THAT YOU WERE LOOKING FORWARD TO. DUMPLING MAKING, CAMPFIRE AND A OUTDOOR MOVIE WITH LESS RISK OF COVID.



**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**  
**Wednesday 2 March**  
**at 4 pm**

**ART EXHIBITION**

By David Lin

An exhibition of David Lin's water colour paintings is open for viewing in the foyer at St Johns over the next few weeks

9 am until 2 pm Tuesdays to Fridays

Half the proceeds from any sales will be donated to St Johns

Sunday Services: English / Mandarin & Children's Ministry 9:30a.m.  
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	<b>This Week's Helpers (27 February)</b>	<b>Next Week's Helpers (6 March)</b>
Preacher	Mavis Haigh & Liz Speer	Rev Jeff Odhiambo
Musician	Albert Ip	Rahil John
Projector	Alison Stanton	Alison Stanton
Sound Desk	Trevor Haigh	Collin Francke
Reader	David Hall	Michelle Cao
Intercessor	Joan Rutherford	Joan Rutherford
HC set up	N/A	Rev Jeff Odhiambo
HC Serving team	N/A	Alison Stanton
Prayer ministry	Could you help here?	Joan Rutherford
Welcome Desk	N/A	Betty Curd
Ushers	Alison Stanton	Derek and Liz Speer
Counters	Jeanette Li plus one	Derek Speer, Christo John
Morning Tea	N/A	N/A