



St Johns
Being the Gospel to all People

**Sunday
6 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.

Can You Prove It?

Scripture readings: Luke 4:1-13 NIV



4 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, **2** where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

3 The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."**4** Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'"

5 The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. **6** And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. **7** If you worship me, it will all be yours." **8** Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

9 The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. **10** For it is written:" 'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; **11** they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'

"**12** Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" **13** When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

Next Sunday: 13 March 2022

Theme: Ritual of Promise

Scripture reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

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

Connecting with life

- **How do you feel in an unfamiliar place, perhaps on holiday, in someone else’s home, or on a street you don’t know? How do you feel when a “stranger” comes into your home or your familiar community?**

Scripture

Luke 4:1–13 Times of solitude need not mean times of loneliness. Jesus faced testing with the presence of God in Spirit and in living words of scripture and tradition, companions of strength and truth.

- **What – and who – have been your companions in wilderness times in your life?**
- **Through what words and traditions do you, as an individual and as the church, find your trust in God most energized in the face of challenges and tests?**

Connecting scripture and life

Lent brings us into an alien land.

- **What might you do or use to guide yourself through Lent?**
- **What landmarks might you use on this journey? What signs and symbols give you hope?**
- **What might you celebrate and what offerings might you give in this season of travelling?**

We live in communities hurt by racial injustice, systemic oppression of minorities, and neglect of our planet.

- **How will you move toward liberation in solidarity with those who are suffering?**
- **What might practicing solidarity with these communities look like this Lent?**



THIS WEEK 6 March – 13 March

Sunday 6 March: 9.30 am Holy Communion Service in English and Mandarin

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

Monday 7 March

Space Programme for new parents on Zoom

Thursday 9 March

3.15 – 4.15 pm MusiqHub (foyer)

Friday 10 March

9.15 am – noon Knitting Group (foyer)

Sunday 13 March 9.30 Service in English and Mandarin

Note: There will be no Youth Group tonight, Friday 4 March.

This Sunday is **Foodbank Sunday**

Your contributions are distributed to those in need in the community by the All Saints Food Bank.



NZ Churches stand with Ukraine - Leaders of four of New Zealand's main Christian denominations have released a statement on Russian aggression in Ukraine.

JOINT AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND CHURCH LEADERS | 01 MAR 2022 **Joint statement on Ukraine**

Across the globe people are horrified by the invasion of Ukraine by Russia. In a region that learnt the devastating lessons of war last century, the pattern has the tragic possibility of repeating.

It flies in the face of much of the progress in peaceful coexistence that Europe has made in recent decades.

Once again, on European soil, we see the rights and wellbeing of millions of ordinary people trampled on by an aggressive and entitled leader.

It also flies in the face of the Jesus values of peacemaking. In this instance, those values call us to stand against violence and stand with the oppressed.

Those values call for de-escalation and peace talks.

They call for humility and kindness.

As Christians we stand in solidarity with the vast chorus of voices calling for the aggression to end and the peaceful solutions to begin.

Signed:

Right Rev Hamish Galloway

Moderator, Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand

Andrew Doubleday

President, Methodist Church of New Zealand

Cardinal John A Dew

Catholic Church Archbishop of Wellington, New Zealand

Archbishop Don Tamihere & Archbishop Philip Richardson

Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

MAUNDY THURSDAY 14 April

**Would you prefer a daytime or evening service on Maundy Thursday?
Please let Alison or Jeff know your preference.**

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	This Week's Helpers (6 March)	Next Week's Helpers (13 March)
Preacher	Rev Jeff Odhiambo	Rev Jeff Odhiambo
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Sound Desk	Collin Francke	Jed Stanton
Reader	Michelle Cao	Jed Stanton
Intercessor	Joan Rutherford	Julie Dickey
HC set up	Rev Jeff Odhiambo	N/A
HC Serving team	Rev Jeff Odhiambo	N/A
Prayer ministry	Joan Rutherford	Could you help here?
Ushers	Derek and Liz Speer	Alison and Jed Stanton
Counters	Jeanette Li plus one	Nessie Crawford, David Hall