



St John's
Being the Gospel to all People

**Sunday
17 July 2022**

A very warm welcome is extended to all visitors to St John's. Morning tea is offered after the service today, so please stay and enjoy.

Hospitable Welcomes

Scripture readings: Luke 10:38-42 NIV



³⁸ As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

⁴¹ "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Next Sunday: 24 July 2022

Theme: Faithful Prayer

Scripture readings: Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85: Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19); **Luke 11:1-13**

Prayer points for: a return to peace in Ukraine; for healing and a return to good health for those in hospital and those in our community testing positive with COVID-19 or with winter illnesses; comfort for the Davis family on the passing of their father.

Connecting with Life:

Life is often filled with activity. Taking a moment for ourselves, spending time in attentive reflection can seem wasteful, decadent, or even a sign of laziness. Reflect on this past week.

- **When did you desire/need a moment for yourself?**
- **How free did you feel in making a choice to take that moment?**

Scripture:

Luke 10:38–42 Listen to the story as if you have never heard it before. Listen for or imagine different tones of voice: Is Jesus angry? Is he chiding? Is Martha angry? friendly? frustrated and tired? What might be the reaction of others in the room?

- **How might our own experience/context affect the way we hear/interpret a text?**

Today's readings call disciples to embody a balance of word and work – going and doing, and sitting and listening. Acting in love toward the neighbour is necessary and so is nourishing one's faith.

- **What traditions seem to be blocking you from faithfully listening and responding to God's word?**
- **In what ways are your actions – as an individual and as a church – informed by reflection on Christ and the ways of God?**
- **How might we avoid the dichotomy of being a "Mary" or being a "Martha" and strive instead for balance?**

Connecting scripture and life

We can draw an unintentional dichotomy between the work of ministry and the spiritual life of faith from this week's focus story.

- **To what extent does the work you do flow from the centre?**

THIS WEEK 17 July – 24 July

Sunday 17 July

9.30 am Communion Service in English and Mandarin

Monday 18 July

SPACE PROGRAMME closed during the school holidays

Tuesday 19 July

7.30 pm Parish Council meeting

Friday 22 July

9.15 am – noon Knitting Group (gallery)

Friday 22 July

No Youth Group during the school holidays

Sunday 24 July

9.30 am Service in English and Mandarin

12.30 -4.30 pm Highland Park Scottish Dancing

- **How does the flow of action/reflection/action move through your life?**
- **How does the flow of action/reflection/action flow through the ministry of your congregation?**

Jesus affirms Mary's right to choose her role as a disciple.

- **How are you, individually and as a church, a sign of the hope and freedom of God's reign? How might you be agents of liberation for those who are denied the right to make a choice in their lives?**

July COFFEE & CHAT cancelled

There will be no Coffee and Chat this month in light of the concerns expressed by experts about the effect this second wave of Covid will have on the vulnerable.

Advanced Care Planning Seminar

Wednesday 27 July

10am – 12pm

Highland Park Community House, 47 Aviemore Drive, Highland Park

This Advanced Care Planning Seminar will be run by Alana Marck for Age Concern. If anyone would like to attend please ring Joan Williamson 09 537 8640 and I will co-ordinate.

175th Anniversary 2022

2022 is the 175th anniversary year since the first settlers arrived in Howick and districts (November 1847). The immigration group of retired Fencible soldiers and families were first welcomed at St Johns College in October 1847 and then on 12 November 1847 were dropped off at Howick Beach. Eventually over several waves of migration 2,563 Fencible family members arrived. It was the first Government/military migration scheme and at the time in the late 1840s and early 1850s almost doubled the settler population of the Auckland region. For 2022 a community trust, management committee and many work groups have been formed to celebrate the anniversary year. Please see the website: www.howick175.co.nz

Sunday 14th August: Wesleyan/Methodist Historic Tour including to the forgotten cemetery
Special tour in Howick & districts 175th anniversary year of historic Wesleyan/Methodist sites in Howick and Pakuranga including a forgotten cemetery unknown to most passers-by. The tour will be escorted by Rev Dr Richard Waugh (President of the World Methodist Historical Society) and Alan La Roche (Howick Historian).

1.30pm: Meet at Fencible Walk (110 Picton Street), site of 1852 Wesleyan beginnings.

2.15pm: Gather at old Wesleyan Methodist Cemetery at 337a Pakuranga Road (park around corner in Gossamer Drive and walk back to cemetery).

2.45pm Visit Howick Historical Village (discounted entry fee of \$11 per person) to visit the historic 1852 Wesleyan Methodist chapel (one of the oldest buildings in East Auckland). Sing some favourite hymns by Charles Wesley (accompanied by pedal organ) and with thanksgiving prayers. Afternoon tea at the Homestead Café. [All welcome.](#)

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	This Week's Helpers (17 July)	Next Week's Helpers (24 July)
Preacher	Christina Turner	Rev Jeff Odhiambo
Musician	Rahil John	Joan Williamson
Projector	Alison Stanton	Alicia Odhiambo
Sound Desk	Henry Turner	Collin Francke
Reader	Trevor Haigh	Alison Stanton
Intercessor	Mavis Haigh	Bob Williamson
HC set up	Alison Stanton	N/A
HC Serving team	Rev Jeff Odhiambo, Alison Stanton	N/A
Prayer ministry	An opportunity to serve here	Joan Rutherford
Welcome Desk	An opportunity to serve here	Joan Rutherford
Usher	Mavis Haigh, Trevor Haigh	Olga Ferreira, Alison Stanton
Counters	Trevor Haigh, Nessie Crawford	Bob Williamson, Nessie Crawford
Morning Tea	Nessie Crawford, Uraivan Jolly	Julie Dickey, Alison Stanton