



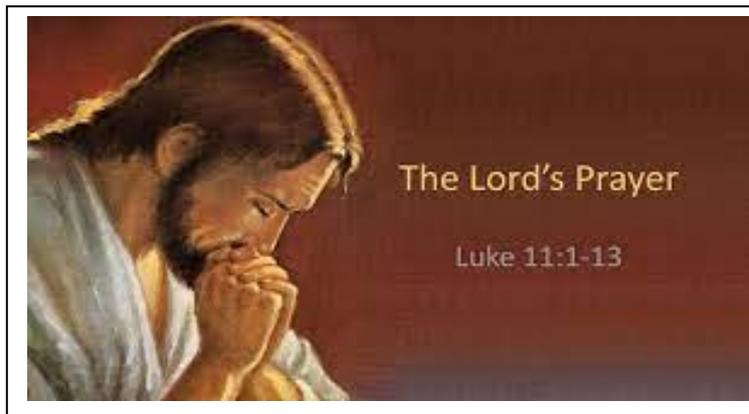
St John's
Being the Gospel to all People

Sunday
24 June 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.

Faithful Prayer

Scripture readings: Luke 11:1-13



11 One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

2 He said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. **3** Give us each day our daily bread. **4** Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.”

5 Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; **6** a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ **7** And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ **8** I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

9 “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. **10** For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. **11** “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? **12** Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? **13** If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Next Sunday: 31 July 2022

Theme: Abundant Love

Scripture readings: Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Colossians 3:1-11, **Luke 12:13-21**

Prayer points for: for peace to be restored in Ukraine; a full recovery for all in our community testing positive for Covid and for those with health issues; and the Davis family on the passing of their father Don.

Connecting with life

“If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough.” (Meister Eckhart)

Q What is the nature of prayer in your life?

Q What do you find challenging about prayer or praying?

Scripture

Luke 11:1–13

Q If the Disciples’ Prayer, as presented in Luke 11:2–4, was the only prayer you ever had available to you to pray, how sufficient would you find it?

The Message translates the petitions in Luke 11:2b–4 as “Reveal who you are. Set the world right. Keep us alive with three square meals. Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving of others. Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil.”

Q What changes to the phrases might you make to fit situations in your life or community?

Q When have you known prayer to effect change?

The parable contained in Luke 11:1–13 assures us that God’s goodness exceeds that of any earthly neighbour or parent.

Q How have you experienced God’s generous love?

Q When have you received extraordinary sustenance despite the actions of those around you?

Many scholars believe the sayings offered in Luke 11:5–13 were not necessarily spoken at once but are collected here because of their connection to prayer. They speak of persistence in prayer and tell us something of the nature of God.

Q What do these verses tell you about God?

Q How do you reconcile verse 10 with daily living?

THIS WEEK 24 July – 31 July

Parish Office will be closed on Thursday 21 July

Sunday 24 July

Service in English and Mandarin

Monday 25 July

SPACE programme (worship room)

Thursday 28 July

3.15 pm MusiqHub (foyer)

Friday 29 July

9.15 am – noon Knitting Group (gallery)

7 pm Youth Group (upstairs community hall)

Sunday 31 July

9.30 am Service in English and Mandarin

Q When does it feel like prayers are met with silence?

Connecting scripture and life

Q As you reflect on Jesus' teaching about prayer, what are some things you will never give up praying for?

Prayer is a mystery. It can be a hymn of praise, a cry for justice, a quiet moment with God, or a public declaration.

Q When we pray for God's reign and God's will, how does it transform our living, as individuals and as the church?

IMPORTANT REMINDER

COVID-19 is still present in the community.

Please remain vigilant for symptoms.

Stay at home if you are unwell. If you or a member of your household tests positive for COVID-19 and you need to self-isolate, let Alison at the Parish Office know if you need assistance.

Wear a mask when attending church.

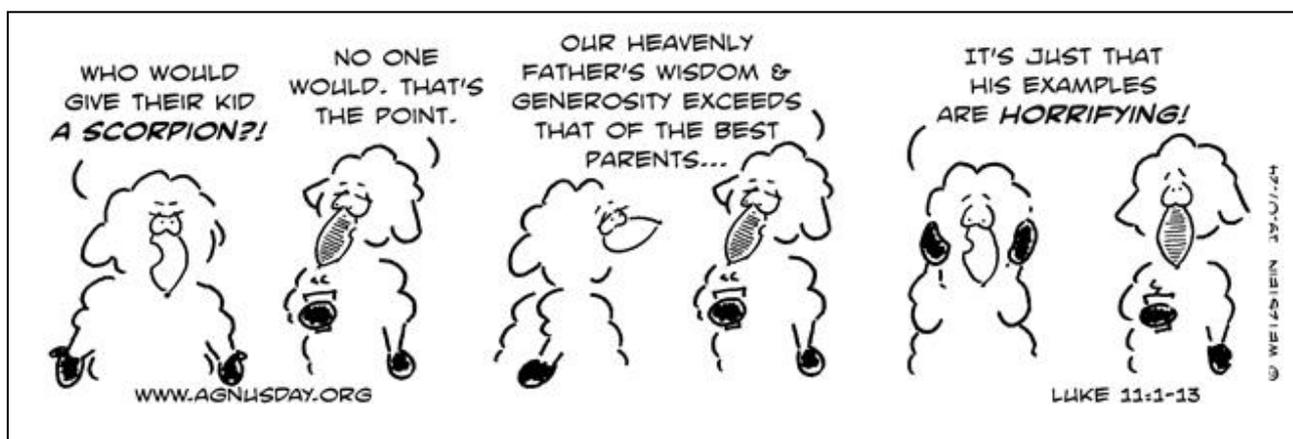
Advanced Care Planning Seminar

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.



Sunday Services: English / Mandarin 9:30a.m.
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| | This Week's Helpers (24 July) | Next Week's Helpers (31 July) |
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| Preacher | Rev Jeff Odhiambo | Rev Jeff Odhiambo |
| Musician | Joan Williamson | Winnie Wong & Jeanette Li |
| Projector | Alicia Odhiambo | Trevor Haigh |
| Sound Desk | Collin Francke | Daniel Smart |
| Reader | Alison Stanton | TBA |
| Intercessor | Bob Williamson | TBA |
| HC set up | N/A | Alison Stanton |
| HC Serving team | N/A | Rev Jeff Odhiambo, Alison Stanton |
| Prayer ministry | Joan Rutherford | An opportunity to serve here |
| Welcome Desk | Joan Rutherford | An opportunity to serve here |
| Usher | Olga Ferreira, Alison Stanton | Alison Stanton plus one |
| Counters | Bob Williamson, Nessie Crawford | Jeanette Li, Trevor Haigh |
| Morning Tea | Julie Dickey, Alison Stanton | Uraivan Jolly, Nessie Crawford |