



St
Johns
Being the Gospel to all People

Sunday
26 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.

Fork in the road

Scripture readings: Luke 9:51-62 The Voice



⁵¹ The time approached for Him to be taken back up to the Father; so strong with resolve, Jesus made Jerusalem His destination. ⁵² He sent some people ahead of Him into the territory of the Samaritans, a minority group at odds with the Jewish majority. He wanted His messengers to find a place for them to stay in a village along the road to Jerusalem. ⁵³ But because the Samaritans realized Jesus was going to Jerusalem, they refused to welcome them.

James and John (outraged): ⁵⁴ Lord, do You want us to call down fire from heaven to destroy these people who have rejected You? [Just as Elijah did.]

Jesus (turning toward them and shaking His head): ⁵⁵ You just don't get it. [⁵⁶ The Son of Man didn't come to ruin the lives of people, but He came to liberate them.] He led them on toward another village. ⁵⁷ Farther along on the road, a man volunteered to become a disciple. **Volunteer:** I'll follow You to any destination.

Jesus: ⁵⁸ Foxes are at home in their burrows. Birds are at home in their nests. But the Son of Man has no home. ⁵⁹ You (to another person)—I want you to follow Me! **Another Volunteer:** I'd be glad to, Teacher, but let me first attend to my father's funeral.

Jesus: ⁶⁰ Let the dead bury their dead. I'm giving you a different calling—to go and proclaim the kingdom of God. **A Third Volunteer:** ⁶¹ I'll come, Jesus. I'll follow You. But just let me first run home to say good-bye to my family. ⁶² Listen, if your hand is on the plow but your eyes are looking backward, then you're not fit for the kingdom of God.

Next Sunday: 3 July 2022

Theme: Power of Compassion

Scripture readings: 2 Kings 5: 1-14; Psalm 30;
Galatians 6: (1-6), 7-16; Luke 10: 1-11,16-20

Prayer points for: for peace in Ukraine; a full recovery for all in our community testing positive for Covid; good health for Brenda; for comfort for the Davis family on the passing of their father, Don Davis.

Scripture

Elisha picked up Elijah's prophet mantle and ministry. As Christians, we are called to pick up the mantle of discipleship – the ministry of God's love and justice – and move forward, sometimes reframing or redefining what it means to do ministry in today's world. **Luke 9:51–62** reminds us that not all choose to follow.

- What do you think Jesus is saying about being a minister of God's love and justice?
- When have you struggled with picking up the mantle of discipleship?

Connecting scripture and life

As Christians, we are called to pick up the legacy of Christ.

- What does that ask of us?
- What are the responsibilities?
- What are the implications of picking up ministries of God's love and justice in today's world?
- What are the challenges?
- What are the hope and the promise?

THIS WEEK 26 June – 3 July

Note: Friday 24 June is a Public Holiday. There will be no Youth Group as most are at camp.

Sunday 26 June

9.30 am Communion Service in English and Mandarin

Monday 27 June

10 am – noon Space Programme (Worship Room)

Thursday 23 June

3.15 pm MusiqHub (foyer)

Friday 24 June

9.15 am – noon Knitting Group (gallery)

7 pm Youth Group (upstairs community hall)

Sunday 26 June

9.30 am Service in English and Mandarin

IMPORTANT

Covid is still present in the community. Please remain vigilant for symptoms.

Stay at home if you are unwell. If you have or develop COVID symptoms, please isolate at home and get tested immediately. If you still have symptoms after a negative test stay at home and isolate until 24 hours after your symptoms stop. If your symptoms get worse, contact your local healthcare provider or call Healthline on 0800 358 5453.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
@ ST JOHNS
 245 BUCKLANDS
 BEACH ROAD

YEAR 0-9
 STUDENTS
 DROP OFF
 FROM 8:30AM
 PICK UP BY 5PM

**CIRCUS
 SPECTACULAR**
JULY 11TH-15TH



**\$20 PER DAY OR
 \$90 FOR THE WEEK**

To enroll:
stjohnsbb.org.nz/holiday-programme/

ANY QUESTIONS EMAIL: : STJOHNSHOLIDAYPROGRAMME@GMAIL.COM

The volunteers at the Foodbank at All Saints Howick sends their thanks for the wonderful response from the people of St Johns to their call for cereals, peanut butter, Milo etc

VOLUNTEERS on Sunday Rosters

With members of the congregation away with winter illnesses or Covid-19 we are short on volunteers to help fill the various duties to help our Sunday services run smoothly. Thank you to all who have gone the extra mile and stepped in at short notice.



Sunday Services: English / Mandarin 9:30a.m.
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| | This Week's Helpers (26 June) | Next Week's Helpers (3 July) |
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| Preacher | Rev Jeff Odhiambo | Rev Jeff Odhiambo |
| Musician | Joan Williamson | Rahil John |
| Projector | Alison Stanton | Alicia Odhiambo |
| Sound Desk | Collin Francke | TBA |
| Reader | Alison Stanton | Michelle Cao |
| Intercessor | Mavis Haigh | Liz Speer |
| HC set up | N/A | Alison Stanton |
| HC Serving team | N/A | Rev Jeff Odhiambo Joan Rutherford |
| Prayer ministry | An opportunity to serve here | Joan Rutherford |
| Welcome Desk | Joan Rutherford | Betty Curd |
| Usher | Alison Stanton | Alison Stanton |
| Counters | Bob Williamson, Jeanette Li | Christo John, Nessie Crawford |
| Morning Tea | Alison Stanton plus one | Julie Dickey, Alison Stanton |