



*St Johns*  
Being the Gospel to all People

**Sunday  
14 August 2022**

A very warm welcome is extended to all  
visitors to St Johns.

**Purifying Fire**

**Scripture readings: Luke 12:49-56 The Message**



49-53 “I’ve come to start a fire on this earth—how I wish it were blazing right now! I’ve come to change everything, turn everything rightside up—how I long for it to be finished! Do you think I came to smooth things over and make everything nice? Not so. I’ve come to disrupt and confront! From now on, when you find five in a house, it will be—

Three against two, and two against three;

Father against son, and son against father;

Mother against daughter, and daughter against mother;

Mother-in-law against bride, and bride against mother-in-law.”

54-56 Then he turned to the crowd: “When you see clouds coming in from the west, you say, ‘Storm’s coming’—and you’re right. And when the wind comes out of the south, you say, ‘This’ll be a hot one’—and you’re right. Frauds! You know how to tell a change in the weather, so don’t tell me you can’t tell a change in the season, the God-season we’re in right now.

**Next Sunday: 21 August 2022**

**Theme: Boundary Breaking Love**

**Scripture readings:** Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6;  
Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

**Prayer points for:** for Dick and Judy McDonald; for healing and a return to good health for those in hospital or with Covid-19 in our community; peace to be restored in Ukraine; wisdom for the teams working on the processes surrounding the recruitment of a new community pastor and a replacement administrator.

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### **Connecting with Life:**

The song “Never Give Up/*Bambelela*” comes from Gugulethu, a township in Cape Town, South Africa. Originally a protest song from the apartheid era, it is used in this community as a song of encouragement in the fight against HIV/ AIDS. The word *Bambelela* is a Xhosa word, which means “hold on.”

**Q When in recent times have you experienced, witnessed, or heard someone not giving up for the sake of all?**

### **Scripture:**

**Luke 12:49–53b** Jesus points out that his message of radical justice and unconditional love will pit people against those close to them.

**Q To what extent has this been true in your life?**

### **Connecting scripture and life**

**What challenges are facing your community that seem to call forth faith to act against the odds?**

**Q Who may your acts confront?**

**Q To whom may they bring hope?**

**THIS WEEK 14 Aug to 21 Aug**

#### **Sunday 14 August**

9.30 am Service in English and Mandarin

#### **Monday 15 August**

10 am SPACE programme (foyer)

#### **Thursday 18 August**

3.15 pm MusiqHub (foyer)

#### **Friday 19 August**

9.15 am – noon Knitting Group (gallery)

7 pm Youth Group – Fort Building (upstairs community hall)

#### **Sunday 21 August**

9.30 am Communion Service in English and Mandarin

## Coffee and Chat Postponed for August

In the interest of best practice for health and safety at this time the organizers have opted to postpone this gathering. Thank you for your understanding. Please do look after one another and reach out for support in the meantime.



## We are hiring

We are currently advertising for a new community pastor position and a new administrator to replace Alison who is retiring. We are very excited about the new possibilities for these two roles.

A big THANK YOU to Parish Council members who have been diligently working on the paperwork involved in the recruitment and appointment process.

## Touchstone

Important news about this monthly Methodist Church publication.

The future of this publication is currently under discussion by the Methodist Publishing Board. Printing and posting costs of hard copies has increased to a point that the Board needs to find ways of offsetting costs. We currently received 20 copies of this free monthly publication however from next year it is likely we will be charged per copy.

If you enjoy reading this publication and would be prepared to receive an email with a link to read a digital copy, please let the office know. Or if you would still prefer to receive a printed copy please also let us know.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Parish Council reviewed Sunday services again at their recent meeting. It was decided to continue to ask all attending

- To sit in bubbles
- Wear a mask
- No morning tea for the remainder of August

These strategies will be reviewed for September



Sunday Services: English / Mandarin 9:30a.m.  
 Office Hours: Tues & Thurs 9:00am – 2:00pm, Fri 9am-11am  
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	This Week's Helpers (14 August )	Next Week (21 August)
Preacher	Rev Jeff Odhiambo	Rev Jeff Odhiambo
Musician	Winnie Wong, Jeanette Li	Rahil John
Projector	Alison Stanton	Alicia Odhiambo
Sound Desk	Daniel Smart	Henry Turner
Reader	Trevor Haigh	Michelle Cao
Intercessor	Mavis Haigh	Julie Dickey
HC set up	N/A	Rev Jeff Odhiambo
HC Serving team	N/A	Rev Jeff Odhiambo
Prayer ministry	An opportunity to serve here	Joan Jones
Welcome Desk	An opportunity to serve here	An opportunity to serve here
Usher	Mavis and Trevor Haigh	Alison Stanton
Counters	Trevor Haigh, David Hall	Christo John, Jeanette Li
Morning Tea	N/A	N/A