



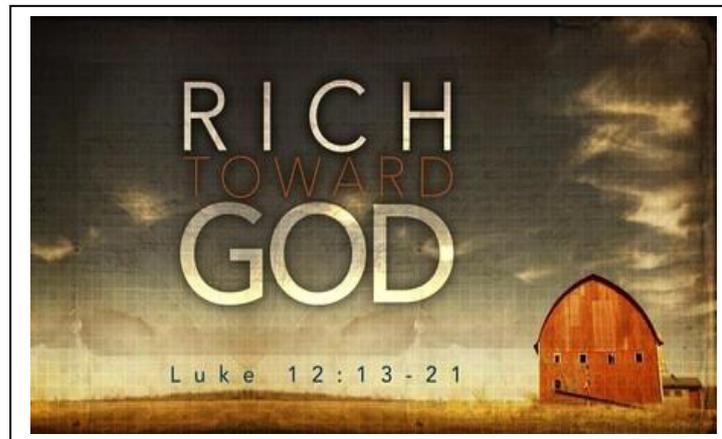
St Johns
Being the Gospel to all People

Sunday
31 July 2022

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

“Necessary interruption”

Scripture readings: Luke 12:13-21 The Voice



In the kingdom of God, money is valued in a very different way. In fact, concern for money can easily turn the spiritual life into a lukewarm, half-hearted affair.

¹³A person in the crowd got Jesus’ attention.

Person in the Crowd: Teacher, intervene and tell my brother to share the family inheritance with me.

Jesus: ¹⁴Since when am I your judge or arbitrator?

¹⁵Then He used that opportunity to speak to the crowd. You’d better be on your guard against any type of greed, for a person’s life is not about having a lot of possessions.

¹⁶(then, beginning another parable) A wealthy man owned some land that produced a huge harvest. ¹⁷He often thought to himself, “I have a problem here. I don’t have anywhere to store all my crops. What should I do? ¹⁸I know! I’ll tear down my small barns and build even bigger ones, and then I’ll have plenty of storage space for my grain and all my other goods. ¹⁹Then I’ll be able to say to myself, ‘I have it made! I can relax and take it easy for years! So I’ll just sit back, eat, drink, and have a good time!’”

²⁰Then God interrupted the man’s conversation with himself. “Excuse Me, Mr. Brilliant, but your time has come. Tonight you will die. Now who will enjoy everything you’ve earned and saved?”

Next Sunday: 7 August 2022

Theme: Dynamic Faith

Scripture readings: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50: 1-8, 22-23 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; **Luke 12:32-40**

Prayer points for: peace to be restored in Ukraine; for Dick and Judy McDonald; for those testing positive for Covid in our community and for all those working in the health, social services and other essential services during the pandemic.

Connecting with life

If you were to track your time investment this week, where have you placed most of your time?

Scripture

Luke 12:13–21 challenges theologies that present wealth and financial independence as signs of God's blessing on our life choices.

Q How do you perceive wealth and possessions? Are they blessings? To what extent do we earn them?

Q How would you define enough?

Parables are meant to surprise and unsettle. Jesus' parable of the rich farmer invites us to consider how we view our possessions, the actions we take regarding our stuff, and the way we "take" from the land.

Q What in our lives is demanding our souls?

Q What is worthy of our soul investment, as individuals and as the church?

Connecting scripture and life

The issue of the parable in **Luke 12:13–21** is that there are many kinds of greed, not simply money. Jesus offers a glimmer of another lifestyle.

Q What one step would you need to take in your own life, and in the life of the community you belong to, to pursue the new lifestyle?

Q What might help you take it?

Q What might keep you from taking it?

Today, we see churches that are asset rich and people or resources poor; others are people or resources rich but asset poor.

Q In a time of declining congregations, how might we grow through the sharing of resources?

THIS WEEK 31 July – 7 August

Sunday 31 July

Service in English and Mandarin

Monday 1 August

SPACE programme (worship room)

Thursday 4 August

3.15 pm MusiqHub (foyer)

Friday 5 August

9.15 am – noon Knitting Group (gallery)

7 pm Youth Group (upstairs community hall)

Sunday 7 August

9.30 am Service in English and Mandarin

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

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.

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

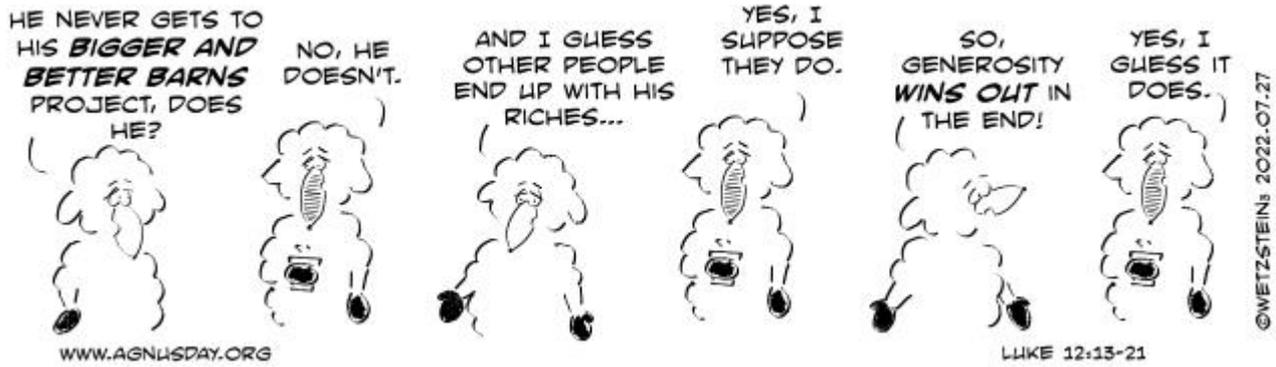
Sunday 14th August: Wesleyan/Methodist Historic Tour including to the forgotten cemetery

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 (31 July)	Next Week's Helpers (7 August)
Preacher	Rev Jeff Odhiambo	Rev Jeff Odhiambo
Musician	Winnie Wong & Jeanette Li	Rahil John
Projector	Trevor Haigh	Alison Stanton
Sound Desk	Daniel Smart	Collin Francke
Reader	Alison Stanton	David Hall
Intercessor	Julie Dickey	Rev Jeff Odhiambo
HC set up	Rev Jeff Odhiambo	TBA
HC Serving	Rev Jeff Odhiambo	TBA
Prayer ministry	An opportunity to serve here	TBA
Welcome Desk	An opportunity to serve here	Betty Curd
Usher	Alison Stanton	TBA
Counters	Jeanette Li, Trevor Haigh	David Hall, Nessie Crawford
Morning Tea	No servers required	Julie Dickey, Alison Stanton