



St John's
Being the Gospel to all People

Sunday
02 October 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.

Exercising Faith

Scripture reading: Luke 17: 5-10



⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

⁶ He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you.

⁷ "Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'? ⁸ Won't he rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? ⁹ Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'"

Next Sunday: 9 October 2022

Theme: With Loud Voices

Scripture readings: Luke 17:11-19; Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Prayer points: for Brenda; Dick and Judy McDonald; and for peace to be restored in Ukraine

**** ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ****
Bucklands Beach Cooperating Parish
Sunday 9 October 2022

Please stay and join us after the service.

Connecting with life

In the 1997 movie *Paradise Road*, women held under brutal conditions in a Japanese prison camp during World War II create a vocal orchestra. Their singing is an act of spiritual – if not always physical – survival, which even has the power to move the emotions of their captors. The tagline for the movie is “Courage Echoes Forever.”

Q In what ways has spiritual courage been demonstrated in the lives of people you know? How have their examples created echoes that continue to influence your life? the life of your community?

Scripture

Luke 17: 5

The apostles demand that Jesus increase their faith, a demand that Jesus resists.

Q What might be the difference between Paul’s encouragement to Timothy to rekindle the gift of God that is within him and the apostles’ demand to Jesus to increase their faith?

Q What was happening for the apostles that they were seeking an increase in faith? What were their concerns?

Consider Jesus’ response to his apostles in Luke 17:6 that faith the size of a mustard seed contains strength enough to uproot a tree and plant it in the sea.

THIS WEEK 02 Oct to 09 Oct

Sunday 02 October

9.30 am Communion service in English and Mandarin

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

Monday 03 October

School Holidays - No Space Programme this week

Wednesday 05 October

7 pm AA meeting in foyer

Thursday 6 October

10.30 am Finance Team meeting

Friday 7 October

9.30 am – noon Knitting Group (gallery)

No Youth Group during the school holidays

Sunday 09 October

9.30 am Service in English and Mandarin
Followed by Annual General Meeting

Q How might the apostles have understood Jesus' answer? What does it say about the nature of faith?

Connecting scripture and life

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul writes what we might consider a living love letter, a personal encouragement to Timothy in a time of uncertainty. He writes to Timothy as a beloved child in the family of faith, recalling the grace given to both of them in Christ Jesus and urging Timothy to guard what has been entrusted to him. We can only imagine what this letter might have meant to Timothy.

Q To whom might you write, encouraging them in faith? What would you say?

Q In what ways are you, individually and as the church exercising your faith in word, action, and deed – a legacy passing on to a new generation? How might you be?



**Sunday 2 October
FOOD BANK SUNDAY**

All contributions are donated to All Saints Food Bank in Howick to help families in need. Please deposit items in the basket provided on Sunday or if you are welcome to deposit items at the Parish Office during office hours.

ONE Conference November 17-19 Wellington.

Presbyterian Church Aotearoa New Zealand (PCANZ)

This is an amazing opportunity for all leaders from across the PCANZ and cooperating parishes including Elders, Children's Leaders, Youth Leaders, Ministers, Pastors, Chaplains, Administrators and more to join us for inspirational stories, great worship, practical breakout sessions, fantastic kai, to encounter the Spirit of the living God together and the opportunity to connect and laugh together, with no business items to debate! We encourage you to come as a team.

The One Conference website <https://www.oneconference.org.nz/> is loaded with helpful information about the conference including:

Travel Subsidies

If you are travelling from the Southern Presbytery or the upper half of the North Island some travel subsidies are available. Find out more here <https://www.oneconference.org.nz/travel-subsidies>



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	This Week's Helpers (2 October)	Next Week (9 October)
Preacher	Rev Jeff Odhiambo	Rev Jeff Odhiambo
Musician/s	Rahil John	Jeanette, Winnie and Albert
Projector	Jed Stanton	Daniel Smart
Sound Desk	Collin Francke	Henry Turner
Reader	David Hall	Olga Ferreira
Intercessor	Liz Speer	Julie dickey
HC set up	Alison Stanton	N/A
HC Serving team	Jeff Odhiambo, Joan Rutherford	N/A
Prayer ministry	Joan Rutherford	Could you help here?
Welcome Desk	Betty Curd	An opportunity for you here
Usher	Derek and Liz Speer	Olga Ferreira, Alison Stanton
Counters	Derek Speer, Nessie Crawford	David Hall, Bob Williamson
Morning Tea	Julie Dickey, Alison Stanton	Betty Curd, Joan Jones