



*St John's*  
Being the Gospel to all People

**Sunday**  
**09 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.

**From the Margin  
to the Centre**

**Scripture reading:** Luke 17:11-19 The Voice



11 Jesus was still pressing toward Jerusalem, taking a road that went along the border between Samaria (considered undesirable territory) and Galilee. 12 On the outskirts of a border town along this road, He was greeted from a distance by a group of ten people who were under quarantine because of an ugly and disgusting skin disease known as leprosy.

**Lepers (shouting across the distance):** 13 Jesus, Master, show mercy to us!

**Jesus:** 14 Go now and present yourselves to the priests for inspection of your disease. They went, and before they reached the priests, their skin disease was healed, leaving no trace of the disease that scarred them and separated them from the community.

15 One of them, the instant he realized he had been healed, turned and ran back to Jesus, shouting praises to God. 16 He prostrated himself facedown at Jesus' feet.

**Leper:** Thank You! Thank You! Now this fellow happened to be, not a Jew, but a Samaritan.

**Jesus:** 17 Didn't all ten receive the same healing this fellow did? Where are the other nine? 18 Was the only one who came back to give God praise an outsider? 19 (to the Samaritan man) Get up, and go your way. Your faith has made you healthy again.

**Next Sunday: 16 October 2022**

**Theme:** Never Give Up

**Scripture readings:** Jeremiah 31: 27-34; Psalm 119:97-1-4; 2 Timothy 3: 14-4:5; Luke 18: 1-8

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

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

**Please stay and join us after the service.**

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**Connecting with life**

Today, we find communities in many parts of the world becoming either more divided than in past decades or more aware of those divisions than ever before. Further, people seem to be living into those divisions and clinging to them.

**Q Consider some of the divisions that exist in your community, nation, the world. What do you feel as you bring these to mind?**

**Scripture**

**Luke 17:11–19** When asked to describe the meaning of true worship, Martin Luther replied, “the tenth leper turning back.”

**Q Using this example as a starting point, in what ways could you further describe true worship?**

Consider this quote from Origen of Alexandria: “Holiness is seeing with the eyes of Christ.” The one who came back looked at Jesus and saw God. He understood the divine nature of the one who saved him, so he returns to give thanks.

**Q Do you experience God as one who criticizes or one who accepts? one who condemns or one who forgives? a stern judge or a loving parent?**

**Q How might we enhance our ability to see God, ourselves, and others “with the eyes of Christ”?**

**THIS WEEK 09 Oct to 16 Oct**

**Sunday 09 October**

9.30 am Service in English and Mandarin

Followed by the

**Annual General Meeting**

**Monday 10 October**

School Holidays - No Space Programme this week

**Wednesday 12 October**

7 pm AA meeting in foyer

**Friday 14 October**

9.30 am – noon Knitting Group (gallery)

No Youth Group during the school holidays

**Sunday 16 October**

9.30 am Service in English and Mandarin

Jesus is often portrayed as wandering the countryside to explore communities so that God's vision of togetherness might be realized in each part of the land.

**Q Reflect upon your own communities. Who is excluded? What are the reasons?**

**Q The Samaritan is told twice to "go." How is this our call to build a just and merciful community?**

### **Connecting scripture and life**

**Luke 17:11–19** concludes with Jesus saying, "Your faith has made you well."

**Q How is gratitude manifest in your community of faith?**

**Q How might gratitude enable your work, individually and as the church, of justice and care for all Creation?**

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## **YOU'VE GOT YOUTH!**

**Sunday 16 October 1pm-3.30pm (afternoon tea provided)**

**OR Thursday 20 October 12pm-2.30pm (lunch provided)**

**The Loft, Neligan House, 12 St Stephens Avenue, Parnell**

This is for priests, parish leaders, youth pastors and volunteers, if you have youth in your church or are keen to have young people return and you want to prepare yourself, your leaders and your congregation. Come and spend a couple of hours exploring life with young people, connecting with others at varying points on the same journey, and enjoying some kai and karakia together. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/yc8e7w>

### **AYM LEADERS RETREAT**

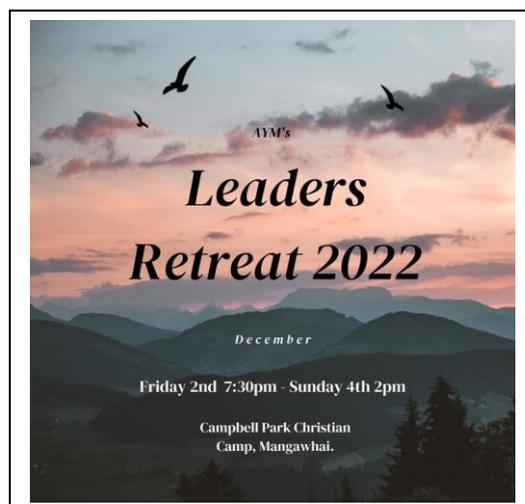
Friday 2 December, 7.30pm to

Sunday 4 December, 2pm

Campbell Park Christian Camp,

280 Molesworth Drive, Mangawhai Heads

Save the date for this retreat for all past, present or possible youth leaders. It will be a great chance to connect with God and each other; to be fed spiritually and inspired for ministry in the coming year. Register [tinyurl.com/264bvubw](https://tinyurl.com/264bvubw)



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	<b>This Week's Helpers (9 October)</b>	<b>Next Week (16 October)</b>
Preacher	Rev Jeff Odhiambo	Rev Jeff Odhiambo
Musician/s	Jeanette, Winnie and Albert	Rahil John
Projector	Daniel Smart	Alison Stanton
Sound Desk	Henry Turner	Trevor Haigh
Reader	Olga Ferreira	Trevor Haigh
Intercessor	Julie Dickey	Mavis Haigh
HC set up	N/A	Alison Stanton
HC Serving team	N/A	Christo John Alison Stanton
Prayer	Could you help here?	Joan Jones
Welcome	An opportunity to serve here.	An opportunity to serve here.
Usher	Olga Ferreira, Alison Stanton	Trevor and Mavis Haigh
Counters	David Hall, Bob Williamson	Christo John, Trevor Haigh
Morning Tea	Betty Curd, Joan Jones	Uraiwai Jolly, Nessie Crawford