



St Johns
Being the Gospel to all People

**Sunday
20 November 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.

Reign of Christ

Scripture reading: Luke 23:33-43 New International Version



³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. ³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.” ³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.” ³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the Jews. ³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³ Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Next Sunday: 27 November 2022

Theme: First Sunday of Advent

Scripture readings: Matthew 24:36-44

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

Hello, my friends welcome to Christ the King (or the Reign of Christ) Sunday celebrations this Sunday.

Christ the King celebrations is the hinge week between the liturgical seasons of Ordinary Time and Advent, when we are invited to pause and reflect on the meaning of Christ's kingship before we delve into the mysteries of light and darkness, hope and lament, prophecy and Incarnation.

Given our cultural display of pomp we typically associate with kings, we might turn to the gospel reading this week, expecting to find passages that sound, well, kingly. Something glorious from the Book of Revelation, perhaps, about Jesus sitting on his throne, decked out in splendid robes and a jewelled crown. Or something majestic from Isaiah: "A son will be given to us, and the government will rest upon his shoulders." Or at least a shiny moment from one of the Gospels: Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop. Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. Jesus emerging from the waters of baptism, heaven thundering in his ears.

But no. We find none of these. What we find instead is a crucifixion scene. A stripped and suffocating man wracked with pain. A crowd of mockers spewing hate. A man hanging between thieves, derision in his ears, speaking blessing and promise to someone less fortunate than himself. Forgiveness for those ignorant of what they were doing.



THIS WEEK 20 Nov to 27 Nov

Sunday 20 November

9.30 am Communion Service in English/ Mandarin

Wednesday 23 November

7:00 pm AA meeting (foyer)

Thursday 24 November

3.15 pm MusiqHub (foyer)

Friday 25 November

9.30 am – noon Knitting Group (gallery)

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Youth Group (upstairs hall)

Sunday 27 November

9.30 am Service in English/ Mandarin

THANKSGIVING 2022

NOVEMBER

This year our thanksgiving offerings will go towards the repairs of the roof and 10% to a Breakfast Club.

Thanksgiving offerings via direct credit to Bucklands Beach Cooperating Parish 03-0166-0135407-25 - please ensure you reference 'thanksgiving.'

If giving by envelopes, please check to ensure your Giving Number is on the outside of the envelope.

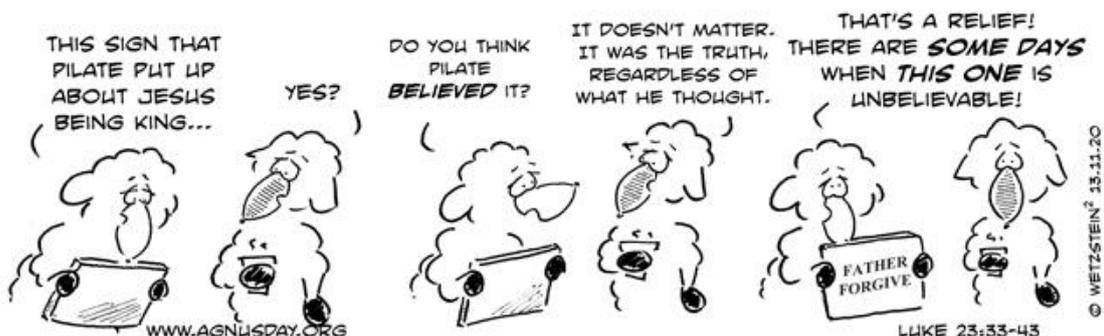


Food Bank is preparing Christmas boxes and would like to seek your support for the followings:

- No tins (plenty of them in stock)
- Boxed chocolates
- Fruit cakes
- Meringues (commercial ones)

Friday night Youth Group has re-commenced Friday 7 pm at St Johns

Schedules can be found on notice board and hard copies available on front desk.
25 November Movie & Potluck (sign-up form on front desk)



Sunday Services: English 9:30a.m.
 Office Hours: Tues - Friday 9:00am – 12:00 noon
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Prayer Chain	Judy McDonald	274 8534

Youth Group: Contact Jeff 022 674 0044 minister@stjohnsbb.org.nz

	This Week's Helpers 20 November	Next Week 27 November
Preacher	Rev Jeff Odhiambo	Rev Jeff Odhiambo
Musician/s	Rahil John	Joan Williamson
Projector	Alison Stanton	Henry Turner
Sound Desk	Jed Stanton	Daniel Smart
Reader	Michelle Cao	Alison Stanton
Intercessor	Mavis Haigh	Bob Williamson
HC set up	Alison Stanton	N/A
HC Serving team	Grace Corbett	N/A
Prayer	Joan Jones	Could this be you?
Welcome	Could this be you?	Joan Rutherford
Usher	Trevor and Mavis Haigh	Alison Stanton
Counters	Trevor Haigh Albert Ip	Nessie Crawford Jeanette Li
Morning Tea	Uraivan Jolly Nessie Crawford	Miranda Huang Grace Tay