



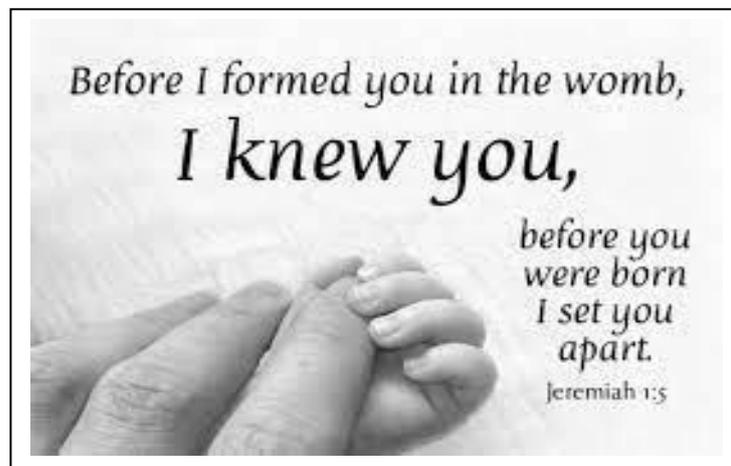
*St Johns*  
Being the Gospel to all People

**Sunday**  
**21 August 2022**

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

**Called and Chosen**

**Scripture readings: Jeremiah 1: 4-10** The Message



... This is what God said:

<sup>5</sup> "Before I shaped you in the womb, I knew all about you. Before you saw the light of day, I had holy plans for you: A prophet to the nations - that's what I had in mind for you."

<sup>6</sup> But I said, "Hold it, Master GOD! Look at me. I don't know anything. I'm only a boy!"

<sup>7-8</sup> GOD told me, "Don't say, 'I'm only a boy.'"

I'll tell you where to go and you'll go there.

I'll tell you what to say and you'll say it. Don't be afraid of a soul.

I'll be right there, looking after you."

<sup>9-10</sup> GOD reached out, touched my mouth, and said,

"Look! I've just put my words in your mouth—hand-delivered!

See what I've done? I've given you a job to do

among nations and governments—a red-letter day!

Your job is to pull up and tear down, take apart and demolish,

And then start over, building and planting."

**Next Sunday: 28 August 2022**

**Theme: Radical Hospitality**

**Scripture readings:** Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16; Luke 14:1,7-14

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

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### **Connecting with Life:**

**Q What contemporary examples can you think of where rules and regulations are regarded much higher than people?**

**Q What are situations in the church where this has occurred or still occurs?**

### **Scripture:**

**Jeremiah 1:4–10** seems to suggest there is theological precedence for drastic change.

**Q What one thing would you like to change in the community where you live?**

Jeremiah's call is intriguing, if for no other reason than that Jeremiah is a young person here; most prophets tend to be much older.

**Q To what extent do you think Jeremiah is comforted/ strengthened by God's actions in verse 9?**

**Q What prophetic ministries do you observe young people participating in today?**

### **Connecting scripture and life**

**Q Who are standing in the shadows of our worshipping lives, and why?**

**Q How can you help create an inclusive community and affirm the worth and dignity of all through the songs you sing, the prayers you speak, and the worship space itself?**

**Q What is our call to discipleship in the new life that Jesus brings?**

**THIS WEEK 21 Aug to 28 Aug**

### **Sunday 21 August**

9.30 am Communion Service in English and Mandarin

### **Monday 22 August**

10 am SPACE programme (foyer)

### **Thursday 25 August**

3.15 pm MusiqHub (foyer)

### **Friday 26 August**

9.15 am – noon Knitting Group (gallery)

7 pm Youth Group –  
Community Night Quiz

### **Sunday 28 August**

9.30 am Service in English and Mandarin

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

- **Wear a mask**
- **Sit in bubbles**
- **No morning tea for the remainder of August**

These strategies will be reviewed for September



### 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.

### No Coffee and Chat in 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.

### *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 there will be a charge 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.

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	<b>This Week's Helpers (21 August )</b>	<b>Next Week (28 August)</b>
Preacher	Rev Jeff Odhiambo	Rev Jeff Odhiambo
Musician	Rahil John	Jeanette Li
Projector	Alicia Odhiambo	Daniel Smart
Sound Desk	Henry Turner	Jed Stanton
Reader	Michelle Cao	Jed Stanton
Intercessor	Julie Dickey	Bob Williamson
HC set up	Rev Jeff Odhiambo	N/A
HC Serving team	Rev Jeff Odhiambo	N/A
Prayer ministry	Joan Jones	An opportunity to serve here
Welcome Desk	An opportunity to serve here	Joan Rutherford
Usher	Alison Stanton	Olga Ferreira, Alison Stanton
Counters	Christo John, Jeanette Li	Bob Williamson, Jeanette Li
Morning Tea	N/A	N/A