



St John's
Being the Gospel to all People

Sunday
23 October 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.

Other People

Scripture reading: Luke 18:9-14 NIV



The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

⁹To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

¹³“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

¹⁴“I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Next Sunday: 30 October 2022

Theme: The Strength of Our Witness

Scripture readings: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4;
Psalm 119:137-144; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12;
Luke 19: 1- 10

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

Connecting with life

Think back over the following week and consider:

Q When did you compare yourself to someone else?

Q When did you feel that someone else was judging you?

Scripture

Luke 18:9–14 In this passage, the tax collector grows closer to God through self-examination. It is often the case that our inward journey guides our outward journey of faith. Thus, this passage allows us the opportunity to reflect upon our own lives.

Q Consider the list of those held in contempt: What negative comparisons do we make in our personal lives and church communities or larger society?

Q If no distance is too great for God to bridge, what parts of your life or community do you want to bring together?

Q How can you avoid comparison with others and allow God's love to make the foundation of who you are?

Q In an age of self-promotion in social networks and a need for churches to stay relevant through online media, how do we (and can we) guard against the trappings of appearances and spend more time on authentic relationships?

Connecting scripture and life

Advertisements on our computers, phones, televisions, and newspapers tell us how and where we can find satisfaction. The readings this week remind us that true satisfaction comes from God's loving presence among us and that we come to recognize this presence most fully when we live in humility.

Q Whose humility has inspired you?

Q How do you, individually and as a church, show humility in a world that so often seems to reward arrogance?

THIS WEEK 23 Oct to 30 Oct

Sunday 23 October

9.30 am Service in English and Mandarin

Monday 24 October

No Space Programme – Public Holiday

Wednesday 26 October

7 pm AA meeting (foyer)

Thursday 27 October

3.15 pm MusiqHub (foyer)

Friday 28 October

9.30 am – noon Knitting Group (gallery)

7:30 pm – Youth Group (upstairs hall)

Sunday 30 October

9.30 am Communion Service in English and Mandarin

Q Where and in what ways are you in danger of pride and boasting, individually and as a church?

Q Why is humility vital for us as individuals, our communities, and our world?

Coffee and Chat

Tuesday 25 October
10 am until noon

All are welcome to join us for company, conversation and coffee.



Friday night Youth Group re-commences
Friday 28 October
7 pm at St Johns

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.'



The Church Phone List for use by members of St Johns is being updated. A draft is on the welcome desk.

- Please look at your entry and check the details are correct. Update anything that needs to be changed.
- Sign beside your name in the margin to confirm that you give permission to have this published for the members of this church to use.

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	This Week's Helpers (23 October)	Next Week (30 October)
Preacher	Rev Jeff Odhiambo	Rev Jeff Odhiambo
Musician/s	Joan Williamson	Winnie Wong & Jeanette Li
Projector	Henry Turner	Alison Stanton
Sound Desk	Daniel Smart	Collin Francke
Reader	Jed Stanton	David Hall
Intercessor	Bob Williamson	Joan Rutherford
HC set up	N/A	Rev Jeff Odhiambo
HC Serving team	N/A	Rev Jeff Odhiambo Alison Stanton
Prayer	An opportunity to serve here.	An opportunity to serve here.
Welcome	Joan Rutherford	An opportunity to serve here.
Usher	Alison Stanton, Jed Stanton	Olga Ferreira
Counters	Bob Williamson, Jeanette Li	David Hall & Christo John
Morning Tea	Miranda Huang, Grace Tay	Uraiwana Jolly & Nessie Crawford