



*St Johns*  
Being the Gospel to all People

**Sunday**  
**28 August 2022**

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

**Radical Hospitality**

**Scripture readings: Luke 14:1, 7-14**



**14** One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

<sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honour at the table, he told them this parable: <sup>8</sup> “When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honour, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. <sup>9</sup> If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honoured in the presence of all the other guests. <sup>11</sup> For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup> Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbours; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup> and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

## Next Sunday: 4 September 2022

### Theme: Ocean Sunday

**Scripture readings:** Job 38:1-18; Psalm 104: 1-9, 24-26; Ephesians 1: 3-10; Luke 5: 1-11

**Prayer points for:** Dick and Judy McDonald; comfort for the Rule family following Avril's passing; comfort for Jan Hancock at the passing of Peter Hancock; 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 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 When you have an important event in your community, how do you determine who gets invited, who takes priority, and who sits in the reserved seats?**

**Q How have you felt when you were excluded from an event you especially wanted to attend?**

### Scripture:

**Luke 14:1, 7–14** speaks of social and cultural protocols.

**Q What social protocols in your faith community might Jesus challenge? Why?**

Many organizations and corporations have protocol officers responsible for being aware of customs, traditions, and manners in other cultures. They educate members of the organization or government leaders on appropriate behaviours when in international settings.

**Q What might be the job description of a protocol officer in the reign of God?**

**Q What sort of person could fill that position? What skills would they need?**

If Jesus were telling this wisdom story in your community, who are the specific categories of people that might be named in vv. 12–14?

**Q How does your church reach out to and welcome those who cannot materially contribute to its ministries?**

**Q When, in the life of the church, do we put a fence around the table?**

### THIS WEEK 28 Aug to 4 Sept

#### Sunday 28 August

9.30 am Service in English and Mandarin  
Jeff's induction as a Police Chaplin

#### Monday 29 August

10 am SPACE programme (foyer)

#### Thursday 1 September

3.15 pm MusiqHub (foyer)

#### Friday 2 September

9.15 am – noon Knitting Group (gallery)

7 pm Youth Group – Waffles

#### Sunday 4 September

9.30 am Communion Service in English and Mandarin

## Connecting scripture and life

Jesus calls us to radical hospitality – to go against the accepted cultural norms.

**Q In what ways is it risky to respond to Jesus' call to radical hospitality in our present time?**

Reflect on the quote from biblical scholar Walter Brueggemann.

**Q To what extent do you, individually and as the church, need to reorganize your life toward neighbourliness?**

**Q What is required for this reorganization?**

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

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

These strategies will be reviewed for September



**Jeff's induction as a Police Chaplain will take place this Sunday 28 August during our 'Life Together' time.**

Our guest will be Bruce McKeeley and Police Chaplain, Dan Weir representing Piki Kite Ao, the station where Jeff will be based.

Applications for the part-time Church Office Administrator position close on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Contact [Juliedickey@ews.net.nz](mailto:Juliedickey@ews.net.nz) for a job description.



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	<b>This Week's Helpers (28 August )</b>	<b>Next Week (4 September)</b>
Preacher	Rev Jeff Odhiambo	Rev Jeff Odhiambo
Musician	Jeanette Li	Rahil John
Projector	Daniel Smart	Collin Francke
Sound Desk	Jed Stanton	Daniel Smart
Reader	Jed Stanton	David Hall
Intercessor	Bob Williamson	Liz Speer
HC set up	N/A	Jeff Odhiambo
HC Serving team	N/A	Jeff Odhiambo
Prayer ministry	An opportunity to serve here	Joan Rutherford
Welcome Desk	Joan Rutherford	Betty Curd
Usher	Olga Ferreira, Alison Stanton	Derek Speer plus one
Counters	Bob Williamson, Jeanette Li	Derek Speer, Christo John
Morning Tea	N/A	Julie Dickey, Alison Stanton <i>if applicable</i>