



St Johns
Being the Gospel to all People

Sunday
25-Dec-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.

Theme: Glory to God in the Highest

Scripture reading: Luke: 2: 1-14 New International Version



The Birth of Jesus

¹ In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Sunday 1-Jan-2023

Theme: Name of Jesus

Scripture readings: Luke 2: 15-21

Prayer points:

- For Judy McDonald and family
- For Brenda and for peace to be restored in Ukraine.
- For Joan Rutherford to have wisdom to weigh heavy decisions.

Message from Minister

A very merry Christmas my friends. We begin our Christmas celebration today, which also marks the ways in which God has acted in time and space, by coming as a King in Jesus and subverting the normal routine of life, altering the course of history and the fate of humanity.

Christmas reveals the God Self in Jesus who came to us in a form of a child – the vulnerable God who revealed himself in weakness. A virgin birth, meaning God took the initiative to include us in God’s life. Certainly, the birth of Jesus is not just a peculiar event that happened in history, but it is the defining event for entirely new world. One that undermined and upset all the expectations of the people, who were looking for Yahweh to come in a different way and in power.

The question that our gospel reading raises for us on this Christmas day is **where would we find Jesus?** The cliché answer would be in the most unlikely place, but I would like to add to that and say, among the people who feel the power of the heel of oppression against their neck. Among those who are poor and disenfranchised, disposed of their land, and among those who are sleeping with animals – maybe. Perhaps among those who are not able to give birth at a hospital but lay their baby on a feeding trough. And when in gratitude the parents come to give thank offering, they bring the offering of the poor – two doves. That is the place we find Jesus.

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THANKSGIVING 2022



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.

Still want to make Thanksgiving offering for 2022? Collection is on until 31 Dec

Finance Report for November 2022

Regular Income

Offering Income \$4,531.97;

Rental and interest Income \$5023.14;

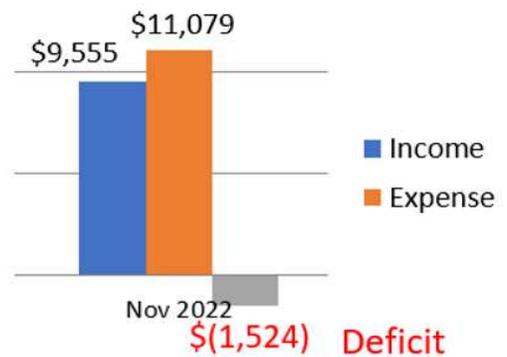
Expenses \$11,078.94

Deficit in Nov: \$1,523.83

Note: Special Income and Expenditure in Nov 2022

Thanksgiving Offering Income: \$4,320.00

Auditor's fee (once a year): \$2,712.45



A full presentation of our Church's finance for Q4 2022 will be done on 1 Jan 2023 (Sun) during Our Time Together session.

Friday night Youth Group

Friday 7 pm at St Johns

2022 Youth Group Concludes - 2023 Roster Will Be Available in Jan 2023

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

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	Today's Helpers 25-Dec-2022	Next Week's Helpers 1-Jan-2023
Preacher	Rev Jeff Odhiambo	Rev Jeff Odhiambo
Musician/s	Rahil John Alicia Odhiambo	Joan Williamson Winnie Wong
Projector	Cian John-Francke	Jed Stanton
Sound Desk	Kieran John-Francke	Jed Stanton
Reader	Jed Stanton	Derek Speer
Intercessor	Winnie Wong	Bob Williamson
HC set up	Winnie Wong	Alison Stanton
HC Serving team	TBC	Grace Corbett
Prayer ministry	Could this be you?	Joan Rutherford
Sunday School	Winnie Wong	Could this be you?
Welcome Desk	Could this be you?	Could this be you?
Usher	Alison Stanton	Derek and Liz Speer
Counters	Jeanette Li	Derek Speer
	Albert Ip	Christo John
Morning Tea	Grace Tay Miranda Huang	Alison Stanton Winnie Wong