



St Johns
Being the Gospel to all People

Sunday
22-Jan-2023

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: Follow Me

Scripture reading: Isaiah 9: 1-4 & Matthew 4: 12-22 New International Version



Isaiah 9

¹ Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. ³ You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. ⁴ For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

Matthew 4

¹² When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— ¹⁴ to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

¹⁵ "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— ¹⁶ the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned." ¹⁷ From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Sunday 29-Jan-2023

Theme: What does it mean to be blessed?

**Scripture readings: Matthew 5: 1-12; John 14:15-20;
Job 38:1-6; Job 42:1-6**

Prayer points:

- For Judy McDonald and family
- For Jack, the 11-year-old grandson of Julie and David Dickey, as he makes his way back to Auckland. He recently had an accident while skiing in Canada and sustained a broken leg. We wish him a speedy and full recovery.
- For Brenda's health
- For peace to be restored in Ukraine.
- For Joan Rutherford to have wisdom to weigh heavy decisions.

Message from worship leaders

Greetings everyone from Mavis and Elizabeth. We hope that you have managed some quality time with family and friends over January even if the changeable weather has not come to the party!

Matthew 4:12-22 is the focus for this Sunday. It is the story of Jesus beginning his ministry in Galilee. In Galilee, Jesus began to gather around Him people who would support His ministry and who, by watching and working with Jesus, would learn to take over following Jesus' death on the cross. He selected everyday working people from Capernaum on the shores of Galilee. His call to the fishermen was "Follow Me" and they went immediately, leaving their work and their families behind to follow this stranger. There must have been something very compelling about Jesus' invitation that these four fishermen were willing to take such a risk.

"Follow me" is a command that comes over and over again in Scripture. Abraham and Sarah heard the call. So did Rahab and Samuel. During the advent season we heard how God called Mary and Joseph. And God called fishermen from their nets to follow Jesus. All of these people were obedient to the call. *How do we discern when God is calling us to "Follow Him"? What is God calling you to do?*

THIS WEEK

From: 22-Jan-2023

To: 29-Jan-2023

Sunday 22-Jan-2023

9:30 am Service in
English (Chinese subtitle)

Wednesday 25-Jan-2023

N/A

Thursday 26-Jan-2023

Musiqhub - term break

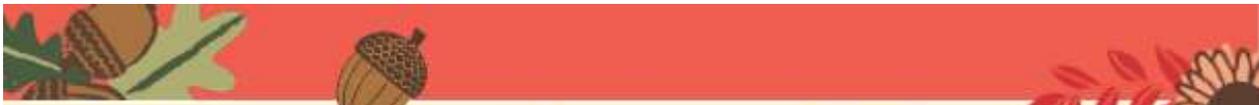
Friday 27-Jan-2023

No Knitting Group
No Youth Group

Sunday 29-Jan-2023

9.30 am Holy
Communion Service in
English (Chinese subtitle)





Thanksgiving 2022

Total Thanksgiving offerings collected between November &
December 2022

\$5,720

Direct credit offerings to Bucklands Beach Cooperating Parish
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Dear God, we are thankful



**Stay vigilant &
SAFEGUARD EACH OTHER**

When feeling unwell,
stay home and take
rest

Wear a facemask when needed



General Notes

- Winnie will be on leave from February 1st to 24th. Thank you to Alison for volunteering to cover the office during this time. More details to follow.
 - The church is in need of volunteers for the Sunday roster. Any help with covering various roles or extra days is greatly appreciated. Please contact Winnie to offer your assistance.
 - The upstairs refrigerator (and freezer) contains food items that are either expired or about to expire. Please bring them home if they belong to you. Leftover items will be removed on 26 Jan 2023 (Thursday).
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Friday night Youth Group - 2023 Roster Will Be Available in late Jan 2023
Stay Tuned

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 22-Jan-2023	Next Week's Helpers 29-Jan-2023
Preacher	Elizabeth Speer & Mavis Haigh	Bob Williamson
Musician/s	Joan Williamson Winnie Wong	Allyce Chan, Jeanette Li Dimock Albert Ip, Winnie Wong
Projector	Alison Stanton	Collin Francke
Sound Desk	Jed Stanton	Collin Francke
Reader	Alison Stanton	TBC
Intercessor	Winnie Wong	Julie Dickey
HC set up	N/A	Ayleen de Vilder
HC Serving team	N/A	Bob Williamson (lead) Ayleen de Vilder (support)
Prayer ministry	Could this be you?	Could this be you?
Sunday School	Winnie Wong	Could this be you?
Welcome Desk	Could this be you?	Winnie Wong
Usher	Alison Stanton	Christo John
Counters	Jeanette Li	Christo John
	Bob Williamson	Nessie Crawford
Morning Tea	Nessie Crawford Allyce Chan	Jeanette L Grace Tay