



St Johns
Being the Gospel to all People

Sunday
8-Oct-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.

The Ten Commandments

Scripture reading: Exodus 20:1-17 (New International Version)



¹ And God spoke all these words:

² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³ "You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ "You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹² "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³ "You shall not murder.

¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ "You shall not steal.

¹⁶ "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

¹⁷ "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

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15-Oct-2023

THIS WEEK

Theme: TBC

From: 8-Oct-2023

Scripture readings: Exodus 32:1-14 Matthew 22:1-14

To: 15-Oct-2023

Prayer points:

- For peace and restoration of stability in Ukraine and other regions experiencing unrest;
- For Jane's health;
- For Brenda's health;
- For Felicity's recovery;
- For violence and crime to be subdued in our country.
- For those who have had major surgery and are recovering at home;
- For support for all those who have lost loved ones, homes and/or livelihoods in the recent natural disasters.

Sunday 8-Oct-2023

9.30 am Service in English
(Chinese subtitle)
3:30 pm Christian Youth Church

Monday 9-Oct-2023

N/A

Tuesday 10-Oct-2023

N/A

Wednesday 11-Oct-2023

7:00 pm AA meeting (foyer)

Thursday 12-Oct-2023

10:30 am Finance Team Meeting
3:10 pm Musiqhub

Friday 13-Oct-2023

10:00 am Knitting Group
6:45 pm Youth Group

Sunday 15-Oct-2023

9.30 am Holy Communion Service in English (Chinese subtitle)
3:30 pm Christian Youth Church

Pastoral Reflection - Antony Dayal

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over the last couple of weeks, I have been doing research for an essay on the Ten Commandments for my Theology paper with the University of Otago. I am sure that we have all seen that wonderful adaptation of the Moses story with Charlton Heston, as Moses, and Yul Brynner as Ramses. The film's climax occurs with Moses upon Mt Sinai, where there is thunder, there is lightening. Moses is tired from the long climb, he is drenched. But God has not spoken to him even though God summoned him. Moses is at his wits end. He is standing on a ledge and starts to berate God. Suddenly what looks like embers from a fire start to form and swirl. Then a voice comes from within the swarm of embers. As Moses watches a fiery finger writes words on stone and God's voice echoes out, "You shall have no other gods before me."

These words are fixed in stone. They are laws that God has made for his people. They are like laws that our Parliament make. Break them and you end up in prison. Or so I thought. Let me share with you how this view has evolved.





Songs for Today

1. Yet not I
2. I speak Jesus
3. The heavens shall declare
4. Oh praise the name
5. The blessing



DEMENTIA AWARENESS WORKSHOP

The *Educational Dementia Immersive Experience (EDIE)* workshop uses virtual reality technology and equipment which will allow you to see the world through the eyes of a person living with dementia. It will help you to develop insight, empathy and a better understanding of the needs of people living with dementia. The workshop will be led by a professional trainer from *Alzheimers NZ*.



Date & Time: Tuesday Oct 24, 1 - 3 pm

Location: St Columba Presbyterian Church, 480 Ti Rakau Drive, Botany

To Register, please use this link

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/PresbyterianSupportNorthern/DementiaAwarenessWorkshopRegistration>
OR

email Sharon.rossensor@psn.org.nz (Presbytery Liaison Manager, Presbyterian Support Northern)



The 2023 **New Zealand general election** will be held on 14 October 2023 to determine the composition of the 54th Parliament of New Zealand. Voters will elect 120 members to the unicameral New Zealand House of Representatives under the mixed-member proportional (MMP) voting system, a proportional representation system in which 72 members will be elected from single-member electorates and 48 members from closed party lists.

Source: Wikipedia <https://tinyurl.com/569y7sb6>



Proverbs 11:14-15 (New Living Translation NTL)

"Without wise leadership, a nation falls; there is safety in having many advisers.

There's danger in putting up security for a stranger's debt; it's safer not to guarantee another person's debt."

Friday evening Youth Group - 6:45 p.m.

Sunday Services:	English 9:30a.m.	
Office Hours:	Tues - Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 noon	
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Minister	Rev Jeff Odhiambo	022 674 0044
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Property Manager	Charles de Vilder	
People's Warden	Ayleen de Vilder	
Minister's Warden	Julie Dickey	
Pastoral Care	Judy McDonald	
Prayer Chain	Judy McDonald	

Youth Group: Contact Antony or Jeff community@stjohnsbb.org.nz

	Today's Helpers 8-Oct-2023	Next Week's Helpers 15-Oct-2023
Preacher	Antony Dayal	Rev Jeff Odhiambo
Musician/s	Des Sharp, Rahil John Alicia, Albert & Winnie	Rahil John Albert Ip
Projector & Sound Desk	Michael Zhao	Alicia Odihambo
Reader	Olga Ferreira	Trevor Haigh
Intercessor	Julie Dickey	Mavis Haigh
HC set up	N/A	Ayleen de Vilder
HC Serving team	N/A	Judy McDonald
Prayer ministry	Joan Jones	Joan Rutherford
Sunday School	Antony Dayal	Antony Dayal
Welcome Desk	Joan Rutherford	Mavis Haigh
Usher	An opportunity to serve here	Judy McDonald
Counters	Jeanette Li Dimock Monita Leung	Trevor Haigh Albert Ip
Morning Tea	Betty Curd Nessie Crawford	Monita Leung Jojo Lee