



St John's
Being the Gospel to all People

Sunday
11-Feb-2024

A very warm welcome is extended to all visitors to St John's. Morning tea is offered after the service today, so please stay and enjoy.

Passion

Scripture reading: Mark 1:40-45 (New International Version)



Jesus Heals a Man With Leprosy

⁴⁰ A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean."

⁴¹ Jesus was indignant. He reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" ⁴² Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed.

⁴³ Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning: ⁴⁴ "See that you don't tell this to anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them." ⁴⁵ Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people still came to him from everywhere.

Scripture readings: Mark 1:9-15 (New International Version)

From: 11-Feb-2024

To: 18-Feb-2024

Prayer points:

- For peace and restoration of stability in Israel, 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;
- For support for all those who have lost loved ones, homes and/or livelihoods in the recent natural disasters.

Pastoral Reflection

Hello, friends, who love St Johns,

Welcome to our last Sunday in Epiphany. Next week we begin our Lenten journey with Ash Wednesday, which also happens to fall on Valentine Days. I wonder how many of us are wanting to gather for Ash Wednesday service?

Anyway, a few days ago, we had the opportunity to partner with a local organization called Youth Project NZ in their first beach clean-up on Eastern Beach. It was fascinating to see the clean-up featured on the Times, profiling our dog Penny- which gave her the status of the first canine volunteer. I really love such opportunities because it is a sign of God's presence in our community, and an occasion to meet and engage with our wider community. Through this engagement, the Youth Project NZ has agreed to partner with us in the upcoming Holiday Programme. It is truly a wonderful opportunity one of which I am really looking forward to.

This week's gospel reading on the surface is so familiar, so characteristic, and, for those reasons, so seemingly unexceptional, that it would be easy for us to give it no attention.

While we might be tempted to skim the surface of the gospel account, the invitation for us this week is instead to dig a bit deeper, and an obvious place to begin is to ask what did it mean to be a leper? Physically, socially and religiously.

Could this be the reason why the NIV says, "Jesus was indignant."? Other translations say Jesus was full of compassion or Jesus was powerfully moved. The Hebrew translation says, "Jesus being filled with *Rachmei shomayim* (heavenly compassion and mercy) was deeply moved". What could have set Jesus off like that? Was it the leprosy? Was it the request being made? Or was it something completely different? Is there a connection between anger and compassion? Or are they two different emotions?

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| Sunday | 11-Feb-2024 |
| 9.30 am Sunday Service in English (Chinese subtitle) | |
| 3:30 pm Christian Youth Church | |
| Monday | 12-Feb-2024 |
| N/A | |
| Tuesday | 13-Feb-2024 |
| 7:30 pm Parish Council Meeting | |
| Wednesday | 14-Feb-2024 |
| 7:00 pm AA meeting | |
| Thursday | 15-Feb-2024 |
| 3:10 pm Musiqhub | |
| Friday | 16-Feb-2024 |
| 10:00 am Knitting Group | |
| 7:00 pm Youth Group | |
| Sunday | 18-Feb-2024 |
| 9.30 am Holy Communion Sunday Service in English (Chinese subtitle) | |
| 3:30 pm Christian Youth Church | |

Youth GROUP

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9th FEB "God Loves"
Ultimate Frisbee
Potluck - Bring Food!

16th FEB "Love Yourself"
Volleyball
Pancakes

23rd FEB "Family Love"
Dodgeball

1st MAR "Love Your Friends"
Mural Painting

8th MAR "Church and Love"
Basketball

15th MAR "What can't we Love?"
Table Tennis

22nd MAR "Jesus Loves"
Speedball
Easter Egg Hunt

29th MAR Good Friday
No Youth Group

5th APR "Community Love"
Sardines
Show & Tell

12th APR End of Term
Celebration!

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A group of volunteers from St Johns and Bucklands Beach who helped on Wednesday morning.

*Source:
<https://www.times.co.nz/news/youth-project-nz-cleans-up-eastern-beach/>*

Coming to grips with the **TREATY**

The Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand is a "multicultural church with a bicultural commitment". But what does that mean? In light of recent debate about te Tiriti o Waitangi, its principles and implementation today, come along to learn about te Tiriti and its history as we move forward together.

WHEN: 7-9:30pm Thursday 29 February 2024

WHERE: St Peter's, 7 Harrison Rd., Mt. Wellington

WHO: Facilitated by Dr. Susan Healy

This workshop is particularly open to members of Kohimarama, St. Heliers, St. Lukes Remuera, Somervell Remuera, St. Peter's Ellerslie, St John's Bucklands Beach



Songs for Today



1. I'd rather have Jesus
2. Beneath the cross of Jesus
3. You are my all in all
4. The steadfast love of the Lord

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| Sunday Services: | English 9:30a.m. | |
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| | Today's Helpers 11-Feb-2024 | Next Week's Helpers 18-Feb-2024 |
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| Preacher/ Service Leader | Jeff Odhiambo | Jeff Odhiambo |
| Musician/s | Jeanette Li, Albert Ip, Winnie Wong | Rahil John |
| Projector & Sound Desk | Alison Stanton | Alicia Odhiambo |
| Reader | Olga Ferriera | Judy McDonald |
| Intercessor | Julie Dickey | Mavis Haigh |
| HC set up | N/A | Alison Stanton |
| HC Serving team | N/A | Judy McDonald |
| Prayer ministry | Judy McDonald | Joan Jones |
| Sunday School | N/A | N/A |
| Welcome Desk | With ushering | With ushering |
| Usher | Olga Ferreira | Judy McDonald |
| Counters | Charles de Vilder | Jeanette Li |
| | Alison Stanton | Christo John |
| Morning Tea | Betty Curd | Monita Leung |
| | Nessie Crawford | Jojo Lee |