



**St Johns**  
Being the Gospel to all People

Sunday  
3-Mar-2024

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.

**Scripture reading: John 2:13-22 (New International Version)**



Destroy the church  
and raise it again!

**Jesus Clears the Temple Courts**

13 When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. 15 So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. 16 To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" 17 His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

18 The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"

19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

20 They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" 21 But the temple he had spoken of was his body. 22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

**Sunday**

**10-Mar-2024**

**THIS WEEK**

**Scripture readings: John 3:14-21 (New International Version)**

**From:**

**3-Mar-2024**

**To:**

**10-Mar-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 Third Sunday in Lent. The lectionary passage for this week is not found in Mark's gospel but in John's gospel. I am not sure the reasons for this switch, but I trust the wisdom of the Church of moving our attention from Mark's gospel to John's gospel. In the middle of John's gospel reading for this week there is this line, **19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."**

Essentially Jesus says, "destroy the church and raise it again." I wonder what emotions those words evoke in you? For some of us we welcome the action of destroying the church. Because we have witnessed its corruption and abuse, and we would like a makeover. But for some of us we are going- Jesus are you out of your mind? Have you seen the majesty and the beauty of our Cathedrals? Jesus what are you smoking?  
I suspect, those are the emotions present in our gospel reading this week. Some people gathered would have welcomed Jesus' desire to destroy the temple because it had become a symbol of exclusion and exploitation, and they welcomed the possibility of setting everything right again. But for some this was not a welcomed proposition.

**Sunday 3-Mar-2024**

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

**Monday 4-Mar-2024**

5:30pm Community Dinner

**Tuesday 5-Mar-2024**

N/A

**Wednesday 6-Mar-2024**

7:00 pm AA meeting

**Thursday 7-Mar-2024**

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

**Friday 8-Mar-2024**

10:00 am Knitting Group  
7:00 pm Youth Group

**Sunday 10-Mar-2024**

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

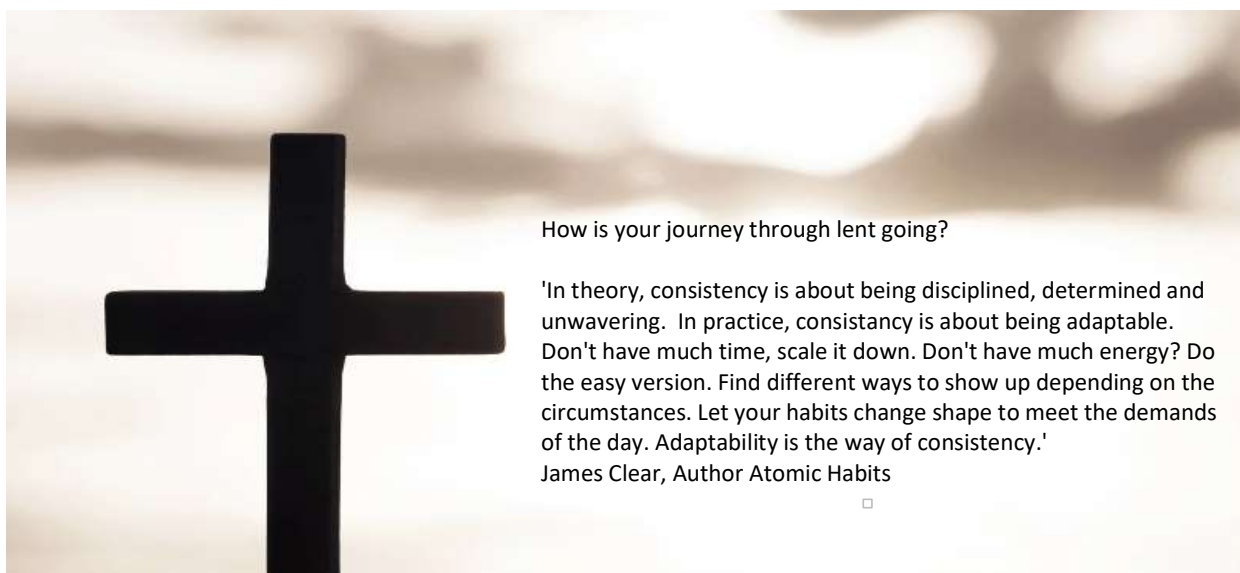
For many in Israel, the Temple was the symbol of God's presence, faithfulness and statehood. The temple was the physical representation of their Sinai experience. And so, to destroy it was ludicrous and such utterance was only uttered by someone who was out of their mind. Not to mention, it had taken forty-six years to build the present Temple. To destroy it and rebuild it in three days was a madman talk.

Anne Purcell is onboarding as the new church administrator at St. Johns Bucklands Beach. Winnie is providing lots of support handing over key tasks. Anne is married to Andy and has a son called Michael. The family moved to New Zealand on St Patrick's Day 16 years ago. She lives locally and is really excited to join the team at St. Johns Bucklands Beach.



Anne also works in our local community as a Health Coach at Highland Park Medical Centre. She does some pastoral supervision work with people doing community ministry.

She has two cats Ellie and Sass. Sass has a great rescue story!



How is your journey through lent going?

'In theory, consistency is about being disciplined, determined and unwavering. In practice, consistency is about being adaptable. Don't have much time, scale it down. Don't have much energy? Do the easy version. Find different ways to show up depending on the circumstances. Let your habits change shape to meet the demands of the day. Adaptability is the way of consistency.'

James Clear, Author Atomic Habits

The theme for International Women's Day 2024 is **Inspire Inclusion**.

You're invited to join women at St. Mary's Church in Glen Innes at 6:30pm on Friday 8th March. Guest facilitator is Joanne Hand from Hagar NZ. This organisation works with people who have experienced trauma of human trafficking on their journey to recovery.

Please let Anne know if you are interested in coming along.





## Songs for Today

1. Give me joy in my lamp
2. Open your eyes
3. Give thanks
4. The steadfast love of the Lord



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	Today's Helpers 3-Mar-2024	Next Week's Helpers 10-Mar-2024
Preacher/ Service Leader	Jeff Odhiambo	Jeff Odhiambo
Musician/s	Rahil John	Jeanette Li, Albert Ip, Winnie Wong
Projector & Sound Desk	Collin Franke	Can you offer here?
Reader	Felicity Vincer	Olga Ferriera
Intercessor	Elizabeth Speer	Julie Dickey
HC set up	Ayleen de Vilder	N/A
HC Serving team	Olga Ferriera	N/A
Prayer ministry	Joan Rutherford	Judy McDonald
Sunday School	N/A	N/A
Welcome Desk	With ushering	With ushering
Usher	Olga Ferreira	Charles de Vilder
Counters	Trevor Haigh	Charles de Vilder
	Christo John	Alison Stanton
Morning Tea	Jeanette Li	Betty Curd
	Amy Wang	Nessie Crawford