



St John's
Being the Gospel to all People

Sunday
17-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 12:20-33 (New International Version)



We Would Like to See Jesus

Jesus Predicts His Death

²⁰ Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." ²² Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

²³ Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵ Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

²⁷ "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!"

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." ²⁹ The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

³⁰ Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. ³¹ Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³ He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

Sunday

24-Mar-2024

Scripture reading: Mark 15:1-39 (New International Version)

THIS WEEK

From: 17-Mar-2024

To: 24-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 Fifth Sunday in Lent. It sure does feel like the director of a play, or a movie says "Take two... Action" because this week's gospel reading sounds really familiar. It has the same contours and issues we looked at last week. Especially verses 32-33:

"32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." 33 He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die."

We are invited once again this week to consider the cross one more time as we edge our way towards Good Friday. In addition, this week, John is asking us to consider two other issues:

What does it mean to "see" Jesus?

What does Jesus mean when he prays "Father, glorify your name"?

What does glory or glorify mean?

The questions above have varied implications. But let me delineate one implication as it connects to what Jesus says about the seed. Jesus is the seed who destroys evil. The suffering servant willingly gave his life for the redemption of his people. Our belief in Jesus bears witness to the fact that good will prevail by peace, love, truth, faithfulness, and courageous endurance of suffering, and that domination, violence, and torture are among the things that will be overcome.

Jesus is saying no good deed will be forgotten or wasted, and so we should start doing the next good thing now, faithfully continuing, and never giving up until the dream becomes true. Even if doing so costs us our life, we must press on, because death is not the end, and even death itself cannot stop the advancement of the peace and love of God. For Jesus, love and grace – not violence and domination – finally win.

Sunday 17-Mar-2024

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

Monday 18-Mar-2024

N/A

Tuesday 19-Mar-2024

N/A

Wednesday 20-Mar-2024

7:00 pm AA meeting

Thursday 21-Mar-2024

3:10 pm Musiqhub

Friday 22-Mar-2024

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

Sunday 24-Mar-2024

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



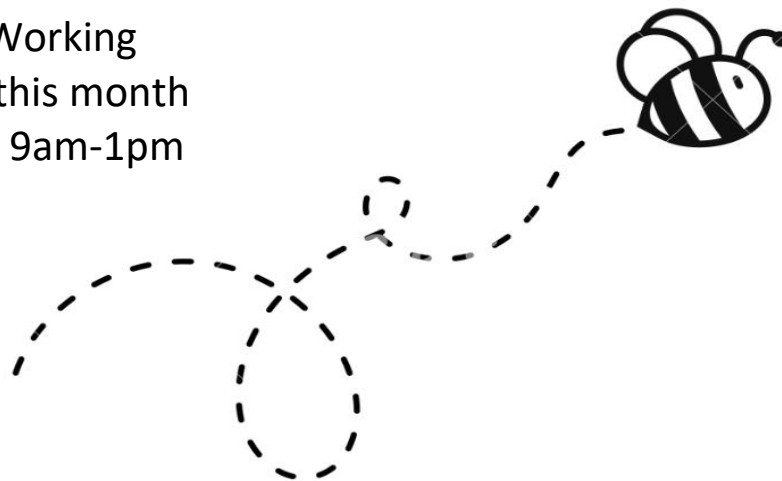
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- Grow skills
- Grow networks
- Grow and share kai
- Grow connections
- Grow memories



How might you grow together with your neighbours in 2024?

Save the date: Working
bee coming up this month
23 March 2024, 9am-1pm



The food bank needs:

- rice
- jam
- peanut butter
- tea bags
- biscuits

Our donations make a
difference to families who
are struggling at the
moment.





Songs for Today

TBC



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	Today's Helpers 17-Mar-2024	Next Week's Helpers 24-Mar-2024
Preacher/ Service Leader	Jeff Odhiambo	Jeff Odhiambo
Musician/s	Rahil John Ronaldo	Joan Williamson
Projector & Sound Desk	Mavis Haigh	Michael Zhao
Reader	Judy McDonald	Natalie Springveldt
Intercessor	Joan Rutherford	Bob Williamson
HC set up	Alison Stanton	N/A
HC Serving team	Joan Rutherford	N/A
Prayer ministry	Joan Jones	Joan Rutherford
Sunday School	N/A	N/A
Welcome Desk	With ushering	With ushering
Usher	Judy McDonald	Mavis Haigh
Counters	Jeanette Li Nessie Crawford	Bob Williamson Albert Ip
Morning Tea	Julie Dickey Alison Stanton	Monita Leung Jojo Lee