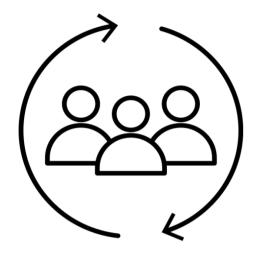


Sunday 12-May-2024

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 17:6-19 (New International Version)



Santify Them in the Truth, Your Word is Truth

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

⁶ "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹ I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

¹³ "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴ I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

Scripture reading: Acts 2:1-21(New International Version)

You will pray to him, and he will hear you Job 22:27

Prayer points:

- For peace and restoration of stability in Israel, Ukraine and other regions experiencing unrest;
- For Jane's health;
- · For Felicity's recovery;
- · For safe commuities.
- · For our youth and adult leaders
- For support for all those who have lost loved ones
- For Jeff, our Minister, Ayleen and Julie our church wardens and all members of Parish Council.
- For our friends at CYC

Pastoral Reflection

Hello, friends, who love St Johns,

Welcome to our Seventh Sunday of Eastertide, and the gateway to our Pentecost celebration.

This week's Gospel reading is a wonderful prayer that is anticipating Pentecost's harvest. Jesus is bringing his supplication to God and hoping and trusting that God will protect the disciples, and bring to fruition the good plan that God has always had in Jesus. Undergirding this Gospel reading is the theology of incarnation that is God becoming flesh and blood in Jesus Christ

Also, the Gospel reading this week challenges our proclivity to prefer engaging with ideas instead of practicing incarnation. The invitation for us then is to shift our attention and intention from merely engaging with ideas and to embody the words of Jesus in a lived community.

Which then brings me to what we will be doing next week. Next week we will have the opportunity to embody Pentecost celebration. Here is how we hope our gathering next week will look like:

Gathering: I will welcome everyone and call us into the circle. The seats will be arranged to face each other, with newcomers seated on the right side of the church, facing the congregation seated on the left.

Song: Sing each verse twice
Holy Spirit welcome Wairua Tapu kuhu mai
Your are welcome here Nau mai ki konei
Lead us Holy Spirit Wairua Tapu arahia
Speak to us again korero mai ano

THIS WEEK

From: 12-May-2024

To: 19-May-2024

Sunday 12-May-2024

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

Monday 13-May-2024

N/A

Tuesday 14-May-2024

7:30pm Parish Council

Wednesday 15-May-2024

7:00 pm AA meeting

Thursday 16-May-2024

10:30am Finance Team

Friday 17-May-2024

10:00am Knitting Group

Sunday 19-May-2024

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

Reading: Acts 2: 1-21 with verses 9 to 11 paraphrased to read 'Pakeha and Māori, Swahili and Mandarin, Irish, Scottish, South African and Samoan and Tongan, and Sri Lankan, both lifelong Christians and new believers – we will hear all telling in their own tongues the mighty works of God.'

Responding: Colenso will respond with a mihi to Jeff and the rest of the congregation in te reo Māori.

Colenso's mihi will be supported with a waiata tautoko.

Other newcomers to respond to the welcome in their own tongues and songs too.

Merging: Newcomers will move to the left side of the church and sit with the rest of the congregation.

Please give some thoughts on what you would like to offer us next week (in a way of sharing your story with us). I am so excited. I really hope you are as well.

Next week Pentecost Sunday 19th May

We are welcoming new members to St Johns Bucklands Beach on Pentecost Sunday

This is shaping up to be a really special time together as church whānau, come and share!



Morning tea is on the move

When the building works take over the foyer we will go up to the hall and enjoy time together after the service in a different space.

This will allow for building work to take place on the ceiling and keep everyone safe.





Thanks to everyone who has volunteered time for the roster in June. We have a growing group of people who are supporting our time of worship together.

Let me know if you would like to support our communications on social media - life together facebook page or updating our website.

Contact Anne at the office office@stjohnsbb.org.nz



Songs for Today



- 1. Turn your eyes upon Jesus
- 2. Amazing Grace
- 3. You are my all in all
- 4. Spirit Song

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	Today's Helpers	Next Week's Helpers
	12-May-2024	19-May-2024
Preacher/Service Leader	Jeff / Rona	Jeff / Anne
Musician/s	Jeanette, Albert, Winnie	Rahil, Ronaldo, Colenzo?
Projector & Sound Desk	Mavis	Charles
Reader	Olga	Natalie
Intercessor	Julie	Joan
HC set up	N/A	Mavis
HC Serving team	N/A	Joan R
Prayer ministry	Judy	Joan J
Sunday School	N/A	N/A
Welcome Desk	With ushering	With ushering
Usher	Charles	Olga
Counters	Charles	Christo
	Alison	Nessie
Morning Tea	Betty	Monita
	Nessie	Jojo