



St Johns
Being the Gospel to all People

Sunday
19-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: Acts 2:1-21 (New International Version)

Pentecost Sunday



The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. **2** Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. **6** When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. **7** Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" **8** Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? **9** Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome **11** (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" **12** Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" **13** Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

Peter Addresses the Crowd

14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. **15** These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! **16** No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

17 "'In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

your young men will see visions,

your old men will dream dreams.

18 Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

19 I will show wonders in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and billows of smoke.

20 The sun will be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

21 And everyone who calls

on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

Sunday

26-May-2024

Scripture reading: John 3:1-17(New International Version)

Prayer points:

- Bring peace to place of conflict, within ourselves, in families. communities and within and between nations;
- For Jane's health;
- For Felicity's recovery;
- For safe communities;
- For our youth and adult leaders;
- For support for all those who have lost loved ones;
- For Charles and all the people who are working on our building repairs;
- For our friends at CYC
- For the YWAM team as they prepare to come to New Zealand



Pastoral Reflection

Hello, friends, who love St Johns

Happy Pentecost Sunday. We are finally here. We have been waiting for this day for the last 7 Sundays. It is so great to be with you this morning on this Pentecost Sunday.

Here is an amazing theological fact, in Exodus when the law is given 3000 people were slain, but in Acts when the Holy Spirit was poured about 3000 people were cut to the heart. It was an amazing thing. The disciples were sitting in the up room, the same upper room where Jesus and them had had their last meal, where Jesus had said things like:

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life...” and “... believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves...” and “... peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid...”

It was also where Jesus had washed their feet, and it was also the place that Judas had betrayed Jesus... they are there waiting. We now know that there is an extra apostle that has been added – Matthias, had replaced Judas... they were waiting for God’s spirit to show up, but it is not just the twelve disciples... the whole community was there.

They were all gathered and so, when the Spirit fell, it fell not only on the twelve who were in a way the leaders of the early Christian community, but it fell on the whole community (we are told 120 people were gathered) and it impacted everybody in the community. The spirit was poured out on all of them. It was an amazing thing. Amazed and perplexed they asked one another **“what does this mean?”** And that is the question about the Spirit – “What does this mean?” In other words, “What’s going on here?” It was their question, and it is our question today. I like the way Luke resolves in verse 13 he says, **“Some however made fun of them and said they have had so much wine....”**

God’s spirit has been poured out and the effects is so dramatic that they don’t have any categories except to associate it with intoxication. What about you. What comes to mind when you hear the word Pentecost?

THIS WEEK

From: 19-May-2024

To: 26-May-2024

Sunday 19-May-2024

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

Monday 20-May-2024

N/A

Tuesday 21-May-2024

N/A

Wednesday 22-May-2024

7:00 pm AA meeting

Thursday 23-May-2024

N/A

Friday 24-May-2024

10:00am Knitting Group

Sunday 26-May-2024

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



**Jaque and Ronaldo are baking cupcakes for us this Sunday!
Buying some yummy cupcakes will support them on their mission trip to Fiji.**

The cupcakes are \$2:00 each.

Coming Soon



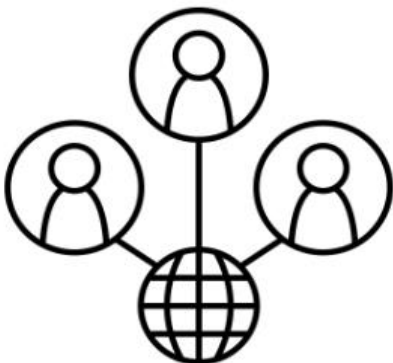
Board Games Session with the YWAM team

Let Andy, Ayleen or Anne know if you're interested in being involved. Do you have a board game you would like to share?

Communication and Connecting

Would you like to support our online communications?

This could be on social media life together facebook page or helping to update our St Johns Bucklands Beach website.



Contact Anne at the office
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Songs for Today



Wairua Tapu
Reckless Love
Servant Song
10,000 reasons

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	Today's Helpers 19-May-2024	Next Week's Helpers 26-May-2024
Preacher/Service Leader	Jeff /Colenso	Jeff / Suzanne
Musician/s	Rahil	Jeanette, Winnie
Projector & Sound Desk	Charles	Michael
Reader	Natalie	Rona
Intercessor	Joan	Colenso
HC set up	Mavis	N/A
HC Serving team	Joan R	N/A
Prayer ministry	Joan J	Joan R
Sunday School	N/A	N/A
Welcome Desk	With ushering	With ushering
Usher	Olga	Mavis
Counters	Christo	Trevor
	Nessie	Jeanette
Morning Tea	Monita	Miranda
	Jojo	Grace