



St Johns
Being the Gospel to all People

Sunday
23-Jun-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: Mark 4:35-41 (New International Version)

Storm and Stillness



Jesus Calms the Storm

³⁵ That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." ³⁶ Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. ³⁷ A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. ³⁸ Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

³⁹ He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Sunday

30-Jun-2024

Scripture reading: Mark 5:21-43 (New International Version)

Prayer points:

- Bring peace to places of conflict, within ourselves, in families, communities, within and between nations;
- For Jane's health;
- For Felicity's recovery;
- For safer communities;
- For our youth and adult leaders;
- For support for all those who have lost loved ones;
- For our friends at CYC;
- For families facing financial challenges and impacts of poverty;
- For members of St Johns Bucklands Beach travelling overseas.



Pastoral Reflection

Hello, friends, who love St Johns,

Jesus calming the storm is one of my earliest memories. I was very young, introduced to the scripture in Children's church with the aid of felt figures and a flannel board. I don't remember a time of not knowing that Jesus was able to speak to the wind and waves bringing peace and stillness. I remember the sun streaming through the windows of the room on a bright Sunday morning, I remember this simple yet deep assurance in me that Jesus could sort any kind of trouble out. This story has journeyed with me through thick and thin. I would still say it's foundational to my faith.

It has been fascinating to encounter the passage in Marks gospel afresh. I followed lectio divina, a process of reading, reflecting, responding and resting with the bible passage. I encourage you to do likewise:

Is there a word or phrase that stands out to you?

What do you feel?

Is there a specific situation in your life today that connects you to the passage?

What is Christ's invitation to you as you read and reread the story?

I have found new treasure in the passage, reflecting on the context for Jesus and the disciples needing to exit from the crowds, the teaching and explaining of the parables, to retreat and cross to the other side. I have been paying attention to Jesus, incarnate, humanly in desperate need to get some rest.

The fear factor for the disciples also stands out. The disciples were deeply afraid during the storm. We later hear how terrified the disciples were in the stillness. They were asking, 'Who are you, that even the wind and the waves obey?' In storm or stillness what fears might you bring to Jesus today?

Looking Forward and Getting Involved

This Week

Sunday 23-June-2024

9:30 am Sunday Service in
English (Chinese subtitle) 3:30
pm Christian Youth Church

Monday 24-June-2024

N/A

Tuesday 25-June-2024

N/A

Wednesday 26-June-2024

7:00 pm AA meeting

Thursday 27-June-2024

N/A

Friday 28-June-2024

Matariki Public Holiday
Youth Group

Sunday 30-June-2024 9:30 am

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

Monday 1-July-2024

5:00pm Community Dinner



Volunteer Month June 2024

This week our big Shout out is to Alicia who volunteered her time to bring the YWAM team to St Johns Bucklands Beach.

The team really appreciated her support as they adjusted back to Aotearoa following their overseas trip to Papua New Guinea.

We also now enjoy the benefits of their hard work on the grounds and painting the Gallery.

Many thanks Alicia

JOIN A TABLE
FOR MORNING
TEA AND HELP
CREATE OUR
ROSTER FOR
JULY

Our Next community dinner at St Johns Bucklands Beach will be on Monday 1st July at 5:00pm.

Is there someone you might invite to join our time together?

Do you have a favourite dish to share? Make enough for your household plus one.



Songs for Today

**Christ Before me
Into the Deep**



| | | |
|----------------------------|---|--------------|
| Sunday Services: | English 9:30 am | |
| Office Hours: | Wed/Fri 9am-12pm, Thurs 11am-2pm | |
| Phone: 09 534 2305 | Email: office@stjohnsbb.org.nz | |
| Website: | https://stjohnsbb.org.nz | |
| Minister | Rev Jeff Odhiambo | 022 674 0044 |
| Administrator | Anne Purcell | |
| Property Manager | Charles de Vilder | |
| People's Warden | Ayleen de Vilder | |
| Minister's Warden | Julie Dickey | |
| Pastoral Care | Judy McDonald | 021 057 6327 |
| Prayer Chain | Judy McDonald | |
| Direct Credit Offerings AC | 03-0166-0135407-025 | |

Youth Group: Contact Jeff minister@stjohnsbb.org.nz

| | Today's Helpers 23-Jun-2024 | Next Week's Helpers 30-Jun-2024 |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| | | Holy Communion |
| Preacher/Service Leader | Anne | Liz |
| Musician/s | Rahil | Winnie, Joan W |
| Projector & Sound Desk | Michael | Charles |
| Reader | Natalie | Rona |
| Intercessor | Joan R | Colenso |
| HC set up | N/A | Ayleen |
| HC Serving team | N/A | Judy |
| Prayer ministry | Joan J | Joan R |
| Sunday School | N/A | N/A |
| Welcome Desk | With ushering | With ushering |
| Usher | Bob | Darlene |
| Counters | Bob | Christo |
| | Nessie | Dudley |
| Morning Tea | Monita | Miranda |
| | Jo Jo | Grace |