



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

Sunday  
7-Jul-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 6: 1-13 (New International Version)**



## Homecoming



### **A Prophet Without Honor**

**6** Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. <sup>2</sup> When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

“Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? <sup>3</sup> Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

<sup>4</sup> Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.” <sup>5</sup> He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. <sup>6</sup> He was amazed at their lack of faith.

### **Jesus Sends Out the Twelve**

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. <sup>7</sup> Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.

<sup>8</sup> These were his instructions: “Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. <sup>9</sup> Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. <sup>10</sup> Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. <sup>11</sup> And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.”

<sup>12</sup> They went out and preached that people should repent. <sup>13</sup> They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

Sunday

14-Jul-2024

Scripture reading: Mark 6: 14-29 (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,

I want to begin by expressing my gratitude to Anne, and Rona for stepping in to preach. That offer has provided me a good opportunity to rest and join in with everyone in worship – something that I rarely get a chance to do. So, thank you Anne and Rona for your generosity and leadership.

This week's Gospel reading as many of the Gospel reading, we have been reading is very weighty. There is a lot going on. The invitation to us this week is enormous as it pertains to our life together.

At first glance the words that grabs my attention are: Accompanied, teaching (and this word is repeated several times in the passage – so we better pay attention), calling, and instructions.

The Gospel reading begins with Jesus and the disciples coming back home, after a long stretch of fruitful ministry. Right away we sense the tension that awaits them. I.e., that the most challenging thing that someone can ever do with their lives is to move away from their home country. Yet it must be borne to mind that the uttermost challenging thing is not simply to move to a new place, but to move away to a new place then come home again. That is the uttermost challenging thing. And that is what Jesus, and the disciples have done.

Also, the Gospel reading has a very interesting cadence to it. The people are amazed, but then they quickly take offence which then inhibits the work of God among them (a very sad state). Jesus is also “amazed at their lack of faith”. But what he does not do is to match their frenzy. He is amazed, but he does not take offense, instead he responds.

By teaching them, by calling the twelve and by sending “them out two by two” and he shares with the disciples his authority over impure spirit. He also gives the disciples some instructions, and what undergirds those sets of instructions is generosity.

In the end, the Gospel reading signs off in this profound way: “They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them”. And so, in the place where people were taking offense, Jesus responds by liberating them from all forms of addictions and by healing them. What a story.

# Looking Forward and Getting Involved

## This Week

### Sunday 7-July-2024

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

### Monday 8-July-2024

5:00pm Community Dinner

### Tuesday 9-July-2024

7:30pm Parish Council

### Wednesday 10-July-2024

7:00 pm AA meeting

### Thursday 11-July-2024

### Friday 12-July-2024

**Sunday 7-July-2024** 9:30 am Sunday Service in English (Chinese subtitle) 3:30 pm Christian Youth Church

St Johns Bucklands Beach is hosting:

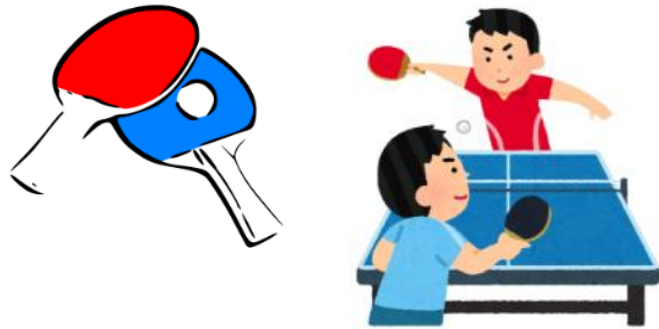


Table Tennis Extreme Camp -  
July 16th-18th 1PM-4:00PM

Please fill out below registration form to enroll in the Table Tennis Extreme Camp. This is a family event. Please fill out one form per child. There will be places to relax and afternoon tea provided everyone.

[stjohnsholidayprogramme@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsholidayprogramme@gmail.com)

## Coffee and Chat @ St Johns Bucklands Beach

Once a month on Tuesdays at 10:30am

Watch this space for the next date

All Welcome





1. As the deer
2. In Christ Alone
3. Shine Jesus Shine
4. Just a closer walk with thee



Sunday Services:	English 9:30 am	
Office Hours:	Wed/Fri 9am-12pm, Thurs 11am-2pm	
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	<b>Today's Helpers 7-Jul-2024</b>	<b>Next Week's Helpers 14-Jul-2024</b>
	Holy Communion	
<b>Preacher/Service Leader</b>	Jeff/Suzanne	Jeff/ Judy
<b>Musician/s</b>	Colenso/Rahil	
<b>Projector &amp; Sound Desk</b>	Collin	
<b>Reader</b>	Felicity	Rona
<b>Intercessor</b>		
<b>HC set up</b>		
<b>HC Serving team</b>	Joan R	
<b>Prayer ministry</b>		
<b>Sunday School</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Welcome Desk</b>	With ushering	With ushering
<b>Usher</b>	Olga	
<b>Counters</b>	Christo	
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Betty/Nessie Rona/Colenso	