



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

Sunday  
21-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 6:30-34,53-56 (New International Version)**



## Anchored

### **Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand**

<sup>30</sup> The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup> Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.”

<sup>32</sup> So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. <sup>33</sup> But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup> When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

<sup>53</sup> When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. <sup>54</sup> As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. <sup>55</sup> They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup> And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

Sunday

28-Jul-2024

Scripture reading: John 6:1-21 (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.



**Pastoral Reflection**

Hello, friends, who love St Johns,

This week we mourn the passing of Derek Speer who passed away last week. Our love and condolences to Liz, her daughters and her extended family. At our regular staff prayer meeting this week, someone shared this line, **“When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there.”** And the word that grabbed my attention was **anchored**. It is my assertion that this Gospel reading is centred around this word.

I posit this argument because of three things. First, the disciples were overrun by the many people who are coming and going, and they didn't seem to have the space to eat. Secondly, we know from last week's reading Jesus was in mourning. His cousin John had been murdered by capricious King. Thirdly, Jesus became a sort after leader. People were literally flocking around him. We know from elsewhere that after Jesus had fed the people, the people wanted to crown him as their King. And so, Jesus became in danger of being misdirected in the wrong vocation by the people's expectations.

So, because of these things, Jesus and disciples needed to be anchored. They needed to be anchored so that they could eat, grieve, and Jesus needed the space to rest so that he could keep things in the right perspective and not get distracted from his true vocation.

I wonder where your go to place is when life gets overwhelming or overcrowded. How do you ensure that you stay anchored?

# Looking Forward and Getting Involved

## This Week

### Sunday 21 July-2024

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

### Monday 22-July-2024

6:00pm Centering Prayer small chapel

### Tuesday 23 July-2024

N/A

### Wednesday 24-July-2024

Office Closed

7:00 pm AA meeting

### Thursday 25-July-2024

N/A

### Friday 26-July-2024

Youth Group

### Sunday 28-July-2024 9:30 am

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

## Centering Prayer - 6pm Monday - Small Chapel

Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, prayer in which we experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself.

Be Still

and know...



## Sign up today for services in August

We need some willing counters for after the service.

It's a short task that requires two people. This is a vital role to the smooth running of our finances.

If you sign up and find you can't make it - ask someone else to fill the slot.



## Songs for today



1. Be Thou My Vision
2. Blessed Assurance
3. How Deep the Father's Love for us
4. The Servant Song

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	Today's Helpers 21-Jul-2024	Next Week's Helpers 28-Jul-2024
<b>Preacher/Service Leader</b>	Jeff/Rona	Jeff/ Mavis
<b>Musician/s</b>	Rahil	Joan W
<b>Projector &amp; Sound Desk</b>	Michael	Charles
<b>Reader</b>	Ayleen	Olga
<b>Intercessor</b>	Joan R	Bob W
<b>HC set up</b>	Ayleen	N/A
<b>HC Serving team</b>	Judy	N/A
<b>Prayer ministry</b>		
<b>Sunday School</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Welcome Desk</b>	With ushering	With ushering
<b>Usher</b>	Judy	Charles
<b>Counters</b>		Bob
		Nessie
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Miranda	Jojo
	Grace	Monita