



St John's
Being the Gospel to all People

Sunday
15 February 2026

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: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13; John 11:1-16 Good News Translation

1 Samuel 16: 1-13

David Is Anointed King

16 The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you go on grieving over Saul? I have rejected him as king of Israel. But now get some olive oil and go to Bethlehem, to a man named Jesse, because I have chosen one of his sons to be king."

² "How can I do that?" Samuel asked. "If Saul hears about it, he will kill me!"

The LORD answered, "Take a calf with you and say that you are there to offer a sacrifice to the LORD. ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will tell you what to do. You will anoint as king the man I tell you to."

⁴ Samuel did what the LORD told him to do and went to Bethlehem, where the city leaders came trembling to meet him and asked, "Is this a peaceful visit, seer?"

⁵ "Yes," he answered. "I have come to offer a sacrifice to the LORD. Purify yourselves and come with me." He also told Jesse and his sons to purify themselves, and he invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they arrived, Samuel saw Jesse's son Eliab and said to himself, "This man standing here in the LORD's presence is surely the one he has chosen." ⁷ But the LORD said to him, "Pay no attention to how tall and handsome he is. I have rejected him, because I do not judge as people judge. They look at the outward appearance, but I look at the heart."

⁸ Then Jesse called his son Abinadab and brought him to Samuel. But Samuel said, "No, the LORD hasn't chosen him either." ⁹ Jesse then brought Shammah. "No, the LORD hasn't chosen him either," Samuel said.

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¹⁰ In this way Jesse brought seven of his sons to Samuel. And Samuel said to him, "No, the LORD hasn't chosen any of these." ¹¹ Then he asked him, "Do you have any more sons?"

Jesse answered, "There is still the youngest, but he is out taking care of the sheep."

"Tell him to come here," Samuel said. "We won't offer the sacrifice until he comes." ¹² So Jesse sent for him. He was a handsome, healthy young man, and his eyes sparkled. The LORD said to Samuel, "This is the one—anoint him!" ¹³ Samuel took the olive oil and anointed David in front of his brothers. Immediately the spirit of the LORD took control of David and was with him from that day on. Then Samuel returned to Ramah.

John 11: 1-16

The Death of Lazarus

¹¹ A man named Lazarus, who lived in Bethany, became sick. Bethany was the town where Mary and her sister Martha lived. (² This Mary was the one who poured the perfume on the Lord's feet and wiped them with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was sick.) ³ The sisters sent Jesus a message: "Lord, your dear friend is sick."

⁴ When Jesus heard it, he said, "The final result of this sickness will not be the death of Lazarus; this has happened in order to bring glory to God, and it will be the means by which the Son of God will receive glory."

⁵ Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ Yet when he received the news that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was for two more days. ⁷ Then he said to the disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

⁸ "Teacher," the disciples answered, "just a short time ago the people there wanted to stone you; and are you planning to go back?"

⁹ Jesus said, "A day has twelve hours, doesn't it? So those who walk in broad daylight do not stumble, for they see the light of this world. ¹⁰ But if they walk during the night they stumble, because they have no light." ¹¹ Jesus said this and then added, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I will go and wake him up."

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¹² The disciples answered, "If he is asleep, Lord, he will get well."

¹³ Jesus meant that Lazarus had died, but they thought he meant natural sleep. ¹⁴ So Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, ¹⁵ but for your sake I am glad that I was not with him, so that you will believe. Let us go to him."

¹⁶ Thomas (called the Twin) said to his fellow disciples, "Let us all go along with the Teacher, so that we may die with him!"

**THIS WEEK
16 - 22 Feb**

Monday 16 Feb

Tuesday 17 Feb

**Wednesday 18 Feb
7 pm**

AA meeting in foyer

Thursday 19 Feb

Friday 20 Feb
Knitting Group
(Gallery)

Saturday 21 Feb

**Sunday 22 Feb
9.30 am**
Sunday Service

Hymns:

- 1. All things bright and beautiful**
- 2. The Servant King**
- 3. I surrender all**
- 4. What a friend we have in Jesus**

**Congregational Meeting TODAY 15th
Feb**

Immediately after Church Service &
before Morning Tea.

ROSTERS 2026

- **The 1st Draft of the March Roster is now on Welcome Desk**
- **We are finding some of our Roles on the Roster do not have enough people. Please consider offering to help with the following roles:**
Projector – Service Leader – Bible Passage Reader – Communion Set Up – Communion Serving – Welcome Desk – Intercessor

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Youth Group: TBA

	This Week's Helpers (15 February)	Next Week's Helpers (22 February)
Preacher	Margaret Liow	Aminiasi Kefu
Service Leader	Julie / Mavis	Julie / Mavis
Musician	Albert & Jeanette	Albert & Jeanette
Projector/Sound Desk	Byron	Michael
Reader	Liz	Mavis
Intercessor	Mavis or Julie	Bob W
HC set up		
HC serving		
Prayer Ministry		
Welcome Desk		
Usher offering	Trevor	Joan W
Counters	Albert & Trevor	Bob & Monita
Morning Tea	Grace & Jojo	Ofa & Dan