

### Welcome

St Nicholas Church<br/>21 August 2022





### Baptised THE CHURCH OF CHRIST ON MISSION IN THE WORLD

Heavenly Father, when your only begotten Son Jesus Christ rose from the dead, he commissioned his followers to "go and make disciples of all nations" and you remind us that through our Baptism we are made sharers in the mission of the Church.

Empower us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be courageous and zealous in bearing witness to the Gospel, so that the mission entrusted to the Church, which is still very far from completion, may find new and efficacious expressions that bring life and light to the world.

Help us make it possible for all peoples to experience the saving love and mercy of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

"but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth" (Acts 1:8)



So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls. They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. (Acts 2:41-42)

# Verses in the Books of Acts on mission

for we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard."

(Acts 4:20)

And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled

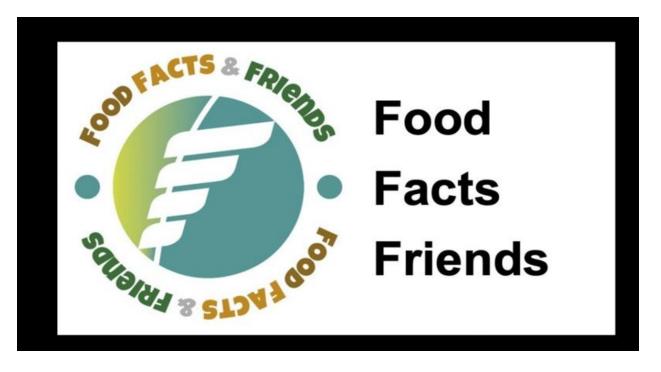


with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness. (Acts 4:31)

The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you had put to death by hanging Him on a cross.

He is the one whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Saviour, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him." (Acts 5:30-32)









## MISSION PRAYER

Lord, our God, help us to walk with you on the pathway to the beatitudes and to live out your mission in today's world.

Bind us to all men and women of our time, so that together we may bring the Good News to the ends of the earth.

Open our hearts and our Christian communities
To the needy, the afflicted, the oppressed.
May we radiate the Living Christ and transform
our lives in the hope of the Resurrection.

This prayer we make to you who is the living God, now and forever.

**AMEN** 



What a friend we have in Jesus All our sins and griefs to bear What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer O what peace we often forfeit O what needless pain we bear All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations
Is there trouble anywhere
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Are we weak and heavy laden

Cumbered with a load of care

Precious Saviour still our refuge

Take it to the Lord in prayer

Do thy friends despise forsake thee

Take it to the Lord in prayer

In His arms He'll take and shield thee

Thou wilt find a solace there

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#### Benediction

Let us go forth into the world in peace and dedicated to Your service, O Lord. Let us hold fast to that which is good, render to no person evil for evil, strengthen the faint-hearted,

support the weak, help the needy and the afflicted, and honour all people. Let us love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of His Spirit.

And may the grace... Amen