



THE BRIDGE



ANGLICAN PARISH OF OCEAN GROVE & BARWON HEADS

Our Mission Statement 'To know Christ, and Make Christ known'

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First Sunday of Advent

December 2nd 2018

Next week's services:

SUNDAY: 8am, 9.30am St Peter's. 11am All Saints'

WEDNESDAY: 10am St Peter's

TODAY'S READINGS

1st READING	Jeremiah 33:14-16
PSALM	Psalms 25:1-10
2nd READING	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
GOSPEL	Luke 21:25-38

PREPARE
THE WAY
OF THE LORD

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Malachi 3:1-4, Song of Zechariah (Prayer Book p384), Philippians 1:1-11, Luke 3:1-6

Daily readings this week:

Monday	Psalms 78:16-38	Isaiah 1:18-31	Mark 4:1-20
Tuesday	Psalms 80	Isaiah 2:6-18	Mark 4:21-41
Wednesday	Psalms 82;84	Isaiah 2:19-3;12	Mark 5:1-20
Thursday	Psalms 86	Isaiah 3:13-4:6	Mark 5:21-43
Friday	Psalms 90	Isaiah 5:1-17	Mark 6:1-13
Saturday	Psalms 89:1-18	Isaiah 5:18-30	Mark 6:14-29



December Prayer Focus

Please pray for our Christian brothers and sisters living in dangerous places and circumstances as the season of Advent begins. Pray for safety and God's peace for them.



PRAYER FOR OUR FRIENDS:

For the healing of body, mind and spirit...

Wendy Hudson, Deb Podbury, Win O'Brien, Alison Boyd, Glenys Russell, Faye Bermingham, Pat Brady, Catherine Fane, Joy Chellew, Betty Boyd, Bella, Jim Wilson, Tom Wells.

....and for our members in residential care....

Hilda Clyne, Shirley Dodgshun, Lesley Duncan, Doris Gordon, Marion Hodgson, Kaye Middlehurst, Alva Searle, Anne Shady, Jean Wadey, Beth Ward, Philip Burgess.

(Please let the prayer team know about additions and subtractions for our prayer list, so we can keep it up to date.)

REFLECTION

Happy New Year! Today, our new liturgical year that honours the Gospel of Luke begins with Advent, that season of eager, patient, and watchful anticipation. Jeremiah sets the stage with God's promise of a saviour who will rule with justice and righteousness, bringing safety and peace to Jerusalem (and to our world). Embers of hope glow in our hearts as we wait and watch for the signs of His coming.

Pray for those who wait in the darkness of illness, want, and need, both physical and spiritual.

Pray for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai, the Anglican Church of Japan, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

NEW PARISH COUNCIL

Elected by Parish

Allan Thomas
Janet Paisley
Dee Gitsham
George Jacimovic

Vicar's Appointments

Elise Perry
Jane Carrigg

Churchwardens (Elected)

Steve Gitsham
Margaret Powell

Vicar's Warden

Cathy Coleman

Incumbency Committee

Janet Paisley (Elected)
Steve Gitsham (Warden's Delegate)
1 Vacancy

What's on this week?

The OP SHOP is open Wednesday,

Friday & Saturday from 9am -1pm

HEARTS & CRAFT	<u>Monday</u>	St Peter's	10am – 1pm
QUIET DAY	<u>Monday</u>	All Saints'	10am - 3pm
KYB		<u>In recess until February</u>	
PRAYER MINISTRY	<u>Tuesday</u>	St Peter's	9.30 – 11.45am
PLAY GROUP	<u>Tuesday</u>	St Peter's	9.30 – 11.30am
	<u>Thursday</u>	All Saints'	10am-12pm
WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORSHIP	<u>Wednesday</u>	St Peter's	7.30pm
FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP	<u>Friday</u>	St Peter's	10am
JIGSAW LIBRARY	<u>Wed & Sat</u>	All Saints'	10am-12pm
PRAYER MEETING	<u>Saturday</u>	St Peter's	8.45-9.45am
FAMILY SERVICE	<u>Sunday</u>	All Saints'	11am

Coming Up

QUIET DAY:

Preparation for the Advent Season.

All Saints': Monday December 3rd and December 15th 10am – 3pm.

Please join us for a time of quiet reflection as we prepare our hearts and minds to receive the gift of the Christ Child.

Tuesday Playgroup will be finishing on December 4th

Friday Fellowship will finish on December 7th



Advent Meditation Space

All Saints' will again be providing a comfortable and picturesque area for spiritual refreshment and prayer. Resources include study booklets, scripture suggestions, prayer starters, meditations on the Advent journey, and some hands-on materials. The Space will be available whenever the church is open (normally 8-5), except when there is a service or activity happening – check the Bridge. Other times by request; contact Cathy.



THE VICAR'S VOICE

Thank you to all those who contributed to make our annual meeting and fellowship lunch on Sunday such a positive and worthwhile time together.

I want also to take this opportunity to thank Brett Murphy for his contribution to the life of the parish during the two years of his curacy. We wish him every success under God as he moves into his new ministry opportunities, and pray God's blessing on him, Kat, Arthur and Micah in this time of transition. *Jill*

Isaiah: Preparing the way of the Lord.

During this Advent season our daily bible readings will take us through the first half of Isaiah. We will hear the booming voice of God's anger at a people who have turned their backs on his blessings and followed false paths. We will feel the impending disaster of the besieged and ultimately vanquished city of Jerusalem.

We will also hear the words of hope and assurance that God will never give up on those who continue to hope and trust in him. Above all, and through all, we hear God's promise to his people "A child has been born for us" and we are invited to prepare ourselves, to open our hearts and minds to receive the gift of God's grace. *Jill McCoy*

ST PETER'S ROSTERS ARE NOW READY AND AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH ENTRANCE. PLEASE COLLECT YOURS.

ASYLUM SEEKERS ON NAURU

You will continue to hear our bells at All Saints' and St Peter's ring at 5pm each Tuesday during Advent and Christmas for asylum seeker children and their families on Nauru. Please continue to pray for their early release from detention.

WELCOME TO VISITORS:

If you are visiting today, we warmly welcome you and invite you to join us at the communion table, if that is your normal practice.

Please ask for gluten free wafers or fruit juice at the communion table.

Home Communion

Please contact Jill Poole if you're unable to get to church and would like communion brought to you at home.

We worship on the traditional lands of the Wathaurong People of the Kulin Nation, and we acknowledge and pay our respect to their elders past and present, and to Aboriginal people with us today.