



THE BRIDGE



ANGLICAN PARISH OF OCEAN GROVE & BARWON HEADS

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

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Third Sunday of Advent

December 16th 2018

Next week's services:

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

WEDNESDAY: 10am St Peter's

1 st READING	Zephaniah 3:14-20
PSALM	Song of Isaiah (<i>Prayer book p391</i>)
2 nd READING	Philippians 4:4-7
GOSPEL	Luke 3:7-18

LIVING WATER

**The Lord, the Lord is my strength and my song;
He has become my salvation.**

**With joy you will draw water from the wells of
salvation.**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Micah 5:2-5a, Song of Mary The Magnificat (*Prayer Book 405*) Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45

Daily readings this week:

Monday	Psalms 106:1-24	Isaiah 17:1-11	Mark 10:46-11:11
Tuesday	Psalms 107:1-22	Isaiah 17:12- 18:7	Mark 11:12-26
Wednesday	Psalms 110;111	Isaiah 19:1-15	Mark 11:27- 12:12
Thursday	Psalms 114;115	Isaiah 19:16 -20:6	Mark 12:13-27
Friday	Psalms 121;122;123	Isaiah 26:1-19	Mark 12:28-40
Saturday	Psalms 118:1-18	Isaiah 27:2-13	Mark 12:41-13:13



December Prayer Focus

Please pray for our Christian brothers and sisters living in dangerous places and circumstances as the season of Advent progresses. 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

Gaudete Sunday! The third Sunday in Advent is one of joy with its continuous refrain, Rejoice! The coming is near. We are more than half-way there. Salvation is at hand.

As we light the rose-coloured candle on the Advent Wreath and, in some places, don our rose-coloured vestments, we are transported to a new vision, one that is seen through rose-coloured glasses!

Pray with an open and joyful heart that Christ's coming will herald a time of peace for all nations. Rejoice! Pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world. Text: *The Rev Lurette Glasgow,*



***The OP SHOP is open Wednesday,
Friday & Saturday from 9am -1pm***

HEARTS & CRAFT	<u>Monday</u>	St Peter's	10am – 1pm
MEDITATION	<u>Monday</u>	All Saints'	5pm
KYB		<u>In recess until February</u>	
PLAY GROUP	<u>Thursday</u>	All Saints'	10am-12pm
JIGSAW LIBRARY	<u>Wed & Sat</u>	All Saints'	10am-12pm
PRAYER MEETING	<u>Saturday</u>	St Peter's	8.45-9.45am
COMMUNITY CAROLS	<u>TONIGHT</u>	Barwon Heads Community Hall	6.30pm

What's on this week?

Coming Up

Thursday Playgroup will continue until Dec 20th

The Christmas Story in Scripture and Song. All Saints' 11 am Dec 23rd

You can refresh your memory on Christmas services times by reading the noticeboards outside and inside All Saints' and St Peter's

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.

TUESDAY PRAYER MINISTRY will break until the end of January after this week.

Please phone John and Dawn directly if you need prayer during this time.

OFFICE CLOSED: The church office will be closed between December 21st and January 3rd.



THE VICAR'S VOICE

The note below is from Gayee Minotti.

On behalf of all of us we thank Judy, Beryl, Gayee, Moyra, Di, Ann, Pam and Kathy for their faithful and loving service to the families that passed through our playgroup at St Peter's. We join them in praying for those who have passed through this important ministry.

"On Tuesday Dec 4th we said a final goodbye after thirteen years of running St Peter's playgroup. What a wonderful ministry it's been, so many mums, dads, grandparents and their children have passed through our lives and will always be in our memories.

God has been faithful, and we pray that we have sown some seeds into the lives of all these people.

Please pray that those seeds will be watered over the coming years, and also for the future of St Peter's playgroup in the coming year."

Refugee families and children on Nauru.

This week at 5pm on Tuesday there were nine bells rung at St Peter's and All Saints' for children and their families still on Nauru.



GIFTS FOR REFUGEE FAMILIES IN NEED IN GEELONG AND THE BELLARINE.

You are invited to bring a gift to the altar today or Wednesday (18th) for local refugee families who have no income.

Toys, toiletries, gift cards, non-perishable food, something for teenagers.... Be creative. Let's share the joy we can take for granted in this season with 'the stranger'.

Although wrapped gifts look gorgeous, please don't do so, in order help the refugee resource centre staff to help people choose appropriate gifts.



Be still, and know that I am God!
Psalm 46:10

QUIET PRAYER AND REFLECTION TIME

Please avail yourself of the opportunity for prayer and quiet reflection during communion.

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.