



THE BRIDGE



ANGLICAN PARISH OF OCEAN GROVE & BARWON HEADS

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

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Christmas / New Year

December 23rd 2018

Services between Christmas & New Year:

- Christmas Eve: Children's Services 6.30 All Saints' & St Peter's
9pm Holy Communion All Saints'
11.15pm Holy Communion St Peter's
- Christmas Day: 9am Holy Communion St Peter's
9.30 am Holy Communion All Saints'
- Boxing Day: NO WEDNESDAY SERVICE
- Sunday Dec 30th: 8am, 9.30am St Peter's. 11am All Saints'

1st READING	Micah 5:2-5a
PSALM	Song of Mary (The Magnificat) p405
2nd READING	Hebrews 10:5-10
GOSPEL	Luke 1:39-45



What's happening over Christmas and the New Year???

THE OFFICE: *The parish office will be closed until January 3rd.*

THE VICAR: *Jill will be available throughout the Christmas and New Year period. Please don't hesitate to call on 5256 2446 or 0425 805 827 for pastoral or other matters.*

OP SHOP HOURS: *Re-opening after the New Year. 9.30 – 1pm on Tuesday, Wednesday Friday and Saturday*

SERVICES: *NO SERVICE on Wednesday December 26th
Normal services will resume from Sunday December 30th*

*Thank
you*

Thank you to all those who donated to our Christmas appeal for refugees and asylum seekers in the Geelong area. The need for food and basic provisions is ongoing – see the list at the back of the church for reminders of what is most helpful.

The Vicar's Voice

I have been reflecting on the words of John 1:14. "The Word became human and made his home among us." This is, for me, the heart of the Christmas message. God comes to share in our life, in all its messiness so that we may, by faith, share in God's life, with all its glory.

May this Christmas be a time when we all know the presence of God in our lives in new and wonderful ways.

Andrew and I wish you a truly joyous Christmas, and a very happy New Year.

Blessings

Jill

Scripture Union / Theos Beach Mission

We are delighted to welcome back these teams of young people as they minister to the folk visiting Barwon Heads.

The Theos team will be living at the All Saints' Church, and we will be hosting a welcome lunch for both teams at All Saints' on

FRIDAY 28/12 at 1pm

It would be great to have a good representation from the parish.

Please bring food to share. Details from Cathy Coleman.



ATTENTION HEARTS & CRAFTS PEOPLE !!!!!!!

Have you lost your scissors? John Bedggood has them. PH:5258 3424



CHRISTMAS READINGS

FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Isaiah 9:2-7, Psalm 96, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-20

FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

Isaiah 52:7-10, Psalm 98, Hebrews 1:1-4, John 1:1-14

NEXT WEEK

1 Samuel 2:18-20;26, Psalm 148, Colossians 3:12-17, Luke 2:41-52

Daily readings this week:

Monday	Psalm 130;131;133	Isaiah 28:14-29	Luke 1:67-69
Tuesday	Psalm 132:10-18	Micah 4:1-8	Matthew 1:18-2:6
Wednesday	Psalms 137:1-6;138	Isaiah 29:1-12	Acts 6:1-7; 7:1-14
Thursday	Psalm 140	Isaiah 29:13-24	John 1:1-18
Friday	Psalms 143;146	Isaiah 30:1-14	John 1:19-34
Saturday	Psalm 145	Isaiah 30:15-28	John 1:35-51

Daily readings next week

Monday	Psalm 83:1-8	Isaiah 31	John 2:13-25
Tuesday	Psalm 113	Genesis 17:1-13	Colossians 3:12-17
Wednesday	Psalms 5; 6	Isaiah 32	John 3:1-21
Thursday	Psalms 9	Isaiah 33:1-16	John 3:22-36
Friday	Psalms 11; 12	Isaiah 33:17-24	John 4:1-14
Saturday	Psalms 15; 16	Isaiah 35	John 4:13-26

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, *David Freeman*.

....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.)



December Prayer Focus

Safety for Christians in dangerous places.

Please pray for our Christian brothers and sisters living in dangerous places and circumstances during the Christmas season.

Pray for safety and God's peace for them as they gather to worship him.



REFLECTION



Is there greater witness to true discipleship than the deep and meaningful engagement of Mary through her words, "My soul magnifies the Lord"? Where would we be if she had said, "No"? What thoughts came to mind as she travelled the long distance from Nazareth to Ein Karem near Jerusalem to visit with Elizabeth? Did she have doubts? Did she have any regrets? Imagine her relief at hearing Elizabeth's greeting and the affirmation afforded by John the Baptist who leapt for joy within the womb! What reassurances do we need in our own discipleship? What affirmation do we seek?

Pray that we may know how to say "yes" so that our souls might also magnify the Lord!
Pray for the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma), giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

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.

Refugee families and children on Nauru.

There are still seven children and their families left on Nauru.
Listen for the bells at All Saints' and St Peter's at 5pm on Tuesday.



To Jon Mamonski and to all those involved in organising and running the successful Carols in the Park in Ocean Grove on Sunday December 9th. It was enjoyed by over 3000 people who joined enthusiastically in carol singing and hearing the Christmas Story.

The Barwon Heads Community Carols was held on December 16th in the Barwon Heads Community Hall. The BH community gathered to celebrate Christmas together. Well done to all those involved.

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.*