



# THE BRIDGE



ANGLICAN PARISH OF OCEAN GROVE & BARWON HEADS

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

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## Second Sunday of Advent

December 9th 2018

### Next week's services:

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

WEDNESDAY: 10am St Peter's

### TODAY'S READINGS

1 <sup>st</sup> READING	Malachi 3:1-4
PSALM	Song of Zechariah (p384 Prayer Book)
2 <sup>nd</sup> READING	Philippians 1:1-11
GOSPEL	Luke 3:1-6



*Carols in the Park*  
*Tonight 7pm*

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Zephaniah 3:14-20, Song of Isaiah (*p391 Prayer Book*) Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18

## Daily readings this week:

Monday	Psalms 92; 93	Isaiah 7:1-17	Mark 6:30-56
Tuesday	Psalms 95; 96	Isaiah 7:18-8:4	Mark 7:1-23
Wednesday	Psalms 99; 100	Isaiah 8:5-9:1	Mark 7:24-37
Thursday	Psalms 101; 102:1-11	Isaiah 9:2-17	Mark 8:1-13
Friday	Psalms 108; 109:20-30	Isaiah 9:18-10:11	Mark 8:14-26
Saturday	Psalms 104:1-25	Isaiah 10:12-32	Mark 8:27-9:1



### **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

As we watch and wait with eager anticipation, we must also prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord. As we venture into the spiritual wilderness of our lives, we need to remind ourselves that our hearts cannot receive the Lord unless we, like John the Baptist, prepare his way. This is a time for inner cleansing so that we might make room to receive Him and experience the joy of his coming.

Pray that we might simplify our lives, curtail our appetites for things material, and open our hearts and minds to new ways of living in harmony with God's creation. Pray for the Church of South India, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

Text: *The Rev Lorette Glasgow,*

## 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
KYB		<u>In recess until February</u>	
PRAYER MINISTRY	<u>Tuesday</u>	St Peter's	9.30 – 11.45am
PLAY GROUP	<u>Thursday</u>	All Saints'	10am-12pm
JIGSAW LIBRARY	<u>Wed &amp; Sat</u>	All Saints'	10am-12pm
LABYRINTH	<u>Thurs</u> 12-5pm	All Saints'	
	<u>Fri</u> 9-1pm		
PRAYER MEETING	<u>Saturday</u>	St Peter's	8.45-9.45am

## **# QUIET DAY:**

*Preparation for the Advent Season.*

*All Saints': Saturday December 15<sup>th</sup> 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*

**# Thursday Playgroup will continue until Dec 20<sup>th</sup>**

**# Barwon Heads Community Carols. Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm. BH Hall**

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

## Coming Up



## **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 21<sup>st</sup> and January 3<sup>rd</sup>.**



## *THE VICAR'S VOICE*

*Thank you to those who have responded to the NCD Survey material and participated in the strategic planning process.*

*As we continue through this Advent season with the themes of hope and anticipation I invite you all to join me in praying that God will be at work in every aspect of our parish life, bringing renewal and drawing us into deeper relationship with God and with one another. Jill*

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 next Sunday (15<sup>th</sup>) and Wednesday (18<sup>th</sup>) 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.



### **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.*