



# THE BRIDGE



ANGLICAN PARISH OF OCEAN GROVE & BARWON HEADS

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

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## The Epiphany

January 6<sup>th</sup> 2019

### Next week's services:

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

**WEDNESDAY:** 10am St Peter's

1 <sup>st</sup> READING	Isaiah 60:1-6
PSALM	Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14
2 <sup>nd</sup> READING	Ephesians 3:1-12
GOSPEL	Matthew 4:12-25

*"The People  
living in darkness have seen a great light;  
on those living in the shadow of death  
a light has dawned." Matt 4:15*

*Arise, shine, for your light  
has come! Isa: 60:1*

## What's happening?

### THE OFFICE:

The parish office has re-opened.

### OP SHOP HOURS:

9.30 – 1pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday

### SERVICES:

Normal service times have resumed

TUESDAY PRAYER MINISTRY is in recess until the end of January.

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

### LABYRINTH

ALL SAINTS' Thursday 1-5pm

Friday 9.30 am -12 pm

## The Vicar's Voice

Thank you for your Christmas greetings, cards and gifts.

Andrew and I continue to be thankful for the joy and privilege of ministry in this wonderful place.

We wish you all God's richest blessings in the year ahead.

Blessings

*Jill*

### Daily readings this week:

Monday	Psalm 19	Song of Songs 1:1-11	John 4:39-54
Tuesday	Psalms 20 & 21	Song of Songs 2:8-17	John 5:1-18
Wednesday	Psalm 22:1-22	Song of Songs 4:1-8	John 5:19-29
Thursday	Psalm 25	Song of Songs 5:2-9	John 5:30-47
Friday	Psalms 29 & 29	Song of Songs 6:4-12	John 6:1-15
Saturday	Psalm 33	Song of Songs 7:10-8:4	John 6:16-27

### January Prayer Focus



**Please pray for encouragement for the young volunteers running the Theos and Scripture Union Beach Missions at Barwon Heads, and for the children and young people with whom they come in contact.**

## PRAYER FOR OUR FRIENDS:

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

Wendy Hudson, Deb Podbury, Win O'Brien, Alison Boyd, Glenys ...  
Faye Birmingham, 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.)**

**POWER**  
*of*  
**PRAYER**

## REFLECTION

At Epiphany we celebrate the fact that God is for everyone.

The story of the Magi traveling from the far corners of a world in darkness to see the great light come into the world fulfils the joyous prophesy we read in Isaiah –

Nations shall come to your light – and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Christianity really is a revolutionary worldview in that it teaches that our messages is for all people regardless of geography or ethnicity. Different people in different places will express the mystery in diverse ways, but the message is the same.

*Pray for those places of the world where the light of Christ is not yet shining, or is hidden because of persecution or apathy.*

*Give thanks for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, remembering especially the Church's Decade of Mission, 2016-2025.* Text: *The Rev Will Johnston, © Anglican Board of Mission, 2019*



## Refugee families and children on Nauru.

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



## 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.

## BISHOP KATE'S VISIT

Bishop Kate has had to postpone her visit to us until Sunday February 24<sup>th</sup>.

This will be an opportunity for us to worship together as a parish community and to enjoy fellowship with Bishop Kate and each other.

It is also an opportunity for those who wish to be confirmed or received into the Anglican church, or renew their baptism promises.

If you are interested in exploring one of these possibilities, please speak to Vicar Jill as soon as possible.

### Sermons online

**A reminder that Sunday sermons are available on the parish website –**

[www.ogbha.org.au](http://www.ogbha.org.au)

## AFRICAN ENTERPRISE

It is with thanksgiving to the good Lord that we welcome you to this year's prayer and fasting season!

Attached we have provided a 21 day prayer guide for the Lord's harvest, commencing 14 January to 3 February.

Our theme for this prayer guide focuses on Thanksgiving, Repentance, Renewed Energy for Prayer and Service, New Beginnings and First Fruit. Please join us in the daily devotions we have provided.

God bless you all!

*Stephen Mbogo and Ben Campbell. African Enterprise*

The daily prayer guide can be found at <https://www.africanenterprise.com.au>



**21 DAYS**  
PRAYER & FASTING

Prayer and Fasting Days  
14 January - 3 February 2019



### **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.*