



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 after Epiphany

January 13th 2019

Next week's services:

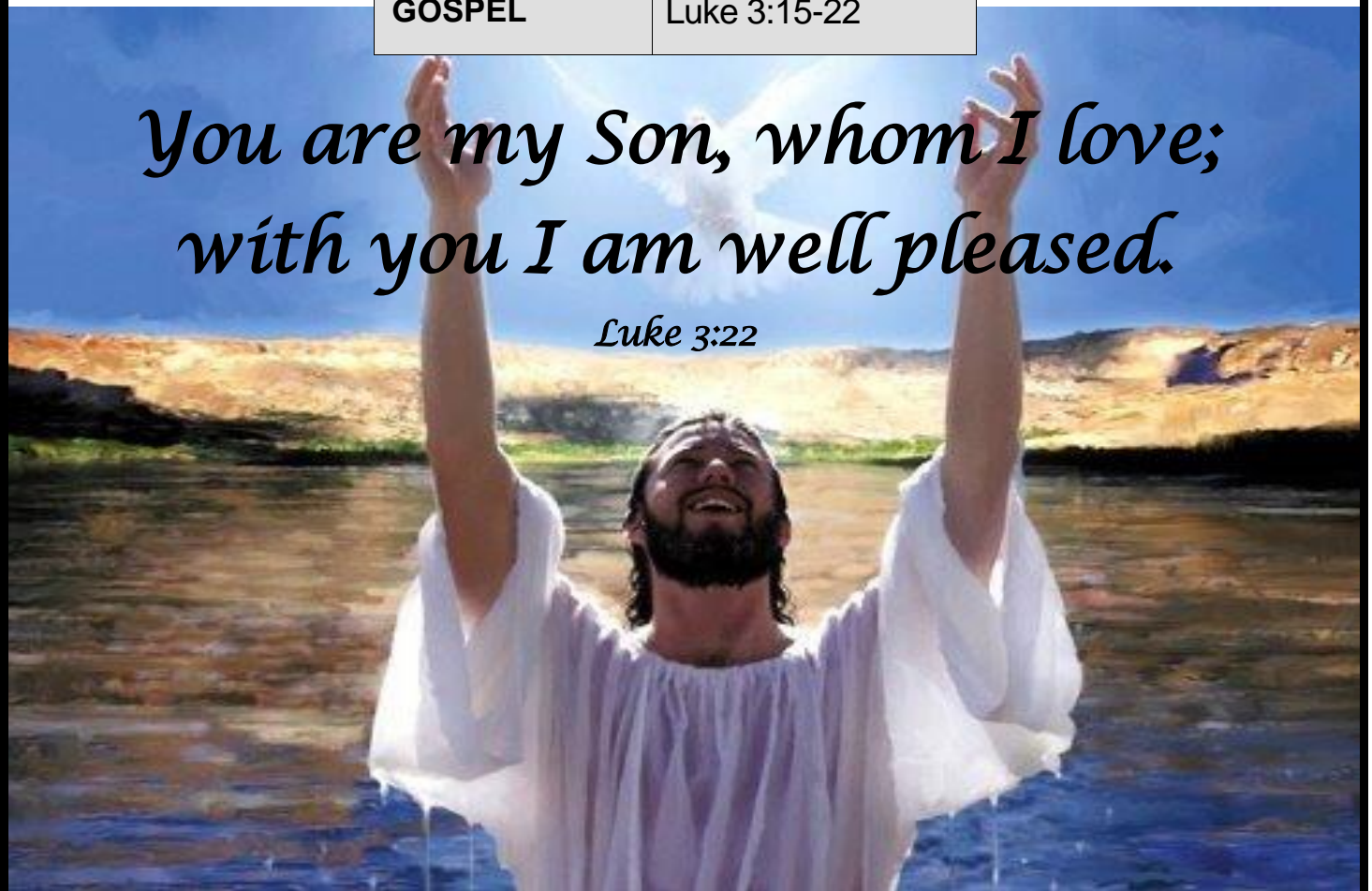
SUNDAY: 8am, 9.30am St Peter's. 11am All Saints'

WEDNESDAY: 10am St Peter's

1 st READING	Isaiah 43:1-7
PSALM	Psalm 29
2 nd READING	Acts 8:14-17
GOSPEL	Luke 3:15-22

*You are my Son, whom I love;
with you I am well pleased.*

Luke 3:22



What's happening?

THE OFFICE: Parish office hours: -

Jill McCoy is available in the office 11am-1pm Monday & Wednesday.

Other times please contact Jill directly

Jane - Tuesday and Thursday 11am – 5pm

Cathy – Friday morning

OP SHOP SUMMER HOLIDAY HOURS: 9.30 – 1pm on Tuesday, Wednesday,
Friday and Saturday

PARISH COUNCIL: Wednesday 7.30pm

HEARTS AND CRAFT: Monday 10am-1pm at St Peter's

SATURDAY PRAYER MEETING: 9.45 am at St Peter's

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

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

JIGSAW LIBRARY: Wednesday & Saturday 10-12 All Saints'

The Vicar's Voice

In our thinking about strategic planning for the parish over the past few months we have been very aware of our need to attend to our spiritual lives – to be diligent in prayer, to immerse ourselves in the Word of God, and to be mindful of the ways in which God is present and active in the everyday stuff of life. As we begin to move out of holiday mode into the ordinary business of the new year, I was deeply impacted by the words of God in our reading this morning from the prophet Isaiah “you are precious and honoured in my sight....

Do not be afraid, for I am with you....” I pray that this assurance of God's grace will shape our understanding of who we are, and give us courage in all we do, in the year ahead.

Blessings, *Jill*.

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 36:5-10, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11

Daily readings this week:

Monday	Psalm 34	Genesis 1:1-19	John 6:28-40
Tuesday	Psalms 37:1-17	Genesis 1:20-2:3	John 6:41-59
Wednesday	Psalm 38	Genesis 2:4-25	John 6:60-71
Thursday	Psalm 40	Genesis 3:1-19	John 7:1-13
Friday	Psalms 41; 44:1-9	Genesis 3:20-4:16	John 7:14-24
Saturday	Psalm 45	Genesis 4:17-5:5; 5:21-24	John 7:25-36



January Prayer Focus

Please pray for local year 12 students and other school leavers, that they may find God's purpose and meaning in the choices that they make in the coming year.

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, **Jenny Wood**

....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

In Baptism, Christ knits us all together into his body and in doing that we become a part of him here on earth. The Christian life is one in which we are called to follow Christ in everything that we do, and it's our belief that in us God will recognise Christ. When the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus in his baptism by John the Baptist, the voice comes from heaven saying, 'You are my son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased'. In our baptisms as well as in our lives we can expect that God says much the same, that we are his beloved children and with us he is pleased.

Pray that God may direct you towards new ways of life to live more closely to him and be more pleasing to him.

Give thanks for the Anglican Church of Australia, and pray that in each of the dioceses God's love for the world may be made known.

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 24th.

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.

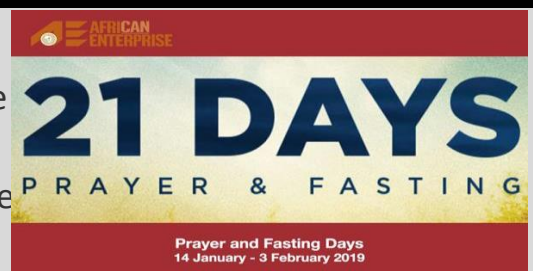
If you are interested in exploring one of these possibilities, please speak to Vicar Jill as soon as possible.

Sermons online A reminder that Sunday sermons are available on the parish website – www.ogbha.org.au

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>

CMS SUMMER SCHOOL COMES TO GEELONG!!

St John's Highton will be hosting a live broadcast of the CMS

SUMMER UNDER THE SON

evening talks from 7.30 pm on Wednesday 16/1, Thursday 17/1 and Friday 18/1.

Coffee and cake will be served from 7.00pm.

This is a great opportunity to hear an international speaker without having to travel to the other side of Melbourne!



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.