

Please pray for:

Bishop Steve and Lorraine, Ministry Educator Anne Van Gend, CYF Educator - John Graveston, the Diocesan office staff and Council.
For peace in the Middle East, Ukraine and Russia.
Those who are sick: Alaric & Celine, Alec, Andy, Bev, Bill, Chris, Cruz and Mason, Dorothy H, Gerald, Jim & Eleanor L, Fred, Joan F, Jenny M, Mike, Lysiane, Myrtle, Lexie, Louise, Margaret, Nick D, Pauline, Philip, Rex & Rachel, Sarah, Sue, Ruby, Val H and family, Val S.

Worship Schedule

Brighton 10.30a.m. 1st and 3rd Sundays
next service 4th Feb 2024

Green Island 10.30a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays
Next service 11th February 2024

Mornington 9.30am

next service 21st January 2024

St Kilda 11a.m. (Morning tea served from 10.15a.m.)

Midweek service
Resumes in February

Southern Coastal Deanery

St Margaret's 4 Seaview Road, Brighton - St Mark's 27 Shand St, GI
St Mary's 3 Whitby St, Mornington
Holy Cross 5 Bellona St. St Kilda

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Southern Coastal Deanery

21st January, 2024

3rd Sunday of the Epiphany

This episode in Mark follows directly after the story of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness. He goes to Galilee, and there he proclaims the "good news of God", "gospel of God," "*evangelion* of God." Jesus' first sermon is short, memorable, and direct. Time is at a crisis point. Events in the past have gathered to the point of culmination, and the "kingdom of God" is approaching. His words shed light backwards on the prophecy from Isaiah, the work of John the baptizer, and the divine voice and vision at Jesus' baptism, and they shine forward to the deeds of Jesus in the rest of the gospel.

As John does, Jesus proclaims, "repent." And he preaches "believe in," or "have faith" in, the good news. The mysterious phrases, "kingdom of God" and the "good news," introduced at the opening of the gospel, will be opened up and embodied in the story that follows. People whom Jesus encounters throughout the countryside will display different dimensions of "faith" (the friends of the paralyzed man, Jairus, the synagogue leader, the bleeding woman, the father of the epileptic son, and Bartimaeus, the blind beggar).

the text sets the scene and introduces the brothers, first Simon and Andrew, and then James and John, and their profession "for they were fishermen." Jesus' straightforward imperative, "follow me" is finished with the odd formulation, "I will make you fish for people." This narrative in Mark shows a story from the life of Jesus that is in the process of being "theologized" and becoming a symbolic story for the early believing communities.

"Fishing" is interpreted as another kind of drawing, catching, and harvesting, of people, followers, disciples, or members of a movement, in the language of mission. One kind of employment, fishing, will be transfigured into another, sharing the "good news," and offer another kind of provision. Simon and Andrew respond in an instant without further conversation. They leave their nets, the sign of their former

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profession. Likewise, James and John, leave their father and the hired men, their fishing colleagues, to follow the preacher. Without question or delay the fishers obey. The gospel of Mark will demonstrate the work of exorcising, healing, feeding in which these disciples will join and will illustrate the deadly opposition to that ministry. There will be many times after this day when their questions and doubts and failure to understand will be at the forefront of the gospel's attention. When they answer Jesus by getting up and following, they join a movement that has been advanced by the prophet Isaiah and John the Baptizer, Elijah, Elisha, and Moses. They join a mission that has been renewed by the faithful in each generation. It is our turn to respond to Jesus call each day in this generation.

Welcome as we gather to worship today with our people from across the Mornington Churches and Southern Coastal Deanery.

Sentence: The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel. Mark 1:15

Collect: Jesus, our Redeemer,
give us your power to reveal and proclaim the good news,
so that wherever we may go
the sick may be healed, lepers embraced,
and the dead and dying given new life;
for the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

Readings: Jonah 3:1-5, 10, 1 Corinthians 7:29-31, Mark 1:14-20

Hymns: All the hungry, all the thirsty, HTC 451 All my hope on God is founded, HTC 104 Jesus calls us, HTC S 16 I want to walk with Jesus Christ

Sunday 28th January - Parish Picnic

Gather at Sandy & Dave's Home 17 Riccarton Road East, East Taieri. We will begin at 11am with worship followed by a picnic (bring your own food).



Contributions to the Christmas Appeal can be made in the donation envelopes or online. You can still purchase specific gifts from the 'Gifts of love' catalogue. Thank you for your support.

Quiet Day at Brighton - Friday 26th January, 2024

**St Margaret's Anglican Church
4 Seaview Road, Brighton.**

These Quiet Days are self directed
. Each day starts at 10 am with a short set of prayers.
The rest of the day is your own with God.
We usually gather at the end of the session round 3pm
for a short debrief and prayers as we leave.
Tea and coffee provided. Bring your own food requirements.
For those who can afford it a koha is welcome.
To book a place send to text Maureen at 0211071401

Saturday, February, 17th is the Lenten Directed Retreat Day. Talk to Maureen for more details.

Aged Care Ministry Support Group A regular ZOOM meeting is offered for people offering ministry in the aged care sector. The next meeting is on 9th Feb, 10.30-noon. If you would like more information speak to Jan (0273515171).

Southern Coastal Deanery Vestry Meeting: Wednesday 31st January, 7.30pm at St Mark's.