

Please pray for:

Ministry Educator Anne Van Gend, CYF Educator - John Graveston, the Diocesan office staff, and Council.

For peace in the Middle East, Ukraine and Russia.

For Bp Ross Bay who is our Commissary and for our ongoing discernment as we prepare to elect a new bishop.

Those who are sick: Andy, Bev, Bill, Chris, Cruz and Mason, Dorothy H, Gerald, Jim & Eleanor L, Joan F, Jane B, John, Myrtle, Lexie, Louise, Margaret S, Pat G, Pauline, Philip, Rex & Rachel, Ruth, Sarah, Ruby, Val H and family.

Worship Schedule

Brighton 10.30a.m. 1st and 3rd Sundays

Green Island 10.30a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays

Mornington 10.30am 1,2,& 4th Sundays

3rd Sunday 4pm Soup & Communion

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

Midweek Eucharistic service at 1pm

Southern Coastal Deanery

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Southern Coastal Deanery

21st July, 2024.

Ordinary Sunday 16

2 Samuel 7:1–14a

David desires to build God a house, but Nathan brings a message from God, saying that a 'house' would be built for David and his descendants.

Ephesians 2:11–22

Paul describes how, through Christ, both Jew and Gentile have been reconciled to one another.

Mark 6:30–34, 53–56

Jesus takes his disciples to a solitary place to rest; however, the crowds continued to gather.

Theme Focus

In David's wish to build a house for God and in Jesus' pursuit of solitude, we contemplate what it means to rest in God and how we find our own sacred space when the world around us is fast-paced and frantic.

The reading from 2 Samuel 7 is seen as a turning point in David's relationship with God. David's kingdom is now secure, and he has built a fine house for himself. He realises that God still dwells in a tent, the Tabernacle. David expresses his desire to build a house for God. The prophet, Nathan, receives a message from God during the night, saying that God does not need a house and will instead establish a 'house' for David. This may seem strange as David already has a house. In Hebrew, the noun bayit has many meanings including house, temple, dwelling place, palace or dynasty. This play on words invites the reader to consider what is most important here. David has a house, but God will now give him a dynasty based on relationships. God has no need for a house but dwells in all places.

Green Island - Brighton, Mornington, St Kilda

The reading from Mark skips over large sections of active ministry to highlight Jesus' act of taking the disciples to a place to rest. It is important to consider the context of these verses. As we read last week, this passage follows immediately after the death of John the baptiser. Grief and exhaustion often go hand in hand before even considering the constant pressure of people seeking out Jesus for healing and teaching. Times of rest and spaces of peace would have been essential for Jesus and his disciples. The passage highlights Jesus' compassion for the people gathering around him while also recognising the need to rest and find stillness.

Opening Prayer

God, we have come to this place, a place where your presence has been sensed in the past and we expect to experience you close again. As we rest in your love this day, remind us that it is not in our striving, or our building, or our creating that you are made known. Your presence is in all places, and at all times, waiting for us to be awake to your wonder and love surrounding us. Open our senses to your presence this day. Amen.

Prayer of confession

Loving and patient God, we live in a world that values productivity, success, wealth and gain. It is easy to get caught up with the endless cycle of needing more, doing more, striving for more, and achieving more. Help us to stop!

Words of Grace

Our God of grace, knows our struggles with our own nature before we even have words to express them.

We are reminded that we can rest in God's love. Let us dwell in God's presence that we may abide in Love. **Thanks be to God.**

Collect: Father, imprint upon our hearts that because we belong to you no one can pluck us from your hand, and because we fear you we need fear no other. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
E Pā, nā te mea nāu mātou whakairohia ki ō mātou ngākau kia kua e wehi i ētahi atu nō te mea kei roto mātou i ōu ringa tē taea te kapo.
E Inoi ai mātou i roto i a te Karaiti tō mātou Ariki. Amine.

Readings: 2 Sam 7:1-14a, Eph 2:11-22, Mark 6:30-34,53-56

Hymns: HTC 42 Tell out my soul, HTC 235 Holy Spirit, truth divine, vs 1,2,5,6, HTC 403 For the bread which you have broken, HTC 511 Lord, your church on earth is seeking.

Readings for 28th July, 2024

2 Sam 11:1-15, Eph 3:14-21, John 6:1-21

Calendar

Tuesday 23rd July: 9.00am ZOOM with Bp Ross, 11am Home communion, 3pm Oasis after school group.

Wednesday 24th July: 1pm Midweek Eucharist at Holy Cross, 5.30pm Meditation Group at Holy Cross

Thursday 25th July: Fruit and Vege distribution: 10.30am St Mark's GI, 4pm Holy Cross. 7.30pm Study Group at Holy Cross.

Friday 19th July: 11am Home communion

Anglican Family Care are gathering up winter warmers – for the families they work with. Anything from winter sheets, hot water bottles, knitted hats and gloves, hot chocolate or milo, tissues.



A group is gathering to look watch this 2 part video series. Talk to Jan if you would like to join.