

Please pray for:

Bishop Steve and Lorraine, Ministry Educator– Alec Clark, Diana Abercrombie, the Diocesan office staff and Diocesan Council.

Michael Godfrey as he transitions into the Ministry Educator role.

For those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Give thanks for the life of Gay Mullen and pray for her family.

Those who are sick: Agnes, Ashley, Bill, Bridget, Brian, Chris, Cruz and Mason, Deborah, Denise, Dorothy & Dick, Dorothy H, Ellen, Eric, Gerald, Graham, Jan Y, Jean V, Jesse Bessant, Jim L, Keith M, Les, Lysiane, Marilyn, Margaret, Mark S, Max, Murray, Pat G, Peggy, Philip, Ross, Sarah, Sharron M, Stewart, Susie, Tim, Ruby, Val S, Yvonne B, Claire J

Worship Schedule

Brighton 10.30a.m. (1st & 3rd Sundays)

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

Mornington 9.30a.m.

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

Midweek service

Wednesday, 1pm @ Holy Cross

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 17 Ajax St. St Kilda

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Ordinary Sunday 32

Appearances loom large in today's passages. Gifts are not what they seem; the great come under scrutiny; widows receive honour. Solid things are revealed to be illusions, and valuables prove to be vanities. God's presence and our trust reveal the "real."

Focus scripture: Mark 12:38–44 Jesus warns against leaders who seek to draw attention to themselves by their dress, by the greetings they evoke, and by the places they take not just in society but also within the worshipping community. Their ethics reek to high heaven (devouring widows' houses is about as low as you can go), while they keep up appearances with pious shows of long prayers. Communities where leadership is focused on prestige and trappings will invariably fail in their duty to care for the "little ones," to use a term from Mark's gospel referring to those who are vulnerable.

Jesus then draws attention to a destitute widow as she puts two copper coins in the temple treasury. She remains anonymous in contrast to the scribes who proudly project their egos to the world around them. In Greek, the word used for the widow's coins is lepton, which means "a tiny thing." This lepton was the smallest coin, the smallest unit of money in circulation during that time and place. It would take between four to eight of these coins to make a penny.

Jesus makes clear that this widow is "poor" (v. 42). There are two Greek words used in the New Testament for the word poor: one refers to someone who doesn't have a steady job (penes), the other describes someone who is a beggar (ptoche). Mark's widow is identified as ptochoi; she is the poorest of the poor.

It is significant that the widow possesses two coins, since this means that she potentially could have given one to the treasury and kept one for herself. Instead, she gives it all, "everything she had, all she had to live on" (v. 44). In Greek, this verse reads that she literally gives "her whole life." The widow's presence in the temple demonstrates sacrificial love but it also exposes the oppressive nature of a system that has

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made her destitute. Those two coins hitting the bottom of the treasury sound a reminder to the “powers that be” of their responsibilities to her and to all who are powerless. Will her call to be served by those who claim to serve God be answered? In our claims to serve God, how do we respond to those who cry out for justice? What does God’s call for justice, sounded in the drop of two small coins into the treasury box, mean for you?

Call to worship

Unless we love each other as God loves us, **we serve only in part.**
Unless we seek justice for everyone, **we welcome only in part.**
Unless we praise God with our whole self, **we worship only in part.**
Come let us worship God with body, mind, and spirit

Opening prayer O Lord, our maker and our strength, from whose love in Christ we can never be parted either by death or defeat: May our remembrance this day deepen our sorrow for the loss and wastes of war, make us more grateful to those who courageously gave their lives to defend this land and commonwealth; and may all who bear the scars and memories of conflicts, past and present, know your healing love for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Lord, strengthen our hearts, hands, and minds, to work together for peace; to see you in one another, and to seek your kingdom above all things; that your will may be done, and your Kingdom come, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Sentence of the Day: Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.
Luke 6:38

Prayer of the Day:

God of all delight, grant us that joy which none can take from us, of having a work to do, a life to live; that joy in believing which will carry us through temptation, anxiety and grief. Praise to you our God; you answer prayer. **Amen.**

Readings Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17, Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44

Hymns: HTC 37 O God our help in ages past, NJ 89 Let there be peace on earth, NJ 100 Make me a channel of your peace, HTC 306 Forth in your name.

Notices:

Tuesday 13th November: 3pm Oasis 4pm Health & Wellness @ Holy Cross, 4-7pm Community Resettlement Hui (Library nos required) 7.30pm ALLM meeting @ GI.

Wednesday 14th November: 10.30am Home Communion, 1pm Eucharist @ Holy Cross, 2pm Thornbury House.

Thursday 15th Nov.: Fruit & Vege distribution 10.30am – 11.30am St Mark’s Green Island, 4pm – 5.30pm Holy Cross St Kilda, 7pm EfM

Friday 16th November: Street Appeal for Anglican Family Care.

Sunday 18th November; 10.30am Patronal festival Brighton followed by pot luck lunch, 4pm Soup and Communion at St Mary’s, 6.30pm Wedding prep.

Next Sunday – 18th November

Sunday, 18th November we celebrate St Margaret’s Patronal festival. Come out to Brighton for Worship at 10.30am followed by a pot luck lunch. Bp Steve will be our celebrant & preacher. Plan to come out to share in the celebration and leave some time for a walk after lunch

Anglican Family Care 2018 Street Appeal Volunteer collectors required in Dunedin on the 16th November. For more info please call Lucy 477-0801 or email lucy@familycare.org.nz

The Red Cross in Dunedin is looking for donations to equip homes for former refugees. They urgently need single sheet sets as well as single duvets and covers. Also they are very short on cutlery, mugs and double duvet inners. Any help with providing these items would be greatly appreciated ! Please deliver these items to the Red Cross offices located at 31 York Place, Dunedin.

Bishop Steven and Lorraine warmly invite you to join in food and fellowship as we give thanks for 2018 and for Rev'd Canon Alec Clark who is stepping down from his role as Diocesan Ministry Educator. Friday 7th Dec 2-5pm at the Diocesan Office Green Island.