

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.

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

Southern Coastal Deanery

2nd December, 2018.

Advent Sunday

This week marks the beginning of Advent, a season of waiting, longing, promise, and preparation. During this time, we are called to heighten our awareness of the signs of God's reign that break through the hopelessness that sometimes surrounds us. This week's scriptures invite us into this time of waiting by reminding us to stay alert for signs of new life, even as we give thanks for what God has already done.

Focus scripture: Jeremiah 33:14–16

After several generations of being tossed back and forth by various rulers, the kingdom Judah is about to experience upheaval: a new Babylonian threat, which will eventually reshape the land and its people. Jeremiah will live to see the destruction of Jerusalem, the Babylonian exile, and the end of the kingdom of Judah.

This prophet addresses a people who are feeling helpless and hopeless. Their lives are under the control of rulers and empires that make decisions based on political expediency and power. Jeremiah is known as a harsh prophet, sternly warning the wicked of the judgment they will incur if they do not adhere to the laws of the God of the Hebrew people. However, in these focus verses, part of what is sometimes called the "Book of Consolation," we hear a more comforting and hopeful voice.

Jeremiah has just shown ultimate faith in God, in the face of a seemingly hopeless situation. Under arrest in the palace of the king of Judah, he has just bought a piece of land, trusting that, as God has assured him, "with God, all things are possible." Jeremiah promises a "righteous branch." This righteousness, however, is not to be embodied in one individual; rather, it is a righteousness given to the community. "Righteousness" is a term not normally used outside church contexts. It could mean doing what is right; attending to religious duties or acts of charity; or conforming to God's standards of fairness, honesty, and justice. Jeremiah tells those who are waiting for redemption that their hope resides in being God's people, and living lives of justice and

Green Island - Brighton, Mornington, St Kilda

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

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St Mary's 3 Whitby St, Mornington

Holy Cross 17 Ajax St. St Kilda

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faithfulness.

This promise is with us still. The other passages for Advent 1 continue with their own words of hope: faithfulness, both from God and within the community, and signs of God's presence and care.

Advent Sunday

Today the ancient journey begins again,
taking us on into the future

Let us keep watch together for
in the darkness light is growing
into the darkness signs are pointing

***Advent is here, let us travel together
towards the new birth, towards the new start
following the signs which show us the way***

The journey begins again and we are invited to travel

Taking each step will be an adventure

The journey begins again let us walk it together

Each of us part of the community of seekers

The journey begins again, let us trust the new life it brings

New life for you and for me and for all the world

Partner Story from Tonga: For Climate Action

Climate Change is making storms more intense. Finau has lived many years on Tonga's 'Eua island, so when she says that Cyclone Gita was the worst she had experienced, it is the truth. The cyclone damaged the front of her home. Her husband is not well. Thankfully, the women in her local Ama Takiloa group have been a lifeline for her. They have repaired rainwater harvesting systems and are replanting community gardens so they will be able to eat traditional foods like taro again. **Be the Lifeline to communities facing the worst effects of climate change.**

Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope

For those whose dreams are squashed,
For those whose life is very hard,
For those who despair for the future,
We light the candle of hope.

Light the candle

**You, Lord Jesus, are our hope, and the hope for our world.
May this light signal a breakthrough, a brighter future,
A new order and a better way.**

Sentence: Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!
Revelation 5:12

Collect: Almighty God, prophets and scriptures prepare your way: open our minds to discern your purpose; turn us from all darkness; and prepare us for the coming of your light; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16, 1 Thess. 3:9-13, Luke 21: 25-36:

Hymns: HTC 66 O come, O come, Emmanuel, HTC 58 Jesus, hope of every nation, HTC 419 Now let us from this table rise, NJ 89 Let there be peace on earth.

Sending Out / Dismissal

We travel together towards the new birth, towards the new start

We follow the signs which show us the way

To do what is right , To seek justice ,To walk humbly with God.

We go in peace. Amen.

Notices

Tuesday 4th Dec: 3pm Oasis 4pm Health & Wellness @ Holy Cross, 5.15pm St Barnabas Board.

Wednesday 5th Dec: 1pm Eucharist @ Holy Cross, 2pm Bradford manor worship,

Thursday 6th Dec: Fruit & Vege distribution 10.30am – 11.30am St Mark's Green Island, 4pm – 5.30pm Holy Cross St Kilda, 3pm South D Ministers Meeting.

Friday 7th Dec: 2pm Christmas Function & Farewell to Alec.

Carol Services

Mornington 9th December 7pm at the Methodists.

Green Island 16th Dec. at St Peter Chanel at 7pm

Sth Dunedin Tues. 18th Dec. Mercy Parish 6.30pm

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