



Christian Meditation
Starting on Monday morning 15th January 2024 at 8:30am. Please contact the coordinator Helen Kness for further information.



If you are interested in helping with the English Conversation group, please come along on Monday afternoon January 15th, starting at 2pm for training.

JOIN A BIBLE STUDY GROUP in 2023/4
Please phone/email a contact person to join a group
TUESDAYS
 12.30 pm Jane Parry 0403 369 467
 3.15 pm Jim Raistrick jim@surfersanglican.au
 7.00 pm Sandra Uptin sandrauptin@icloud.com
 7.00 pm Robert Kelly 0439 339 395
WEDNESDAYS
 10.00 am Rev George Stuart 0407 741 669
 11.00 am Judith Atkins 5532 0798
 6.00pm ALPHA (Barry Doyle) 0412 818 083

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Christian Religious Instruction
INSTRUCTORS and ASSISTANTS NEEDED.
Can you help?

At our local State Primary Schools for 1-2 hours per week, to help students, consented by their parent/carer, learn about **JESUS**. New volunteers are placed with experienced Instructors. Training is free, with full support. An easy curriculum ensures Bible stories engage students and give an understanding of **God's love**.

For more information:
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AGM on 11th February ...2024 beginning at 8:30am. ANNUAL REPORTS NOW DUE

Jane and Phil advise that the little Yakult bottles are NOT eligible for a 10c refund from Containers for Change.

ALPHA
 Barry Doyle Coordinator 0412 818 083
 Wednesday evening at 6:00pm
 Watching the movie 'The Chosen'. All welcome

In Remembrance

 Ray Scamp (13.1.12)

TOILETRIES for the Gold Coast University Hospital can be left in the basket in the foyer and the Chaplain, (no toilet paper) Judy Dean will deliver them.

Bringing Jesus to our Gold Coast community

Hello Surfers!

We're finally settling into 2024 and it's been a rocky start to the year with the various storms and foul weather, but I do feel that there are a lot of new things happening that will engage us in many ways. From the new Christian Meditation classes that start tomorrow (Monday) to the Conversation English classes to the extra Ladies Indoor Fitness classes that will be starting on Saturday mornings, as well as Wednesday mornings. Certainly a lot of options that cater to a lot of people.

This year we will be predominantly focussed on Mark's gospel account, although today the lectionary has us reading from John. John records in today's reading about the calling of some of the first disciples; Nathanael and Philip (Jn. 1:43-51). It is interesting that Jesus goes against the norm for society even here, where it was common for potential disciples to choose their Rabbi, but not the other way around. We will discuss this a little more in today's sermon.

Our Old Testament reading today speaks about the calling of Samuel by the Lord, but Samuel was a little too young to understand what was happening (1 Sam. 3:1-10). A little different than the way Jesus called His disciples, but this calling of Samuel was also a very strange yet distinct way for God to call His servants.

The allocated Psalm for today jumps around a little, speaking about the way God knows us in deep, intimate ways that we barely recognise ourselves (Ps. 139:1-5,12-18). It is ironically both comforting and unsettling that God knows us each individually in such a minute way. On one hand we must recognise that the Creator of all there is would, of course, know everything about us. But on the other hand it is quite saddening that God sees everything we do; the good, the bad, the ugly.

In our New Testament reading the Apostle Paul speaks directly about some of those unpleasant, ugly parts of ourselves (1 Cor. 6:12-20). We may not want to dwell on them, but we know they exist. Sexual immorality must be fled from as it corrupts the soul and distances ourselves from the holiness of God. Paul reminds us that we were purchased for a price from the corrupting influence of sin; Jesus Christ gave His very life to save us and redeem us. Let us not sell ourselves so easily into corruption.

I pray you have a blessed week.

Jim Raistrick,
 Priest-in-charge.

BIBLE READINGS
 1 Samuel 3: 1-10 (pg 215)
 Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-18
 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 (pg 929)
 John 1: 43-51 (pg 863)

Monday 15th January
 8.30am Morning Prayer
 8.30am Prayer Meditation
 2.00pm Conversion English

Tuesday 16th January
 8.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 17th January
 8.30am Morning Prayer
 10.00am Holy Communion
 6.00pm Alpha (**The Chosen**)

Thursday 18th January
 8.30am Morning Prayer

Friday 19th January
 (Jim's Day off)

Saturday 20th January
 9:00am Music Practice
 (Sandra U)

Sunday 21st January
 7.30am Holy Communion
 9.30 am Holy Communion

Parish Council Monday
22nd January 2024

READINGS FOR SUNDAY
21ST JANUARY
 Jonah 3: 1-10
 Psalm. 62: 5-12
 1 Cor. 7: 29-31
 Mark 1: 14-20

Happy Birthday **January Birthdays**

20th Patricia Jackson
21st Pauline Barber