

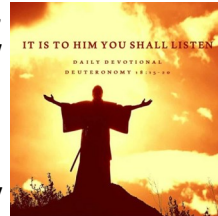
Bringing Jesus to our Gold Coast community

Hello Surfers!

Thanks go to the Rev'd John Pinson for taking services last weekend. It turned out that I was healthy enough on the day, but we were better to be safe than sorry.

It feels like things are getting back to 'normal' again this week now that Australia Day is over and the kids are all back at school. It makes me think about planning for the year and how we are best to set in motion things we really want to achieve from the start so we have the best chance to getting things done. With that in mind, if you are in a position to join us on Parish Council I urge you to prayerfully consider speaking with another Parish Councillor about coming on board. The AGM is fast approaching and there is a lot for us to do this year.

We have some interesting Bible readings today that can be challenging for us to contemplate. The Old Testament reading is from the Torah, where Moses is considering the end of his life and wondering how the Israelites will be led in his absence (Deut. 18:15-20). God told him that there would be prophets provided to the people once he was gone, but those prophets needed to be mindful that they didn't speak on their own behalf but rather they only spoke what they had been instructed by God to say.



Today's Psalm reading speaks about that same wisdom that comes only from the 'fear of the Lord', which keeps a person from straying into self-serving and personal interest when it comes to public service (Ps. 111). It is only when those who would firstly consider God's desires and plans before advancing their own agendas that the people can have confidence in righteousness.

Our gospel reading continues with Mark's account, where Jesus enters Capernaum and begins teaching in the synagogue (Mk. 1:21-28). It is interesting that we find a demonised man in the temple, which we might otherwise believe is not possible. Jesus' interaction with the man (and the demon) is obvious to all who see it and His exorcising of this unclean spirit spreads Jesus' fame throughout the region.

Another difficult passage we find in the Apostle Paul's letter to the church in Corinth, where he discusses with them the eating of food offered as a sacrifice to idols (1 Cor. 8:1-13). This extended passage speaks a lot about the appropriateness – and otherwise – of food that has been offered ritually to false gods, and whether or not Christians should eat them.

Quite a few readings today that give us a lot to think about. Should you have the time to explore these issues in a group format I urge you to consider joining one of the Bible study groups that will be starting back again soon.

I pray you have a blessed week.

Jim Raistrick,

Priest-in-charge.

BIBLE READINGS

Deut. 18:15-20 (page 153)
Psalm. 111
1 Cor. 8:1-13 (930)
Mark 1: 21-28 (812)

Monday 29th January

8.30am Morning Prayer
8.30am Prayer Meditation
9.30am Craft Group
(commences)
2.00pm Conversion English

Tuesday 30th January

8.30am Morning Prayer
9.30am Paintpots
3.15pm Jim's Bible Study

Wednesday 31st January

8.30am Morning Prayer
10.00am Holy Communion
3.00pm Pure Dance
(commencing)
6.00pm Alpha (**The Chosen**)

Thursday 1st February

8.30am Morning Prayer

Friday 2nd February

(Jim's Day off)
9.30 am Mainly Music
(commences)

Saturday 3rd February

8.30am Indoor Fitness
9:00am Music Practice
(Sandra C)

Sunday 4th February

7.30am Holy Communion
9.30 am Holy Communion

READINGS FOR SUNDAY

4th February

Isaiah: 40.21-31
Psalm. 147.1-11
1 Cor. 9: 16-23
Mark 1: 29-39

Funeral Notice

Lynda Skennerton's funeral service Tuesday 30th January 2024 at 1.00pm. Afternoon tea to follow.

All welcome.



***MORNING TEA ***

To help with the environment please bring along your own cup for morning tea. Thank you.

AGM on 11th February 2024 beginning at 11.00am

ANNUAL REPORTS NOW DUE (Urgent)

Any questions to be tabled at the AGM, are to be received at the Parish office - no later than Friday 2nd February 2024.

SUNDAY 18th February 2024

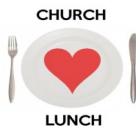
Church Luncheon

11:30 am -1pm in Church Hall

Bring a plate of food to share.

A time of getting to know one another after church

EVERYONE WELCOME



January/February Birthdays

**28th Lee Raistrick
3rd Marge Nichols**



JOIN A BIBLE STUDY GROUP in 2024

Please phone/email the 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	George Stuart	0407 741 669
11.00 am	Judith Atkins	5532 0798
6.00pm	ALPHA (Barry Doyle)	0412 818 083

In Remembrance



Helen McCuskey (25.1.13)

Betty Byrnes (27.1.14)



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