

SEA ROCKS

Rocks in serried ranks behind me
Piling high above the shore;
Vagrant sea gulls calling wildly
shrill above the ocean's roar.

Rocks of black: of slatey greyness
worn by waves incessant rolls;
Washed by tides to marble smoothness
or defaced with tiny holes.

How the great Creator draws me
from the things of lesser worth,
And the waves of ocean lave from
off my feet the dust of earth.

From my feet! Ah! not these only,
But my sinful wayward heart,
And my hands and head, allow me!
Lest in Christ I have no part.

As a rock, though jagged -- broken
since the tides have taken toll,
Worn am I; but humbly resting
where the waves of mercy roll.
Ruby Knight

In Remembrance



Pam Moore (8.12.10)
Rachael Howick (8.12.16)



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Thanks to Sue, Vicky, Beatriz, Chloe, and Bruce for their help in decorating the church for Advent and Christmas. We appreciate your help and your sense of style very much. Happy Christmas, Sandra and Mike Uptin.



Sandra Uptin would like to say a HUGE thank you to the amazing helpers at the Pure Dance Concert two weeks ago. Your contribution to the success of the Concert was tremendous and very much appreciated. The families all mentioned how much they could feel the love and sense of family at the concert - thank you for your part in that.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December

7th Rhonda Pride

8th Joan Anderson & John Williams

NEXT Sunday 11th December
12 noon PARISH CHRISTMAS
LUNCH AT SOUTHPORT

GOLF CLUB

Slatyer Avenue
Southport

Use ramp on
right for ease of
entry to the club



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Surf Report

Advent 2

4th December 2022

Bringing Jesus to our Gold Coast community

Hello Surfers!

It's December, so it's appropriate to put up your Christmas Tree and send out those Christmas Cards now! Incidentally, did you know that you can purchase Christmas Cards from the bookshop in the Church Hall every Sunday morning? Just thought it might be worthwhile to let you know... ☺

Our allocated Bible reading from the OT today is from the prophet Isaiah, where we have this assurance that there will be One from the line of David that will be unlike any other before Him (Is. 11:1-10). This One will have the Spirit of the Lord rest upon Him and have wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge and the fear of the Lord. It is hard to NOT see our Lord Jesus in this prophecy. (and indeed it is a prophecy about Him written about 700 years before He was born of Mary in Bethlehem)

Likewise, our psalmist today prays to God that He might grant to the King a Spirit of justice, righteousness and defence for the poor and needy (Ps. 72:1-7,18-21). Although the title of this psalm is often interpreted as 'Of Solomon' it is most likely a psalm written by King David TO and ABOUT his son, Solomon.

In our Gospel reading today we reflect on the message proclaimed by John the Baptist, the last prophet before our Lord Jesus, who called for repentance for those who would hope to be called the Lord's people (Matt. 3:1-12). Baptism is the most important event of each of our lives, where we die to our sins and wilfulness and are born anew in Christ to His eternal life. What an empowering and vital message proclaimed by John the Baptist for us all to renew our commitment to God each day.



Our New Testament reading today is from the Apostle Paul's letter to the church in Rome where he calls for living in harmony with one another in accordance with the message of Jesus (Rom. 15:4-13). In this selection of Scripture, Paul refers to several other OT verses: 2 Sam. 22:50, Ps. 18:49, Deut. 32:43, Ps. 117:1, and Is. 11:10. Amazing when you think that Paul didn't have at his fingertips the resources we have today to be able to read and write verbatim from Scripture.

I pray that you have a great week. God bless, Jim Raistrick, Priest-in-charge.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

Monday 19th December

6 pm Blue Christmas

Saturday 24th December CHRISTMAS EVE

6 pm Family Carols

11 pm Midnight HC Service

Sunday 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

7.30 am HC 9.30 am HC



BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-21
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

Monday 5th December

8.30 am Morning Prayer
9.30 am Craft
11.30 Christmas Party at
Emerald Lakes

Tuesday 6th December

8.30 am Morning Prayer
10 am Paintpots Playgroup
12.30pm Lyn Aitken Bible S.
3.15 pm Jim Raistrick Bible S.
7 pm Sandra Uptin Bible S.
7 pm Robert Kelly Bible S.

Wednesday 7th December

8.30 am Morning Prayer
10 am Holy Communion
11 am Judith Atkins Bible S.
3-6 Pure Dance
6.30 pm Explore Christianity

Thursday 8th December

8.30 am Morning Prayer
3-6 pm Pure Dance

Friday 9th December (Jim's Day off)

8.30 am Morning Prayer
9.30 am Mainly Music
11-1 pm Pure Dance

Saturday 10th December

9 am Music practice (S Uptin)
Baptism Elaina Heffey
Southport Rotary Chapel

Sunday 11th December

Advent 3
7.30 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Holy Communion
12 noon **PARISH CHRISTMAS**
LUNCH AT GOLF CLUB