

THE BOOK AND THE ROSE

So like to a rosebud
Your friendship
Indeed,
With close-folded petals
As pages
Unscanned:
Now slowly unfolds
That each other
May read
The whole tender story
By God Himself
Planned.

The bud to a blossom
Most surely
Will grow:
Ah! could you but read
All its fragrance
May mean!
Though winds of a life-time
Its fulness
May blow-
Lay gently each petal
The pages
Between.

Then read it with reverence
And holy
Delight;
This book of your living
And loving
Aright;
With each new leaf turning
Fresh wonders
Disclose,
Till finished the book-
And faded
The rose.

Ruby Knight

In Remembrance



- Wendy May Hancock (5.1.18)
- Roy Scamp (13.1.12)
- Roy Facey (14.1.15)
- William Nichol (14.1.15)
- Geoff Scott (14.1.16)
- Betty Bromley (14.1.22)



AGM
Annual General Meeting

SUNDAY
12th February
8.30 am

Reports are due in before 1st February so they can be available for Sunday 8th February.
Nomination forms are in the church foyer for Churchwardens, Parish Councillors and Parish Nominators.
These are to be handed to Jim or to the office before 5th February 2023

JOIN A BIBLE STUDY GROUP in 2023

Please phone/email a contact person to join a group

TUESDAYS	12.00 pm	Lyn Aitken 5538 1731
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	7.00 pm	Sandra Uptin sandrauptin@icloud.com
	7.00 pm	Robert Kelly 0439 339 395
WEDNESDAYS	11.00 am	Judith Atkins 5532 0798

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Surf Report

1st Sunday after Epiphany
8th January 2023

Bringing Jesus to our Gold Coast community

Hello Surfers!

Welcome to the start of a brand new year! Today we celebrate the baptism of our Lord Jesus and it is the first Sunday after the Epiphany, which was remembered last Friday (6th Jan).

As I mentioned in previous Surf Reports, this year we will be predominately referring to Matthew's Gospel account for our sermon series, although I am keen to spend some months diving into other parts of Scripture to ensure we get a well rounded experience with our sermons.

Today we discuss only 5 verses from the Gospel, but they are a significant and rich account of the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist in the river Jordan (Mt. 3:13-17). Matthew's Gospel was one of my in-depth studies as part of my degree in 2016, and I was blessed to have Professor Craig Blomberg as my lecturer (via the wonders of modern technology because Craig is based in the USA), so I do look at it as being one of my preferred 'go to' gospel accounts when discussing the work of Jesus.



Our assigned Psalm reading today is Psalm 29, a psalm of King David in which the advent of God is described using the analogy of a storm. In striking imagery the mighty power of God is described as glorious and strong, as beautiful in holiness, as thundering and majestic, and King David asks that the Lord give this strength to His people.

Today's Old Testament reading is cited in Matthew, Mark and Luke's gospel accounts alongside the baptism of Jesus, clearly indicating that – at least for these three writers – the prophet Isaiah was foretelling our Lord's baptism (Is. 42:1-9).

In our New Testament reading we find the Apostle Simon-Peter recognising the gospel being declared to the gentiles (as opposed to just the Jewish nation), meaning that God no longer sees the Jewish people as His exclusive nation (Acts 10:34-43). Rather, with Jesus' work on the cross and the subsequent impartation of the Holy Spirit upon all peoples, everyone who believes in Jesus will be considered His and be saved at the last. Praise God!

I pray you have a blessed week. Jim Raistrick, Priest-in-charge.



BIBLE READINGS

- Isaiah 42:1-9
- Psalm 29
- Acts 10:34-43
- Matthew 3:13-17

Monday 9th Jan
8.30 am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 10th Jan
8.30 am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 11th Jan
8.30 am Morning Prayer
10 am Holy Communion

Thursday 12th Jan
8.30 am Morning Prayer

Friday 13th Jan
(Jim's Day off)

Saturday 14th Jan
9 am Music practice (S Uptin)

Sunday 15th Jan
7.30 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Holy Communion



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For January to

- Fay Imlach
- Jenny Hobart
- Aileen Jopling
- Anne McIntosh
- Terry Westwood