

**During January and Early February the 'Link' will be issued every second week in a shortened form as has been the custom for several years**

### Today's Service

*Sunday January 16th Second Sunday after Epiphany*

**Sentence.** Jesus revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him. *John 2.11.*

**Collect.** Bountiful God, whose Son revealed his glory at Cana of Galilee: help us to believe and obey, so that, as our Saviour promised, we may be filled with the wine of new life and show forth his joy and love; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Readings.** Isaiah 62: 1-5; Psalm 36.5-10; I Corinthians 12: 1-11; John 2: 1-11.

### Next Sunday's Service

*Sunday January 23rd Third Sunday after Epiphany*

**Sentence.** Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah: 'The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives.' *Luke 4: 18.*

**Collect.** Life-giving God, who sent your Son Jesus to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority: anoint us with your Spirit, that we too may bring good news to the poor, bind up the broken-hearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Readings.** Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; I Corinthians 12: 12-31; Luke 4: 14-21.

### What's Happening?

- Commissioning of the Healing Prayer Team at 9:30 am Sunday 6th February.
- The Meditation Group will resume in February.
- Playgroup will restart in February.
- Next Healing Service will be on Monday February 14th at 7.00pm.

**Please let me know what's happening so that it can be put in the Link each week**

*If there are any 'Church Events' happening, please let me know about it:*

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## GOWING A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY FOR ALL

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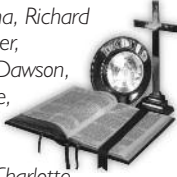
Rev Shirley will be in the Parish on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday morning and Sunday morning.

At other times she can be contacted on her mobile number or by email.

## Prayers for 2 Week

### pray for those in need

- For Mary and Arthur, Max, Fiona, Richard Burrows and Pam, Murray Calder, June Cook, Jack Laherty, Sheila Dawson, Tom Collett, John and Lyn Hilcke, Alison Walker, Betty Miller, Zaher Mhannah, Rhoda Lynch, Jim and Jan Dowsett, Wilf Seed, Charlotte MacEndry, Shirley Dougherty, Jim and Joy Durran, Del, Dawn Tait and for Dawn's sister Coral, Bernard Conradie and André, Rachele, Anna Bell-Hughes and Ewan, Carolyn Melling, Pam and Max as they recover. For Accident Victims and their Support Services, Geelong Palliative Care and for all others on our hearts and minds.



### pray for the world

- For peace and prosperity for all nations in political turmoil.
- For those suffering from natural disasters.
- For all who are orphaned by war and conflict and for the people of Afghanistan and Myanmar as they face an uncertain future.
- For all who are afflicted and affected by the Covid 19 pandemic and the Delta and Omicron variants, all those who are caring for and treating those who have the disease. Also pray for calm and responsible behaviour by all in the Community.
- For Foundation South Sudan, for finances, and scholarship recipients, Mach Aliamerara, David Ayuen, Peter Aluong Lieny and Guet Majuch.

### pray for the community

- For the Wathaurung People, Elders past, present, and emerging, all Aborigines, Torres Strait Islanders, for reconciliation and treaty.
- For those within our influence who don't yet know Jesus.
- For Public and Private Transport Workers.
- For First Aid Agencies.
- For Community Volunteers.
- For Funeral Directors and Grief Counsellors.

### pray for the wider church

- For the Primate of The Anglican Church of Australia, Archbishop Geoffrey Smith.
- For Archbishop Phillip Freier and the Diocese of Melbourne.
- For The Oodthenong Episcopal Area (The Rt Revd Kate Prowd).
- For The Geelong Archdeaconry (The Ven Jill McCoy).
- For The Parish of East Geelong; St Matthew's.
- For The Mission to Seafarers.

### pray for our church

- For our Priest-in-charge: Reverend Shirley Littras and George, and for Reverend Liz Bufton.
- For all St. Stephen's Parishioners.
- To keep striving to maintain our connection with the community of Belmont and with each other to proclaim the good news of Jesus.
- For the gifts, fruit and power of the Holy Spirit to be manifest amongst us.
- For the resources to enable Christ's mission.



Please keep your mobile phone turned off during the services.  
Thank you.



**Prayer of the Week**

*Almighty God, by whose grace alone we are accepted and called to your service: strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Monday** January 17th

**Morning**

Ps 40; Jeremiah 5: 1-17; Colossians 3: 1-11.

**Evening**

Pss 42, 43; Genesis 6; John 7: 37-52.

**Tuesday** January 18th

**Morning**

Pss 41, 44: 1-9; Jeremiah 5: 18-31;

Colossians 3: 12-17.

**Evening**

Pss 44: 10-27; Genesis 7; John 8: 1-11.

**Wednesday** January 19th

**Morning**

Ps 45; Jeremiah 6: 1-15; Colossians 3: 18-4: 6.

**Evening**

Pss 46, 47; Genesis 8; John 8: 12-20.

**Thursday** January 20th

**Morning**

Ps 48; Jeremiah 6: 16-30; Colossians 4: 7-18.

**Evening**

Ps 49; Genesis 9; John 8: 21-30.

**Friday** January 21st

**Morning**

Ps 50; Jeremiah 7: 1-20; James 1: 1-15.

**Evening**

Pss 119: 41-64; Genesis 10: 32-11: 9  
and 11: 27-32; John 8: 31-47.

**Saturday** January 22nd

**Morning**

Ps 51; Jeremiah 7: 21-8: 3; James 1: 16-27.

**Evening**

Pss 52, 53; Genesis 12; ; John 8: 48-59.

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**The gardens surrounding the Church are here for all to use. Feel free to sit awhile. Meditation resources are also available on the Parish Website: [www.ststephensbelmont.org.au](http://www.ststephensbelmont.org.au)**

**Prayer of the Week**

*O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you: mercifully accept our prayers, and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do nothing good without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Monday** January 24th

**Morning**

Pss 56, 57; Jeremiah 8: 4-17; James 2: 1-13.

**Evening**

Pss 60, 61; Genesis 13; Luke : 1-12.

**Tuesday** January 25th

**Morning**

Pss 62, 63; Jeremiah 8: 18-9: 11; James 2: 14-26.

**Evening**

Pss 64, 67; Genesis 14: (1-7) 8-24; Luke 1: 13-25.

**Wednesday** January 26th

**Morning**

Pss 65, 70; Jeremiah 9:12-26; James 3: 1-12.

**Evening**

Ps 66; Genesis 15; Luke 1: 26-38.

**Thursday** January 27th

**Morning**

Ps 68: 1-20; Jeremiah 10: 1-16; James 3: 13-4: 10.

**Evening**

Ps 68: (21-23) Genesis 16; Luke 1: 39-56.

**Friday** January 28th

**Morning**

Ps 71; Jeremiah 10: 17-11: 8; James 4: 11-5: 6.

**Evening**

Pss 119: 65-88; Genesis 17; Luke 1: 57-66.

**Saturday** January 29th

**Morning**

Ps 69: 1-16; Jeremiah 11: 9-23; James 5: 7-20.

**Evening**

Ps 69: 17-23 (24-30) 31-38; Genesis 18: 1-22; Luke 1: 67-80.

*If you are last to leave the Church, the Hall or Meeting Room, check that ALL doors are locked, lights out and heaters are off*

## Rosters...are you on?

### Sunday January 23rd

#### Leader and Preacher

9.30 am Shirley Littras

#### Assistant Leader

9.30 am Yvonne Fyfe

#### Readings

9.30 am Tim Rowlands

#### Prayers

9.30 am Helen McLean

#### Communion Assistants

9.30 am Pam Burrows and Joan Ham

#### Server

9.30 am Joan Ham

#### Welcomers

9.30 am Wendy Cowdery and  
Ros Eddington

#### Music

9.30 am Music Group

#### Audio Visual

9.30 am George Littras

#### Church Cleaning

Jan and Leigh Douglas

**Linen** Helen McLean

**Brass** Cassie Calder

**Lawns** Jan and Leigh Douglas

*If you can't do your rostered task,  
please arrange for a replacement*

### Sunday January 30th

#### Leader and Preacher

9.30 am Shirley Littras

#### Readings

9.30 am Tim Ellis

#### Prayers

9.30 am Ros Eddington

#### Communion Assistants

9.30 am Brett Gear  
and Helen McLean

#### Server

9.30 am Ros Eddington

#### Welcomers

9.30 am Fady and Gamila Issa

#### Music

9.30 am Music Group

#### Audio Visual

9.30 am Brett Gear

#### Church Cleaning

Lyn Hilcke and Dale Price

**Linen** Helen McLean

**Brass** Cassie Calder

**Lawns** Jan and Leigh Douglas

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please arrange for a replacement*

Thanks from George and Shirley

*George and Shirley Littras and their family would like to thank the Parish for all your prayers, kind words, support and delicious food, on the passing of George's mother Shirley.*

## Covid Info Update

- Vaccination status checks for church services, weddings and funerals are no longer required.
- All services are open for all people.
- There is no limit on attendance.
- QR code check-in and masks remain compulsory.
- Masks are once again mandatory for all people aged 8 and over indoors for any meeting or event.
- The only exception is for the one person leading or singing or preaching at one time.

## Hall Kitchen and Floor Upgrade

*The Hall floor has been sanded and stained and it looks brand new; work is now starting on the kitchen area. We would be delighted to still receive contributions for this work and we thank those who have already given. If you would like to contribute, place your contribution in an envelope marked Kitchen" in the offertory plate, or take it to the office on Wednesday or Thursday and give it to Rev Shirley.*