



2 JANUARY 2022 - 16 JANUARY, 2022



Welcome

Welcome to worship as we begin a new year as God's people in Greystanes.

Christmas Bowl

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Bowl retiring offering, we have raised \$340 towards their work.

Op Shop Holiday Closure

The Op Shop will re-open on Monday 10th January.

Thank you to all our volunteers for their hard work each year, and to all who provided donations for us to sell, we value your support!

Office Hours

The office will be staffed intermittently for the next two weeks, please ring Sue if you need her during this time, or leave a voicemail on the office phone.

Lectionary Readings for January 2022

January 2, 2022:

Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 147:12-20
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1:(1-9), 10-18

January 9, 2022:

Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 16, 2022:

Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

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John 1:1-18 What Child is This?

What child is this? That's the question: What do we know about this baby born so long ago in the little village of Bethlehem? And what difference does it make to us today?

And so, when we ask the question, "What child is this?" the first thing we need to know is that he is God. He may have come as one of us, but he is decidedly different from any of us.

That leads to the second point: In coming into the world as God in human form, Jesus came to save us from our sins, and that creates a certain tension.

It's an age-old question: If Jesus came up to you today, would you recognize him as your Lord and Saviour? Just as importantly, would he recognize you as one of his devoted followers?

As we enter a new year, one that we all hope and pray will be a whole lot better than the misery of 2021, I encourage you to focus on the child born to Mary.

What child is this Jesus? He is God Almighty. He's the Saviour of the world. He's the hope of our salvation.

Because we know that Jesus was the son of God, and God declared that he was pleased with Him, we should look closely at what Jesus said and did.

We need not to attend too closely to what we are taught by our 21st Century Church. We need to preach to the poor, we need to set the captives free, we need to spend time with and support the sick and the needy.

We need to not judge others, for that seems to me to be the mistake of both current church teachings, as well as the biggest single criticism Jesus had of the religious leaders of his day.

Jesus is, after all, God come to earth. Come to save us.

Adrian