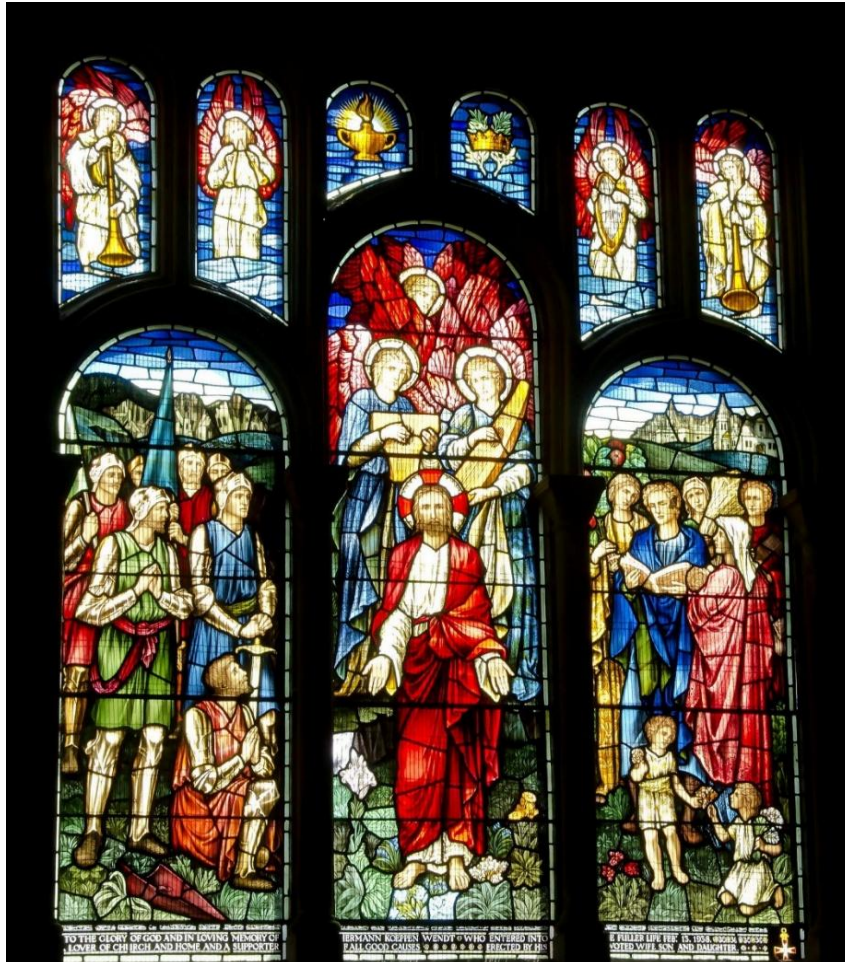




ALL SOULS' PARISH NEWS
Sunday 19th & 26th January 2025
8am & 9.30am services



A WARM WELCOME TO VISITORS; PARISHIONERS
LONGSTANDING AND NEW

THERE WILL BE NO WEDNESDAY SERVICES IN JANUARY

Parish Prayers Jill, Julie, Carol, Judith and Caroline, Nola and Brenton,
Malcolm and Mary, Tony and Margie, Mark, Fiona, Jac, Keith, Cathy, Vernon.

We acknowledge the Kaurua people, their Elders and their spiritual relationship with Country.

Diary Dates

19th January 2025: Guest Speaker Rob Beard from the Gideons – Retiring Plate.

30th January 2025: Coffee Club, Avenues Shopping Centre, 10.00am

5th March 2025: Ash Wednesday – 10.00am and 6pm services

World Leprosy Day 2025

In 2025, World Leprosy Day is Sunday 26 January. World Leprosy Day always takes place on the last Sunday of January. What an important focus for those of us who live in Australia, as this year it lands on Australia Day. This date comes with divided opinions, but we can all be united in the cause of world-wide leprosy.

[This date was chosen by French humanitarian, Raoul Follereau](#) as a tribute to the life of Mahatma Gandhi, who did much work with persons affected by leprosy and died at the end of January in 1948.

What is World Leprosy Day?

World Leprosy Day takes place on the last Sunday of January each year. It is organised by organisations of people affected by leprosy and leprosy-focused NGOs, including The Leprosy Mission and the Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem, and is an opportunity to lift up the voices of people affected by leprosy throughout the world.

[Make a donation this World Leprosy Day to end leprosy >](#)

Why do we celebrate World Leprosy Day?

We celebrate World Leprosy Day to raise awareness of a disease that many people think does not exist anymore.

Each year there are 200,000 people diagnosed with leprosy and there are millions who are living with the damaging consequences of delayed leprosy treatment.

World Leprosy Day is an opportunity to celebrate the lives of those affected, raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of the disease, and tackle the stigma that too often surrounds leprosy. It is also an opportunity to raise money so that we can be the generation that ends leprosy transmission.

How is World Leprosy Day celebrated?

The day is marked in both countries with and without leprosy. In countries where leprosy is either non-existent or very rare, World Leprosy Day is marked by churches, NGOs, and leprosy champions who aim to raise awareness of the fact that leprosy still exists and it is still ruining lives.

In countries where leprosy still exists, communities and people affected by leprosy come together to raise awareness and host events that are aimed at reducing leprosy stigma and raising awareness of the disease. In many countries there is also good engagement from governments, who mark the day through ministers and events.

What can you share this World Leprosy Day?

If you want to raise awareness with us online this World Leprosy Day, here are some key facts and details that you can share:

- Leprosy is curable with a combination of antibiotics known as Multi Drug Therapy (MDT). This treatment is available for free across the world. If leprosy is not treated, it can lead to serious complications.
- Leprosy is at least 4,000 years old, making it one of the oldest diseases known to humanity. However, we believe we can be the generation that finally ends the transmission of leprosy – our target is zero transmission by 2035.
- Leprosy still exists! Around 200,000 people are diagnosed with leprosy each year and many millions are living with leprosy-related disabilities, particularly across Asia, Africa, and South America.
- It costs \$50 to find and treat someone with leprosy. You can do that today at donate.leprosymission.org

THE GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL

- On Sunday 19 January at both services, Rob Beard from the Gideons will be speaking about their work and giving a report.
- **THERE WILL BE A RETIRING PLATE AND YOUR DONATION WILL BE SO APPRECIATED**

The Epiphany BBQ at the Rectory on January 5th was well attended. It was a lovely balmy evening, the meat was nicely cooked, complimented by a variety of salads, wines and soft drinks, followed by a sweet treat. A very pleasant evening was had by all. Thank you, Deborah & David, for hosting such an enjoyable evening



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