

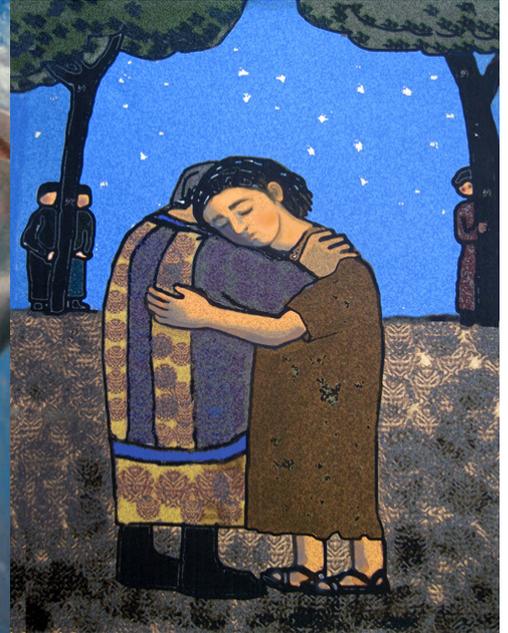
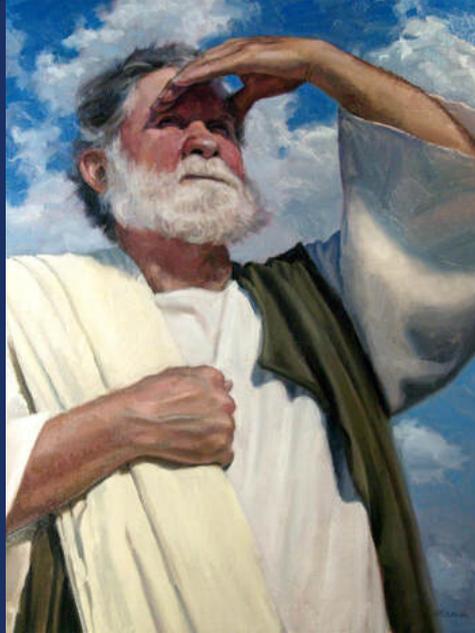
# SCARBOROUGH BULLETIN

*What is happening at Scarborough Baptist Church?*

**Anzac Day:  
sacrifice**

**THIS WEEK**

**PRAYER:  
Jesus, our  
high priest**



Walking at Hillarys this morning, the light was so beautiful and the seagulls were strutting around quite happily in the uncanny emptiness of a normally busy place. What struck us was the signs on all the doors: 'Closed until further notice'. Let's take time this week to pray for those who have lost their jobs and those who are struggling with businesses that cannot function at the moment. On another tack, Anzac Day is a reminder to be thankful for those in our church who have served in the armed forces and in the Red Cross, and those who are serving now, also in the Reserve forces. So soon after Easter, John 15 v 13 reminds us of Christ's sacrifice for our sins and also encompasses human sacrifice and and both of these have the goal of peace - of the mind and also politically.

There is no  
greater love  
than to lay  
down one's life  
for one's friends.  
- JOHN 15:13



## EVENTS THIS WEEK

**Monday morning Bible study** at 9.30am.  
The link will appear in the **calendar** on the web page.

**Thursday evening Bible study** at 7pm.  
The link for this is on the **calendar** on the website.

**Brighton Kids** will still be on the go this week. Term 2 starts on Wednesday.

**Offering:** Please consider arranging an EFT as we have no other means of doing our offering at present. Our bank details: Scarborough Baptist Church - BSB 306-054 Account number 4186613

**On Monday nights, Andre and Anne will have "open home" on the normal church link. Come for a chat or prayer between 7 and 8pm.**

# In Jesus' Name

Hebrews 4:14-16

" Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."



To pray in Jesus' name says that we approach God on the basis of what Jesus has done for us. It acknowledges that Jesus always stands between us and God. Jesus is the great high priest who has ascended into heaven. He is the only human who is directly in the presence of God. To pray in Jesus' name is thus to confess our inability to approach God on our own strength.

To pray in Jesus' name, at the same time, means that we can know that our prayers are able to influence God. Our prayers are purified in that they are restated by the perfect human who continues to live in love for his Father and for the world. Our great high priest represents us and our prayers, but our prayers have become now his prayers. They are the prayers that we should pray as God's children, rather than the selfish prayers we might utter to try and manipulate God to do what we want.

This does not mean that our fallible and often selfish prayers are simply discarded by Jesus. The writer of Hebrews states that Jesus empathises with our weaknesses. Jesus knows our trials and sufferings. He knows our human fallible hearts and the temptation we always face to live for ourselves rather than for God and others. Jesus knows our deepest needs. But he does not know us as the judge who disdains and rejects our prayers. He approaches us as the one who has walked in our shoes and is thus able to speak on our behalf to the Father. He restates our prayers as the One who loves us dearly and has our best interests at heart.

To pray in the name of Jesus is to approach God's throne with boldness. We, who do not deserve to be heard, now have every right to be heard because Jesus speaks for us. Our prayers are purified, elevated, and yet they remain our prayers. They come to God with an urgency because they come through His Son who has stood in our shoes and knows us from the inside out. The prayers of Jesus on our behalf represent the world to God through our eyes, but they also represent God and his loving will to the world. This makes the prayers of Jesus both risky and wonderfully safe.