

THE BRIDGE

THE ANGLICAN PARISH
OF OCEAN GROVE & BARWON HEADS
St Peter's Ocean Grove & All Saints' Barwon Heads

OUR MISSION STATEMENT -

‘TO KNOW CHRIST, AND MAKE CHRIST KNOWN’

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THE REIGN OF CHRIST

READINGS FOR TODAY.

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Ps 93

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

VICAR'S VOICE: This week we end the liturgical year with the celebration of Christ the King. As I've reflected on this theme, I find myself focussing on a question that seems to apply in many areas of life: "Who is in charge?" The same question might be heard in the background of the current debates about the contentious legislation the Victorian government is seeking to pass about managing future pandemics. Who is, or should be in charge? The public service, via the Chief Health Officer, or the politicians? Similar debates have raged over the past months about the appropriate boundaries to the power of various authorities who can constrain our choices and decisions.

Who is in charge? Who has the power and authority, and how will they use it? What does power mean? Our readings this Sunday as we celebrate the reign of Christ offer us a powerful reminder that Godly power is something given, not grasped. It is about service, not superiority. They also remind us that Christ's God-given power and authority exists alongside, and sometimes as a challenge to, human powers and authorities.

I invite you to pray that we might be blessed with Godly leadership, and to seek to follow Christ's example in our own lives. Blessings, Jill

You are holy, the only God, You do wonders. You are strong, you are great, You are the most high. You are the almighty King. Holy, Holy Father, the King of heaven and earth. You are the three and One, Lord God of gods: You are good, all good, the highest good, Lord God, living and true. *You are love, charity, You are wisdom; You are humility; You are patience; You are beauty; You are meekness; You are security; You are inner peace; You are joy; You are our hope and joy; You are justice; You are moderation; You are all our riches; You are enough for us. You are beauty; You are meekness, You are the protector, You are our guardian and defender; You are strength, You are refreshment.* You are our hope, You are our faith, You are our charity, You are our sweetness, You are our eternal life; Great and wonderful Lord, God Almighty, merciful Saviour.

St Francis of Assisi [1181- 1226]

May you be wrapped up in God's love; found deep in His everlasting wings;
carried and kept -safe and cherished.

May the healing power of Christ breathe across you

FOR THE HEALING OF BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT.

Wendy Hudson, Deb Podbury, Glenys Russell, Betty Boyd,
Faye & Ken Bermingham, Jim Wilson, Alex Slocombe, Dot Sutcliffe,
Pat Brady, Elizabeth Polley, Judy Beach, David Bayne, Dawn White,
Janet Paisley, Doris Loewy, John Bartley, David Clarkson, Bev Stephenson
Diana Wilson, Marcel, Mark Johnstone and Alison Fane.

and those we know personally and are not on this list.

**FOR THOSE WITH ILLNESSES WHICH MEDICATION WILL NO
LONGER HELP, AND TO THEIR LOVED ONES**-give courage, strength and
comfort in their faith of the joy of eternal life

TO THOSE RECENTLY BEREAVED - give comfort and strength.

FOR OUR MEMBERS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE give peace,
comfort & contentment.

Hilda Clyne, Shirley Dodgshun, Kaye Middlehurst, Anne Shady,
Jean Wadey, Beth Ward, Jenny Wood, Shirley Trimble, Stella Scheiner,
Ross Smith and Keith & Kaye Houston.

Please let Jill know about additions and subtractions for our prayer list.

Our Prayer Chain. Join the team who pray -contact Anna or Lyn 0418 171 787.

If you would like us to pray for you, contact the Vicar on 0425 805 827.

- **Saturday Morning Prayer 9.00 am St Peter's Hall**

PRAYER FOCUS FOR November

Why does God want us to pray for others? Because intercessory prayer reflects God's own character of outgoing love and mercy. God wants us to think like He does, and praying for others helps us to think beyond ourselves and to grow in compassion for others. God can and does act when the time is best, whether one person or a million people pray about it.

Pray for those who are feeling forgotten, left out of society, homeless, hungry, poor and feeling miserable at the prospect of continuing life as it is. Pray that they can be refreshed and sustained by 'The Living Water', and also for our ability to do something for some-one, or many, in any of their despair.

TOWER MESSAGE THIS WEEK

A smile is a light in the window of your soul.

Daily readings beginning 22nd November			
Monday 22	Ps 51	2 Kings 23.4-15	Mark 1.29-39
Tuesday 23	Pss. 54; 55.1-12	2 Kings.23.16-30	Mark 1. 40- 45
Wednesday 24	Pss. 56; 57	2 Kings 23.31- 24.9	Mark 2. 1-17
Thursday 25	Pss 62; 63	2 Kings 24.10- 25.7	Mark 2. 18-3.6
Friday 26	Pss 65: 70	2 Kings 25. 8-21	Mark 3. 7-19a
Saturday 27	Ps 68. 1-20	2 Kings 25.21-30	Mark 3.19b - 35

READINGS FOR SUNDAY Nov. 28 th. First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Ps 25:1-10

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-38

Mission Support Group News: The Christmas Bowl of Remembrance:

It's been more than 70 years since Rev. Frank Byatt started the Christmas Bowl.

He put a Bowl of Remembrance on his Christmas dinner table and asked his loved ones to place a gift in it to "share your good dinner with hungry children in other lands".

We are invited to join again with Act For Peace (the welfare mission arm of the Australian Council of Churches) this Christmas Bowl, as together we share God's love, helping create a world where uprooted people have a safe place to belong.

To donate you can call 1800 025 101 **OR** visit [actforpeace.org.au/Christmas bowl](http://actforpeace.org.au/Christmas_bowl) **OR** give through the offertory bowl at St. Peter's or All Saints anytime up to Sunday 2nd January, in an envelope marked "Christmas Bowl".

THE BRIDGE: If you have pew-news, or want anything added or changed, please text or email me [so that I get the message right] or ring Isobel Dean - ref. Parish Directory, by **Wed 10 pm**

We worship on the land of the Bengalat clan of the Wathaurong people and we acknowledge and pay our respect to their Elders past and present.

Even more important than my being loved is my being loving.

Make sure that Jesus is on the throne of your heart.

St Peter's Fair. A very big thankyou to everyone who contributed to the fair last Saturday. It was a great success both financially and socially. We made \$10,800 on the day and some more money has come in since so this is a very pleasing result. All contributions big and small made the day run smoothly and we all had fun. Details of money raised by each stall is on the St Peter's notice board. Gaye and Bob really appreciate all your efforts.

**I thank God for protecting me from what I thought I wanted,
and blessing me with what I didn't know I needed.**

WHAT'S ON

Our Annual Parish Meeting is planned for this Sunday 21st November.

One service only 10:00 am combined service AT St. Peter's

MONDAY	Hearts and Crafts 10 – 1	St. Peter's Hall O. G
TUESDAY	Prayers-personal – with Dawn and John – 10 – 12	St. Peter's Hall O. G
WEDNESDAY	Op shop 9.30 - 1 Jigsaw Library - 10am - 12	All Saints' Hall B.H
FRIDAY	Op Shop 9.30 - 1	All Saints' Hall B.H
SATURDAY	O p Shop 9.30 – 1 Jigsaw Library - 10 am - 12	All Saints' Hall B.H

SERVICE TIMES

DAY	TIME	PLACE	SERVICE
1 st Sunday in the month	2pm	St. Peter's	Holy Communion (No vaccination details needed)
Sunday	8 am	St. Peter's	Holy Communion
Sunday	9.30 am	St. Peter's	Holy Communion
Sunday	11 am	All Saints'	Holy Communion
Wednesday	10 am	St. Peter's	Holy communion
Saturday	9 am	St. Peter's	Prayers

- From the start of November, THERE IS NO need to “book in” for church services. You **will need** to check in using the **QR code** (on your phone or on the iPad provided), **wear a mask**, and show evidence of your vaccination status for all services except the 2:00pm service on the 1st Sunday each month.

All Saints' Christmas Stall will be 27th November 10-12.

Prayer for today: -

Everlasting God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, our Lord and King: grant that the people of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Me and God have this little arrangement...If He wakes me up to see another day, I promise to try to be better than I was yesterday.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!!!!