

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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November 7th 2021

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

READINGS FOR TODAY.

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:3-17 Ps 127 Hebrews 9:19-28 Mark 12:38-44

VICAR'S VOICE In his [video message](#) this week Archbishop Philip Freier reflects on *Resilience in Adversity*. He speaks of his visit last Sunday to Holy Trinity Lara, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the rebuilding of their church after the devastating bushfires of 1968, and noting how we have seen similar resilience in the church in our own time as we have responded to, and managed our way through, the challenges of the COVID 19 pandemic. I was conscious of this myself in the past few days, seeing our towns once again humming with throngs of visitors sharing the enjoyment of our beautiful space. I noticed it in the up-beat responses of the traders who have been properly busy, in many cases for the first time in many months. And I am aware that many of us have in these past months faced our own personal challenges, and met (and in some cases continue to meet) them with a courage and resilience that is grounded in our confidence that God stands with us, cares for us and supports us.

We are all too often reminded by life that the future is unknown and potentially unpredictable. But in the face of adversity, we can be confident that God remains constant: steadfast, loving and faithful. This is where we place our hope, and where we find our resilience.

Blessings, Jill

ANNUAL MEETING

Nominations are now open for the following vacancies:

Parish representative on the Incumbency committee (1 position)

Church warden (2 positions)

Parish Councillor (4 positions)

Nomination forms are available at either church, or by emailing
parish.office@ogbha.org.au.

Nominations close at 2:00 pm on Saturday 13th November.

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 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.

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.

- **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

I AM PLACING MY BET ON THE ONE RIDING THE DONKEY

Daily readings beginning 8 th November			
Monday 8	Pss. 20; 21. 1-13	2 Kings 15. 23 – 38	Matthew 22. 34 -46
Tuesday 9	Ps. 22. 1 -22	2 Kings 16.	Matthew 23. 1- 15
Wednesday 10	Ps.25	2 Kings 17. 1 – 20	Matthew 23. 16 – 28
Thursday 11	Pss. 28; 29	2 Kings 17. 21 – 41	Matthew 23. 29 – 39
Friday 12	Ps. 33.	2 Kings 18. 1 -16	Matthew 24. 1 -14
Saturday 13	Ps.35. 1-17	2 Kings 18. 17 - 37	Matthew 24. 15 - 31

READINGS FOR SUNDAY Nov. 14th

1 Samuel 1:4-20 Song of Hannah (1 Samuel 2:1-8) Hebrews 10:11-25
 Mark 13:1-11

Mission Support Group News: The Barnabas Fund's mission is to support the persecuted church. It does this by publicising the plight of Christians under pressure, but also by providing practical support for these people. Their current list of major projects includes:

- * Providing food for Christians hiding from the military in the jungles of Myanmar.
- * Providing food gifts to Christian converts from Islam in Albania.
- * Paying for the poor to travel to a Christian eye clinic in South Sudan.
- * Partly funding the building of a church in Kazakhstan, to house a congregation which has been trying to get permission to build for 20 years.
- * Provision of goats to 265 Christian widows in Cameroon. Most of the women were widowed by the terror campaign conducted by Boko Haram Islamist militants in the Far North of Cameroon.
- * The part funding of a pastor in a Muslim majority region of Georgia.

If you are interested in supporting the work of Barnabas Fund with money, or by getting their prayer diary, contact them through barnabasfund.org/au

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.

- The Book of Ruth... the only book in the Bible devoted to the history of a woman... a Gentile who married a Hebrew husband; a book tracing the genealogy of David and so our Lord Jesus. It reads of the love and devotion between a woman and her mother-in-law, and the love of that young woman and man.
- The Moabite, shut out by law is admitted by Grace.
- An unmarried woman in great danger in those times, found someone who could provide and give the rest and peace. Who does that remind us of?

Rick Warren writes, 'God loves to turn crucifixions into resurrections. The things you wish were most removed from your life are often the very things that God is using to shape you and make you into the believer he wants you to be. He wants to use that problem for good in your life. There's something more important than your pain. It's what you're learning from that pain.'

WHAT'S ON

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.

Please show evidence of your vaccination status to Jill, one of the Churchwardens (Cathy Coleman, Betty Cameron & Beryl Slocombe) or to our Covid Safety Officer, Elise Perry or email a copy of your vaccination certificate to vicar@ogbha.org.au or parish.office@ogbha.org.au.

- [Our Annual Parish Meeting is planned for 21st November.](#)

FAIR at ST PETER'S SATURDAY NOVEMBER 13 There is only a week to go.

On the Friday before the fair the church will be open as we will be setting up. If you have things for the cake stall, the preserves stall or flowers please **bring them on Friday** or ring Frasers if you need them picked up. Of course, items can be brought **Saturday morning**. Money for the raffle can be given to Betty Cameron or placed in the plate in a labelled envelope. We **need helpers on Friday afternoon** to set out stalls, price items and deal with the flowers. **Please come after 1 pm** even if it is just for a short while as there are lots of jobs to do. Please pray for good weather!!

Flowers for the Fair will be sold in **bunches**. Please donate any suitable greenery and flowers (with longish stems) from your garden and place in buckets of water which will be outside and behind the chapel from Thursday midday. Anyone willing and able to put bunches together on **Friday morning between 10:00 and noon**, will be welcomed with open arms! Ring Kathy D. on 0448434110 for queries.