

# 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 28<sup>th</sup> 2021

First Sunday of Advent

## READINGS FOR TODAY.

Jeremiah 33:14-16 Ps 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-38

**VICAR'S VOICE:** Advent is a time of anticipation – not just for Christmas, but for the glorious return of Christ. I find it particularly significant that this is how the Church's year begins – with a sense of hope and anticipation, a restlessness with the world as it is, and a longing for the fulfillment of God's kingdom purposes.

During Advent this year, I will be drawing heavily on a series of resources called "Close to home" written by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed for A Sanctified Art. I've purchased these resources for the use of the parish because they invite us to reflect on this sense of longing, and to identify the ways in which the Holy Spirit seeks to draw us closer – closer to God, closer to our spiritual "home" in Christ.

I hope that during these coming weeks we will all be able to make space for reflection, time to listen to God's voice. I pray that we will explore ways in which we can bring God's kingdom closer to others, by acts of grace and generosity. And I trust that we will be reminded that God is always close to us, as close as breathing....

Blessings, Jill

### **Advent daily reflections**

*As part of the "Close to home" package we have daily reflections for Advent. Black & white printed copies are available in at both churches. If you would like a copy printed in colour (to better enjoy the beautiful art work) please contact the Parish Office.*

God of the stars and God of our hearts— our days will pass but your words will last.

The earth might fade but your words will last.

Our memories might blur but your words will last.

The grass will wither but your words will last.

The sky could go dark and your words would last.

Help us to hold onto what will last.

Help us hold onto you. Gratefully we pray, amen.

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, Bev Stephenson  
Diana Wilson, Marcel, Alison Fane and Mark Johnstone,  
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.

Lord God, open my heart to you that I may be led by your Spirit to offer true praise and worship. Receive the words I offer, the gifts from my hands, and the service from my daily living. May I always see service to you as my major goal, rather than the pursuit of my own.

## Daily readings beginning 29th November

Monday 29	Ps. 69. 1 – 16	Isaiah 40. 1- 17	Mark 4. 1 – 20
Tuesday 30	Ps. 72	Isaiah 40. 18 -31	Mark 4. 21 -41
Wednesday 1	Ps, 74	Isaiah 41.1- 16	Mark 5. 1-20
Thursday 2	Ps. 77	Isaiah 41. 17 - 29	Mark 5. 21 – 43
Friday 3	Ps. 78. 16 – 38	Isaiah 42. 1 – 17	Mark 6. 1-13
Saturday 4	Ps. 80	Isaiah 42. 18–43.13	Mark 6. 14 - 29

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY Dec. 5th Second Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3:1-4    Song of Zechariah (Luke 1:68-79)    Philippians 1:1-11  
 Luke 3:1-6

### Mission Support Group News: The Christmas Bowl of Remembrance:

Central Sulawesi, an island in Indonesia, was hit hard by a huge earthquake and tsunami in 2018. Since then, farms which families rely on for food have been affected by floods, drought and the Covid-19 pandemic.

Women are learning to make organic fertiliser and pesticides to help them grow their own food to feed their families.

Funds from this Christmas Bowl will help communities like these to adapt to climate change and withstand financial hardship when disaster strikes.

**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.*

## 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

All Saints' Christmas Stall will be this **Saturday 10-12.**

## SERVICE TIMES

DAY	TIME	PLACE	SERVICE
1 <sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month.

*I think it's clever---hope you do too*

### THE QUERY

Dear Tech Support,

Last year I upgraded from Boyfriend 5.0 to Husband 1.0 and noticed a distinct slowdown in overall system performance, particularly in the flower and jewellery apps, which operated flawlessly under Boyfriend 5.0. In addition, Husband 1.0 uninstalled some of my other apps, such as Romance 9.5 and Personal Attention 6.5, and then installed undesirable apps such as NBA 5.0, NFL 3.0 and Golf Clubs 4.1. Conversation 8.0 no longer runs and House cleaning 2.6 simply crashes the system. Please note that I have tried running Nagging 5.3 to fix these problems but to no avail. What can I do?

Signed, Desperate.

### THE RESPONSE (that came weeks later out of the blue)

Dear Desperate,

First, keep in mind, Boyfriend 5.0 is an Entertainment Package, while Husband 1.0 is an operating system. Please enter the command: `lthoughtyoulovedme.HTML` and try to download Tears 6.2. Also, install the Guilt 3.0 update. If that app works as designed, Husband 1.0 should then automatically run Jewellery 2.0 and Flowers 3.5. However, remember, overuse of the above application can cause Husband 1.0 to default to Grumpy Silence 2.5, Happy Hour 7.0, or Beer 6.1. Please note that Beer 6.1 will download the Snoring Loudly Beta version.

Whatever you do, DO NOT, under any circumstances, install Mother-In-Law 1.0 as it runs a virus in the background that will eventually seize control of all your system resources. In addition, please, do not attempt to re-install Boyfriend 5.0. That will crash Husband 1.0. Husband 1.0 is a functional app, but it does have limited memory and cannot learn other new applications quickly. You might consider buying additional apps to improve memory and performance. Try Cooking 3.0.

Good Luck!! Tech Support.

**If I remember rightly, there will be a Ladies Coffee morning on the second Thursday of the month...watch next week for any corrections of my memory!!!**