

THE BRIDGE

THE ANGLICAN PARISH
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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SUNDAY JANUARY 16th 2022

Isaiah 62:1-5 Ps 36:5-10 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11

VICAR'S VOICE As I've read various commentary on the issue of Visas for tennis players this week, a particular concern has crystalised in my mind. I've read of people being outraged about the conditions of immigration detention. Of consternation that the Federal Government can ignore or over-ride the findings of the courts. I've been reminded of other times when discussion of the situation of a "famous" individual highlights issues of justice or raises questions about how we as a society deal with people. My concern is that we remain ignorant of these issues for so long, or allow ourselves to think of them as not our responsibility. Of course, it is easier to recognise and respond to the issue when it is front and centre in our media. But, as Christians, can we choose to wait for the media to tell us what to care about? Finding out for ourselves, paying attention to the fine print of our societies decision making practices, takes much more effort, and may force us to confront things we find deeply uncomfortable. But if we are serious about following Jesus, I think we have a responsibility to do so.

Blessings,
Jill

Wise Men
Seek Him Still



The Tower Sign this week says-

**" SOCIAL DISTANCING DOES NOT
APPLY TO GOD"**

SERVICE TIMES			
DAY	TIME	PLACE	SERVICE
Sunday	8 am	St. Peter's O.G	Holy Communion
Sunday	9.30 am	St. Peter's O.G	Holy Communion
Sunday	11 am	All Saints' B.H	Holy Communion
Wednesday	10 am	St. Peter's O.G	Holy communion
Saturday	9 am	St. Peter's O.G	Prayers

WHAT'S ON		
MONDAY	Hearts and Crafts 10 – 1 Resumes on 31/1 /22	St. Peter's Hall O. G
TUESDAY	Op shop 9.30 - 1 Prayers-personal – 10 –12 Resumes this week	All Saints' Hall B.H 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	Op Shop 9.30 – 1 Jigsaw Library - 10 am - 12	All Saints' Hall B.H
SATURDAY	Prayers 9am	St. Peter's Chapel

Daily readings - beginning 17 th . January Year C			
Monday 17	Ps.40.	Jeremiah 5. 1 -17	Col. 3. 1 - 11
Tuesday 18	Pss. 41; 44.1-9	Jeremiah 5. 18-31	Col. 3. 12 - 17
Wednesday 19	Ps 45.	Jer. 6. 1 -15	Col. 3. 18 – 4. 6
Thursday 20	Ps.48	Jer. 6. 16 – 30	Col.4. 7 - 18
Friday 21	Ps.50	Jer. 7.1 -20	James 1. 1 - 15
Saturday 22	Ps. 51	Jer. 7. 21 – 8.3	James 1. 16 - 27

READINGS FOR SUNDAY JAN 23

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Ps 19 1 Cor. 12:12-31 Luke 4:14-21

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 RESUMES 8 Jan

ZOOM 488 270 257

*Throughout January Rev. Jill McCoy will be on
leave on Thursdays and Fridays.*

New gov. regs. mean our services are open to all, BUT refreshments can only be served after the service to those who can demonstrate their vaccination against COVID19. We strongly encourage continued mask wearing, particularly when you are not 1.5 metres from other people, & when singing.

FOR THE HEALING OF BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT-

Wendy Hudson, Deb Podbury, Glenys Russell, Betty Boyd, Jim Wilson, Pat Brady, Faye & Ken Bermingham, Alex Slocombe, Dot Sutcliffe, 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 M. know about additions and subtractions for our prayer list.

PRAYER FOCUS FOR JANUARY - DOCTORS AND ALL MEDICAL STAFF-

Knowing how long and hard these people are working in this COVID situation, pray for energy, wisdom, their personal life and their spiritual life. Their day can be draining both physically and mentally, so pray that God will watch over their health and remind them to follow the prescription they often give us for exercise, eating nutritionally, maintaining an appropriate weight, getting sufficient sleep, and not ignoring any signs of their own illness. Infuse them with the wisdom and clarity to listen carefully to determine the appropriate medication and treatment for each patient. Pray for their families who have to share him or her with the demands and emergency needs of patients, sometimes in the middle of the night or on a holiday.

What if you had woken up today with only the things you thanked God for yesterday?

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

MISSION SUPPORT GROUP NEWS: The Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) has just released its 2022 Project Book, in which it lists the major projects it will help fund during the year. These include:

1. Supporting a part-time Ministry Development Officer for the Cape York Peninsula and other priority Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander mission in the Diocese of North Queensland - \$25,000
2. Supporting the work of Newton Theological College in PNG - \$81,000
3. Supporting the Gaza Child Nutrition Project, in partnership with the Al Ahli Arab Hospital. In this first year the project will provide a health consultation for 250-300 at-risk children, with 100 of these to be followed up with a 6 - month nutrition support program. - \$37,870 (gifts tax-deductible).

Donations can be given through www.abmission.org/projects.

Are you part of the inn crowd, or part of the stable few?

If you, neighbours, or family have fruit on trees or tomatoes that you can't use, those who make jams and preserves for the fair would be very glad to have it. We can come and pick it if that helps. The stall was a huge success last year raising \$2000 but we need a supply of fruit to keep our costs down. Contact Gaye on 0427552376.

Parish Council planning meeting on Saturday 22nd January from 2-6pm.

"There, but for the grace of God, go I..."

IF YOU PRAY DAILY FOR PEOPLE, CONSIDER THESE THINGS:

'For any person who is conscious of his own sin, there is nothing more difficult to believe than that God loves him/her.

For anyone who thinks they are unimportant and worthless, there is nothing more difficult than to believe that Jesus Christ died for him/her.'

'It is the Holy Spirit who enters into sin-conscious hearts, and convinces us that God does love us, and that Christ did die for us.

The Christian life must be with love.

If this is to happen, there must come into the hearts of all people a new spirit, The Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit not only unites people to God, he unites people to one another. Life in the Spirit is the conscious awareness of God; and those who are consciously aware of God can never hate.

We hate only when we have forgotten God.'

Taken from 'The Promise of the Spirit' by William Barclay.