

# 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 FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> 2022**

Isaiah 6.1 -13. Ps. 138 1 Cor. 15. 1 – 11 Luke 5. 1 - 11

**VICAR'S VOICE** Over the past few days, Psalm 8 has been brought to my attention several times. It's created an interesting "interior conversation" with our February prayer focus. I am grateful for the reminder that my concern for the environment is grounded in my awareness that everything was made by God, and tells us something about God's glory. Consequently, our first response when we think about the world in which we live is to glorify God as creator and sustainer of all things.

But Psalm 8 goes on to reflect on our privileged position in creation, as the ones given responsibility over creation. In this, of course, the Psalmist builds on the understanding of the creation narrative in Genesis 1.

For me, the question is how should this shape my prayers?

What does it mean to take seriously God's role as our Governor?

How do we live in relationship with the world around us in a way that does indeed declare the glory of God's name in all the earth?

Blessings, Jill.

*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*

Remember, God owns all time! He just loans it to us to use, and so we have the management of one hundred and sixty-eight hours a week!

## MISSION SUPPORT GROUP

**Barnabas Fund** has released "Heroes of Our Faith" Vol.2. It gives 366 devotional readings about Christians who died for their Lord and Saviour. These believers, from the 1st century to 2021, witnessed to the power of the Gospel by their faith. The inspirational stories of the martyrs are interwoven with Bible verses, hymns, prayers and words of Christian wisdom. Price \$20 + \$8.50 postage & handling.

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### A FEW NOTEWORTHY WORDS....

- It is said that last century [or 2<sup>nd</sup> last], a minister in the bush took exception to the contention that bullocks cannot be driven successfully without blasphemy. Challenged to prove his point, the clergyman climbed into the driver's seat, cracked his whip, and in roaring tones addressed the animals, 'You rapturous archangels! You sublimated cherubim! You sanctified innocents! Get ye up and hence!'

The bullocks slowly gathered themselves up together and moved off!

- *The oldest, shortest words, 'yes' and 'no', are those which require the most thought.*
- Try to say the very thing you really mean, the whole of it, nothing more or less or other than what you really mean. That is the whole art and joy of words. C.S. LEWIS
- *Colours fade, temples crumble, empires fall, but wise words endure.*
- 'I do not know what I may appear to the world, but to myself, I seem to have been only like a boy playing on the sea-shore, diverting myself now and then finding a smooth pebble or a prettier shell than ordinary; whilst the great ocean of truth lay all discovered before me.' Isaac Newton.

### AND THEN THERE ARE THESE!

*When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate.*

A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

*A will is a dead giveaway.*

A boiled egg is hard to beat.

### AND THEN...

God only wills for us what we would will for ourselves if we only knew as much as He knows.

My computxr kxyboard works quitx wxll xxcxpt for onx kxy. Somxtimxs it sxxms that churchxs arx likx it and not all thxir kxys arx working propxrlly. You may say, "Wxll, I'm only onx pxrson. I won't makx much diffxrxncx" But, for thx group to bx xffxctive it nxxds activx participation of vxry pxrson. So, thx nxxt timx you think that your xffort isn't nxxdx, rxmxxbxx my kxyboard and say... "I'm a kxy pxrson and nxxdx vxry much"!

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

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	10am.	St. Peter's O.G	Holy Communion
Saturday	9 am	St. Peter's O. G	Prayers

DAILY READINGS – BEGINNING Feb. 7 <sup>th</sup> YEAR C			
Monday 7	Ps. 90	Jeremiah 16. 1 -21	Phil. 3. 1- 16
Tuesday 8	Ps. 89. 1 -18	Jeremiah. 17. 1 – 18	Phil. 3. 17 – 4. 7
Wednesday 9	Ps. 89. 39 – 53	Jer. 17. 19 – 18.12	Phil. 4. 8 -23
Thursday 10	Pss. 92; 93	Jer. 18. 12 – 23	1 Tim. 1. 1 - 11
Friday 11	Pss. 95; 96	Jer. 19. 1 - 20.6	1 Tim. 1.12- 20
Saturday 12	Pss. 99; 100	Jer. 20. 7 - 18	1 Tim. 2

### READINGS FOR SUNDAY Feb 13<sup>th</sup>

Jeremiah 17. 5 – 10    Psalm 1.    1 Cor. 15. 12 – 20    Luke 6. 17 - 26

➤ Barwon Heads Combined Churches meeting  
Tuesday 8th Feb. 5pm @ All Saints'

Here we are in February already,  
and then March 6<sup>th</sup> is the beginning of Lent...just saying....  
*Ralph Waldo Emerson said, 'Guard well your spare moments. They are like uncut diamonds. Discard them now and their true value will be never known.; improve them and they will become the brightest gem in a useful life.'*

FOR THE HEALING OF BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT-

Wendy Hudson, Deb Podbury, Glenys Russell, Betty Boyd, Jim Wilson, Pat Brady, Faye & Ken Birmingham, 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.

**PRAYER FOCUS FOR February... THE ENVIRONMENT**

Mondays ... Light, darkness and Power. Sun, moon, stars, rhythm of days, weeks, months, energy supplies, renewable resources.

Tuesdays...Air and climate oxygen, seasons, wind, rain, rainbow of hope.

Wednesdays ...Water, rains to dry lands, peaceful waters, floods and crashing waves.

Thursdays ...Land and vegetation. Mountains, valleys, fertile plains, deserts, tropical rainforests grassland paddocks. Soil, caretakers.

Fridays... Sea, air and land creatures.

Saturdays... Human beings and development. Live in balance, rather than conflict; to treat all with care and gentleness, to conserve and nurture.

Sundays... The sabbath...for rest, to reflect on the beauty of the world, satisfaction.

**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**

**Worthy of Prayer.....**

Parish Council; **There is still one vacancy for a Churchwarden.**

The current office holders are:

Churchwardens – Tom Hudson (Secretary), Beryl Slocombe

Parish Council members – Eden Joseph, Sandra Lea-Wood, Elise Perry, Margaret Powell, David Singleton (Treasurer), Naomi Tilley.

Any items for Bridge, please email, or phone or message Isobel Dean [parish directory], before 10pm Wednesday.