

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 13TH 2022

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

VICAR'S VOICE -You may not have read about it in the news, or seen it on the television, but yesterday two of Melbourne's Anglican Bishops took turns to lock themselves in a cage outside the Park Hotel in Carlton, home for more than eight years to a number of refugees and asylum seekers. After the hotel gained publicity as the temporary residence of Novak Djokovic, the plight of the much longer-term residents was highlighted. Last week the former football great, Craig Foster, established the "Freedom Cage" at the front entrance to the hotel, locking himself inside as a protest against indefinite detention of refugees and asylum seekers.

Perhaps you think it inappropriate for +Philip Huggins & +Paul Barker to associate themselves with such a "political" enterprise. But as Bishop Barker said from the cage, the Bible strongly affirms the responsibility of the people of God to care for refugees, and the Melbourne Diocese has for more than a decade affirmed our support for those who seek asylum in Australia, and called on the government to adopt a more humane approach.

Whatever we may think about the particular issue, I am greatly encouraged to see leaders in our church standing up for their principles, and their action challenges me to ask myself if I have the courage to be similarly public in standing up for the things I think important.

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

MISSION SUPPORT GROUP-

MISSION BOTTLE OPENING:

BUCKETS ARE IN BOTH CHURCHES TODAY 13th AND NEXT SUNDAY 20th. PLEASE BRING YOUR BOTTLE, EMPTY IT INTO THE BUCKET, TAKE IT HOME AND START AGAIN. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATE IN THIS IMPORTANT FUNDRAISING ENDEAVOUR.

Your special cream- bottle of bright colours (like Joseph's coat) is given to you to fill with your loose coins or notes. During the year we ask you to bring them along and empty them into the special container in the church, and from there all money is counted up, deposited, and finally distributed to worthy causes, and your bottle will be empty again and so you can fill it up again! It just goes on and on. Easy!

If you don't yet have a Mission Bottle, ask John Minotti about it.

Prayer Points from our Link Missionary Rowan:

Give thanks for: The good news re the visa application- progress is being made. The support and prayers for him from individuals and link churches, and the support and assistance he has from his agency.

Pray for: wisdom for the Indonesian Government as it manages the health, social and economic impacts of the pandemic; that his visa will come through in a timely manner, and that God would go ahead and prepare the way as he returns and adjusts to life on location.

What? Is that true, or false?

"The reason that most of us fill up our time and stay busy is that we are afraid to be alone. We do not want to deal with everything we find in ourselves." T or F

"The beginning of Christian love is when we give our own expectations up, insidious and clinging as they are." T or F

"Many of us really need to discover what is good about us, and develop these qualities rather than concentrate endlessly on all that is wrong about us." T or F

"Spiritual realities can touch lives here and now." T or F

"The Church is an exclusive club for those we happen to regard as suitable." T or F

"One day, after we have studied the Bible enough, we will know all there is to know about God." T or F

"We can pray for the dead." T or F

"Death is a new birth when we break out of the womb of this life and enter a new creation – the Kingdom of God, which will be beyond our present imagination."

T or F

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. 14th YEAR C

Monday 14	Pss. 108;109 20-30	Prov. 29. 1-16	1 Tim. 3
Tuesday 15	Ps. 104. 1-25	Prov. 29. 17- 30. 6	1 Tim. 4
Wednesday 16	Ps. 105. 1-22	Prov. 30. 5- 14	1 Tim 5. 1 -16
Thursday 17	Ps. 106. 1-24	Prov. 30. 15 -28	1 Tim. 5. 17 - 6. 2b
Friday 18	Ps. 107. 1-22	Prov. 30. 29 -31. 9	1 Tim. 6. 2c – 10
Saturday 19	Pss. 110; 111	Prov. 31. 10 -31	1 Tim. 6. 11 -21

READINGS FOR SUNDAY Feb 20th

Genesis 45. 3 – 11, 15 Ps. 37. 1-11, 40 -41 1 Cor. 15. 35 -50 Luke 6. 27-38

Barwon Heads World Day of Prayer will be held
at All Saints' 2pm Friday 4th March.

*All Saints' is open for Private Prayer 9am to 1pm
Wednesday and Saturday.*

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

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.

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

"The reality is, my prayers don't change God. But I am convinced prayer changes me. Praying boldly boots me out of that stale place of religious habit into authentic connection with God Himself." - Lysa TerKeurst

"True prayer is neither a mere mental exercise nor a vocal performance. It is far deeper than that - it is spiritual transaction with the Creator of Heaven and Earth." - Charles

Spurgeon