

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 13TH MARCH 2022 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

READINGS Genesis 15. 1-12, 17 -18 Psalm 27 Phil.3. 17 – 4. 1. Luke 13. 31-35

THE UKRAINE APPEAL ----organized by The Archbishop
a retiring plate will be in each church for your offerings to be placed.

VICAR'S VOICE This Lent I am using a series of personal devotions entitled *Good enough: 40ish devotionals for a life of imperfection* by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie. Yesterday I read a piece entitled "Shiny Things", a reflection on Exodus 32, and the theme of idolatry. Kate & Jessica observe that the Israelites didn't want to worship a different God, but a "more accessible" version of the God who had rescued them from slavery. They weren't denying God, as Peter, denied Jesus, but trying to "manage" God, and ultimately betraying God in the process – which has a parallel with Judas. The challenge for me lies in this sentence: "... we are much more likely not to have a false image of a false God, but a false image of the true God. We take great comfort in our own version of God instead." It's easy, in my experience, to take the good and beautiful things of God, and shape them to what we think they should be. My challenge is to notice the good and beautiful things, (and the less than beautiful) and allow God to use them to shape me into what God wants me to be.

Blessings, Jill.

LENTEN STUDIES

Time	Mon.1:30	Tues. 1:30	Tues. 7:30 pm	Thurs. 2:00	Thurs 4:00
Place	Zoom	St Peter's	16 Daintree Way	All Saints'	Curlewis
Leader	Jill McCoy	David Singleton	Jill McCoy	Jill Poole	John Northfield

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: \$607.50 was raised in our February opening. This is a fantastic result, and the money will be added to the \$15,000 allocated by Parish Council, to be given to various mission agencies. Thank you for your great support.

The second opening for the year will be in August.

R., our Link Missionary, is now back in Indonesia. Fortunately, all his Covid tests, prior to leaving Australia and on arriving and quarantining in Indonesia, were negative. He only had to go into isolation for 3 days and 2 nights. He is now back in the accommodation he had before he was forced to return home in early 2020.

His prayer points for this month:

- * Give thanks for - a safe arrival back in Indonesia.
 - a good time of reconnecting with local pastors over lunch.
- * Pray for: good health and Godly wisdom as he settles back into life there.
 - : that he will have good recall of language, both vocabulary and grammar.

DAILY READINGS – BEGINNING March 14th YEAR C			
Monday 14	Ps 34 Or Ps 25	Jeremiah 29:1-23	Hebrews 7:11-25
Tuesday 15	Ps 37:1-17 or Pss 3, 6	Jer. 29:24-30:9	Heb. 7:26-8:6
Wednesday 16	Ps. 38 or Ps 90	Jer. 30:10-24	Heb. 8:7-13
Thursday 17	Ps.40 or Ps 39	Jer. 31:1-14	Heb. 9:1-10
Friday 18	Pss. 41; 44:1-9 or 69	Jer. 31:15-26	Heb. 9:11-22
Saturday 19	Ps. 45 or 88	Jer. 31:27-40	Heb. 9:23-10:4

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 20TH

Isaiah 55. 1 -9

Psalm 63. 1 – 9

1 Cor. 10. 1-13

Luke 13. 1-9

Any items for Bridge, please email, or phone or message Isobel Dean [parish directory], before 10pm Wednesday. If anything is to be changed, added to or deleted, please let me know ASAP.

**DONORS AND SUPPORTERS of ‘DEBBIE’S PLACE’
ARE INVITED TO**

The Covenant Wine Bar & Charcuterie

March 23 @ 6pm

2/62 THE TERRACE OCEAN GROVE, VIC

\$20 donation upon entry - buy your own drinks

RSVP: debbiesplacebellarine@gmail.com by Friday March 17.

Anger is a punishment we give ourselves for somebody else’s mistake!

“My father used to say,” Don’t raise your voice. Improve your argument!”

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE?

MONDAY	Hearts and Crafts 10 – 1	St. Peter's Old Church O. G
TUESDAY	Morning Prayer 9.30 and [Prayers-personal 9.30 ish –12 with John & Dawn. NOT 15th]	St. Peter's Foyer O. G
WEDNESDAY	Morning prayer & staff meeting 8.30 – 9.50	Parish Office O.G
WEDNESDAY	Op shop 9.30 - 1 Jigsaw Library - 10am - 12	All Saints' Hall B.H
WEDNESDAY	All Saints' church is open for private prayer 9 - 1	All Saints' Church 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
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SERVICES

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
Tuesday	9.30 am	St. Peter's O.G.	Prayers
Wednesday	8.30	St. Peter's	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	10am.	St. Peter's O.G	Holy Communion
Saturday	9 am	St. Peter's O. G	Morning Prayer

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Wed. 16th March 5.00 – 7:00 pm at St Peter's, O. Grove

Dawn and John Northfield offer – on Tuesday mornings- **anytime from 9.30 - 12** – the opportunity to have some **quiet prayer time with you personally**. This will be a beautiful time for you, so please take advantage, even if you think you don't NEED praying for, because we all do, and it will.

The office of Morning prayer will also take place from 9.30, but if you turn up for 'Personal prayers', John and Dawn will be on the ready to attend to you.

However, this week [15th] they are on holidays.

A note from Kristen Dillon. Thank you to all who supported me in my ordination to the Diaconate, through attending the service, prayer and congratulations. Special thank you to Jill for also attending the lunch at my new church, St George's East Ivanhoe. It meant so much to have members of the churches where I was baptised and confirmed to also be at my ordination. Blessings to you all, Kristen.

If you can trust a puzzle company to put every piece in the box to complete the puzzle, can't you trust God that every piece of your life is there for a similar reason- to complete you?

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.

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.

PRAYER FOCUS FOR MARCH: PEACE

Below is a 'list' of words to help you to focus each day on something different to do with bringing peace to our world, community, individuals, and ourselves.

Try writing your prayer down and keeping it.

Contentment beauty crying education conflict enough justice
medicine greed listening greed give anger family starvation
murder shelter need Love robbery ourselves homelessness arguing
genocide education laughing sharing enduring amen respect
acknowledgment hate want discrimination

at peace

keep the peace

hold one's peace

make one's peace with

The Hebrew word for peace, šālôm, translated in the Septuagint most often by the Greek word, eirēnē, has a wide semantic range including - **the notions of totality or completeness, success, fulfillment, wholeness, harmony, security and well-being.**

"The presence of God is the concentration of the soul's attention on God....by dwelling in the presence of God you might establish a sweet communion with the Lord so that your spirit abides, without much effort, in the restful peace of God, and obtain a faith that equips you to handle anything." *'The practice of the presence of God', by brother Lawrence.*

Peace is not the absence of trouble, but the presence of God.