

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT - 'TO KNOW CHRIST, AND MAKE CHRIST KNOWN'

THIS SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022 [4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT] CHANGED SERVICE TIMES.

St. Peter's at 8am., & COMBINED SERVICE at All Saints' at 10 am. Barwon Heads, when we will welcome Bishop Kate Prowd, receive Nathanael and Genovah into the Anglican Communion, and follow the service with light refreshments in the garden.

### READINGS TODAY

Joshua 5. 2-12      Ps 32.      2 Corinthians 5. 16 – 21      Luke 15. 11 -32

**VICAR'S VOICE** Working with Nathanael and Génovah, as they prepare to be received into the Anglican Communion, has caused me to reflect again on what it means to belong to the church. I think this is a useful reflection for us all. In a time when almost every social, sporting and community group I have dealings with talk about the challenges of getting people to commit to be involved, the question of belonging is clearly one of wide-spread significance. Do we belong to the church (the Christian faith generally, and the Anglican church in particular) because we value the sense of community it offers us? Is it because we agree with the beliefs espoused, and want to belong to a group that shares those beliefs with us? Is it an identity into which we were born, and which has (hopefully) taken on a particular personal significance at some time during our lives?

I suspect that for most of us it is some mix of these things, and some others besides. But it's clear that belonging, being connected, identifying with a group of believers with whom we can share the journey of faith, is important.

I read recently that in the United States about two-thirds of people have resumed their pre-COVID patterns of worship attendance. It's wonderful that they have done so, but I find myself concerned about the other third. Do they no longer value that sense of community and connection? Or are they holding back out of concern about infection, while feeling a deep sense of loss at the lack of involvement that the situation has imposed on them? I'm grateful for Zoom, which offers people a way to stay in touch, and delighted that so many members of our church are finding their way into our services each week. At the same time, I am concerned for those who may lack a sense of belonging, for whom the bonds of community have been weakened. May we rejoice in what it means to be the church, and seek always to shine the light of Christ in our world. Blessings Jill

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*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 - Anglican Overseas Aid** is conducting an easter Appeal called "Faithful Women". The funds raised will be used to support women and families in poverty. AOA has recently commenced supporting a project in Sri Lanka, with a new partner, Lanka Evangelical Alliance Development Service (LEADS).

The project's district was severely affected by the 30-year civil war and the tsunami in 2004, resulting in major population displacements.

The critical issue that women in the community face is irregular and seasonal income. COVID-19 has made the problem worse.

Desperate for funds, women often turn to moneylenders who loan at very high daily interest rates. Many then take additional loans to pay off previous debts, and as a result, are trapped in a vicious cycle of debt.

AOA and LEADS will set up self-help groups which will train women in leadership, administration, and income generation. A compulsory weekly saving is deposited by each member in the common fund, which is then available for emergencies, and income generation projects.

This is a great example of Christian love in action.

Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible. Check the Anglican Overseas Aid website for details- [anglicanoverseasaid.org.au](http://anglicanoverseasaid.org.au)

<b>DAILY READINGS – BEGINNING March28 YEAR C</b>			
Monday28	Ps. 71	Jer. 36. 1-19	Heb.12. 1-11
Tuesday 29	Ps. 69. 1-16	Jer. 36. 20 – 32	Heb.12. 12 -24
Wednesday 30	Ps.72	Jer. 37	Heb.12. 25 – 29
Thursday 31	Ps.39	Jer. 38. 1-13	Heb.13. 1 -6
Friday 1	Ps. 74	Jer. 38. 14 – 28	Heb.13. 7 - 17
Saturday 2	Ps. 77	Jer. 39	Heb.13. 18 - 25

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL**

Isaiah 43. 16 -21    Ps. 126.    Philippians 3. 3 -14    John 12. 1-8

No-one can pray and worry at the same time. When we are worrying, we aren't praying; and when we are praying, we aren't worrying.  
Max Lucado

God gave you a fingerprint that no-one else has so that you can make an imprint that no-one else can!

- **SAFE MINISTRY.** The Diocese is responding to the advice of the Royal Commission to ensure that all people involved in ministry and leadership have basic training the Diocese's expectations about safe and respectful conduct. We will be offering another training session in this material on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April from 2:30 - 4:00 pm in St Peter's Hall**

## WHAT'S ON AND WHERE?

MONDAY	Hearts and Crafts 10 – 1	St. Peter's Old Church O. G
TUESDAY	Morning Prayer 9.30 <b>and</b> [Prayers-personal 9.30 ish –12 with John & Dawn.	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

### All Saints' Fundraising. March Stall with theme of "Household" this Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

### ALPHA IS COMING!

We will be conducting an Alpha course on Wednesday afternoons after Easter, until the end of May. Alpha is a series of video presentations combined with opportunities for discussion with a small group of people around a table. It is a relaxed and informal way to learn more about what it means to be a Christian. I encourage you to come and participate, and to invite a friend who doesn't belong to the church to come with you.

**FRESH FLOWERS** would be great in the church for **Easter Day!** If anyone would like to donate them in memory of a loved one, please contact Kathy Donaghey on 0188 434 110 (St Peter's) or Helen Edwards on 0408 130 935 (All Saints') before 13<sup>th</sup> April.

- The next meeting of the **BARWON HEADS FOCUS GROUP** will be held at All Saints' after church on Sunday 3rd April.

**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**

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.

Apparently, we go back to normality ON SATURDAY night 2 APRIL as DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS and clocks go back by one hour. Yay!!!



- From Study 5 in the Lenten study....

The focus line from Luke 4 this week is *"and recovery of sight to the blind."*

The quote for the week comes from Peruvian priest, Gustavo Gutierrez-

*'You say you care about the poor? Then tell me, what are their names?'*

Putting these together begs these questions

"Who are the blind ones? Are they us? "

"How many 'poor' people do we know by name?"

"Exactly what does poor mean---lacking in sufficient 'what'?"

**Reminder about Refugee Fund - since covid, vouchers have been asked for instead of food.**