

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

May 1<sup>st</sup> 2022

READINGS for this Sunday

Acts 9:1-20

Ps 30

Revelation 5:6-14

John 21:1-19

**VICAR'S VOICE.**

I've just finished watching the ABC programme 'Tomorrow Tonight' on Belief. One of the opening comments was very thought provoking: "Beliefs are the invisible engine that power our actions". This resonates with the teaching of Jesus that "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). The challenge, of course, is that many of us would prefer that people pay attention to what we say we believe, rather than hold us accountable for the way those beliefs are demonstrated in our actions.

I'm provoked to consider how I act, and to ask what my actions say about what I believe. This, it seems to me, is the essence of what it means to live with integrity – to ensure that our actions are consistent with our beliefs, and that we take our beliefs seriously, nurture our faith, and reflect with care on what the outworking of our beliefs should look like.

It is an invitation to ask what a Christ-shaped, Spirit-led life consists of. May our lives be powered by confidence in the grace of God, openness to Holy Spirit leading us to walk in God's ways, and a commitment to shining the light of Christ into the lives of those around us.

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.

DAILY READINGS – BEGINNING 25 April			YEAR C
Monday 2	Pss. 5; 6	Lev.22.31 –23.11, 15-16	1 Cor. 1.1-9
Tuesday 3	Ps.9	Lev. 23.22-38	1 Cor. 1.10 - 19
Wednesday 4	Pss. 11; 12	Lev. 24	1 Cor. 1. 20 -31
Thursday 5	Pss. 15;16	Lev. 25.1-24	1 Cor. 2. 1-11
Friday 6	Ps. 18. 1 - 31	Lev. 26.3-20	1 Cor. 2. 12- 3. 4
Saturday 7	Ps.19.	Lev. 26.27-45	1 Cor. 3. 5 -17

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 8th May**

Acts 9. 36-43    Ps 23.    Rev 7. 9 -17    John 10. 22 -30

**NOTICES**

After some discussion, **ALPHA** will be postponed until later in the year. Please pray for this program to continue with people who are searching for answers about faith. Please pray for courage to ask people to attend, and not be afraid of negative responses, as we really don't always know what others are thinking or going through.

If you can, please come to St Peters on May 7<sup>th</sup> between 9:30 and 11.30 to make up flower sprays for Mother's Day. This is a fun time, so if you haven't been before, give Dawn Northfield a phone on 0421129324 to find out more. Please bring along your own secateurs, and some green foliage would be useful too.

*All Saints' will be bunching flowers Saturday 7th at 3pm  
and distributing them Sunday before church.*

Diary Notice-Our next Ladies' Coffee Morning will be Thursday 12th May@ B.T's

**DID YOU FIND 16 BOOKS OF THE BIBLE?    ANSWERS in dark print.**

1.a remark    2. lulu.Kept    3. looking so    4. facts    5.revelation.    6. in a jam. Especially  
7. the truth    8. numbers of    9. real job.    10. be a most fascinating    11. Yes there will  
12. require judges    13. admit it usually    14.loud lamentations    15. says she brews a cup  
16.you can compete. Relax .    (Thanks to John Northfield for this little gem).

**BIBLE QUIZ** 1. Which book in the Bible mentions a “huge man with six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot”?

2. Which animals in the Bible speak directly to a human?

3. What two trees does the Bible mention were in the middle of the Garden of Eden?

## 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
SATURDAY	All Saints' church is open for private prayer 9 - 1	All Saints' Church B.H

## 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

**Dawn and John Northfield offer – on Tuesday mornings- anytime from 9.30 - 12 – the opportunity to have some [quiet prayer time with you personally](#).**

Any items for Bridge, please email, or phone or message Isobel Dean [parish directory], **before 10pm Wednesday**. For any changes, etc. please let me know ASAP

How can it be Lord that some have locked their hearts in the tomb with you on that Friday, but have not risen with you on your day?

Please Lord, send your Holy Spirit's power into those who cannot rejoice in your resurrection and who find it easier to sit alone in that tomb with grief, betrayal and self-pity, and not move or speak your name to others, but just get on with their own lives.

Please Lord, send you Holy Spirit's power to move over our churches to open all our hearts and minds and spread the news of you resurrection with real joy and conviction.

Pray for our friends who are not well that they may know the love God has for them and that they will be comforted and strengthened by that knowledge.

Wendy Hudson, Deb Podbury, Glenys Russell, Betty Boyd, Jim Wilson, Pat Brady, Faye & Ken Birmingham, Alex Slocombe, Dot Sutcliffe, Elizabeth Polley, 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 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, Keith & Kaye Houston and Barry Judd.

**Prayer Chain.** If you would like us to pray for you, or if you would like to join the team who pray-- contact the Vicar on 0425 805 827

**PRAYER FOCUS FOR MAY** The Gospels make clear that Jesus wants all people everywhere to experience the love of God. In the Gospels, it makes clear that Jesus desires us to have life and life to the full (John 10:10). This includes every aspect of our being: spiritual, emotional, mental and physical. But in this broken world, not everyone is able to live life to the full. Poverty, conflict, the climate crisis and the pandemic have robbed people of hope, health and opportunities. We know God's plan is to restore this world and so, as Paul urges us, let us **PRAY FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE STRUGGLING**, that they may have life in abundance. God is already at work. But we have the privilege of being able to join with Him through prayer to help our global neighbours.

**MISSION SUPPORT GROUP Barnabas Fund** is renowned for its support of persecuted Christians. But they also offer help to impoverished Christians in very practical ways. During the pandemic, **B. Fund** was given 50 million pieces of Covid PPE (protective equipment) by a western government. Working with a charity called Crown Agents, the PPE is being transported in 40 shipping containers to Christian hospitals in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe who don't have enough of them. The door-to-door transport of the contents of one container is about \$22,000. That works out at 1 cent for each piece of PPE. Thank God for the government, and for the donors who have helped pay for the transport. Pray that all the PPE gets to where it is needed, and is protected from corruption on the way.