

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

READINGS for this Sunday May 8th

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

VICAR'S VOICE. In these days leading up to Mother's Day, I've been thinking a bit about the role of women – in the church, and in our society. It's easy to assume that the Bible portrays women mostly as home-makers and housekeepers. But my friend Margaret Mowsko, a great Bible scholar, reminds us that this isn't the case.

~ Ruth wasn't house-keeper. She worked hard gleaning in the barley fields. Many ancient women, including godly women, worked hard for their livelihood.

~ Deborah, a prophetess and judge of Israel, didn't keep at home but judged under the Palm of Deborah, a landmark at crossroads in the centre of Israel. And she went with Barak to battle against their enemy.

~ The Wise Woman of Abel Beth Maacah didn't keep at home when she spoke with Joab (the commander of David's army) on behalf of her city and negotiated for its safety. (2 Samuel 20:14-22)

~ Sheerah could not have built towns if her main role was housekeeping (1 Chron. 7:24). And the daughters of Shallum could not have helped rebuild the walls of Jerusalem if their main role was housekeeping (Nehemiah. 3:12).

~ Anna spent little time at home. She spent her days and nights fasting and praying in the temple in Jerusalem. She was there when Mary and Joseph brought the baby Jesus to the temple, and began telling everyone about Jesus (Luke 2:37-38).

~ Many Galilean women didn't stay home but followed Jesus as he ministered in Galilee. They even followed him to Jerusalem where they watched him be crucified. And Mary Magdalene wasn't at home on the morning of Jesus' resurrection.

~ When Paul first met Lydia, she wasn't at home but she later used her home as a base for the new church at Philippi. She also ran a business dealing with luxury textiles.

These, and the many other women like them, make me so thankful that God uses all of us in different ways, based on our God-given gifts and talents. Blessings, Jill

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DAILY READINGS – BEGINNING May 9 YEAR C			
Monday 9	Ps. 22. 1-22	Num.3.5-13,40-51	1 Cor. 3.18- 4.5
Tuesday 10	Ps.25	Num.6.1-8,6.22-7.5	1 Cor. 4. 6-21
Wednesday 11	Pss.28;29	Num. 9.15 -10.10	1 Cor. 5
Thursday 12	Ps. 33	Num.10.35-11.15	1 Cor. 6. 1-11
Friday 13	Ps.35.1-17	Num. 11. 16-33	1 Cor. 6. 12-20
Saturday 14	Ps. 34	Num. 12	1 Cor. 7. 1-11


READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 15th May
Acts 11. 1-18 Ps.148 Rev. 21. 1-6 John 13. 31 -35

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

NOTICES

St Peters on May 7th between 9:30 and 11.30 to make up flower sprays for Mother’s Day., please bring secateurs and some green foliage would be useful too.

All Saints' will be bunching flowers Sat.7th at 3pm to distribute Sunday before church.

Diary Notice-Our next Ladies' Coffee Morning will be Thursday 12th May@ B.T's
Please add your name to the list in the foyer. 

- 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 Samuel 21:20 (NIV)*
2. Which animals in the Bible speak directly to a human? *Numbers 22:28 (NIV)*
3. What two trees does the Bible mention were in the middle of the Garden of Eden? *Genesis 2:9 (NIV).*

We are required just not to BE, but to BECOME!
The more we become our trueselves God designed, the better we will be able to serve Him and assist Him.

Did you know that the **International day of Happiness** was on March 20? Did you miss it too? With the world in a state of upheaval, we could use some happy news. So, the 10th annual World Happiness Report has been released, and for the fifth year in a row, Finland has been named the happiest country in the world, with **Denmark** coming in second, followed by **Iceland, Switzerland** and the **Netherlands**. Australia came in 12th! [Now there’s an unexpected thing I’d say). Besides the happiest countries in the world, the report also looked at the places where people are the **saddest**. The unhappiest countries in the world, Afghanistan with Lebanon, Zimbabwe, Rwanda and Botswana rounding out the bottom five. !The World Happiness Report—which ranks global happiness in more than 150 countries around the world—is released every year by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network. The statisticians base the ranking on data from the Gallup World Poll and several other factors, including levels of GDP, life expectancy and more.

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE?

MONDAY	Hearts and Crafts 10 – 1	St. Peter's Old Church
TUESDAY	Morning Prayer 9.30 and 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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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

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

THE PHRASE- "DO NOT BE AFRAID" IS WRITTEN IN THE BIBLE 365 TIMES...THAT'S ONE FOR EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR... A DAILY REMINDER FROM GOD TO LIVE EVERY DAY FEARLESS.

FEAR NOT FOR I AM WITH YOU. I AM YOUR GOD; I WILL STRENGTHEN YOU. I WILL HELP YOU; I WILL UPHOLD YOU WITH MY RIGHTEOUS RIGHT HAND. ISAIAH. 41. 10

DON'T SHINE SO OTHERS CAN SEE YOU. SHINE SO THAT THROUGH YOU OTHERS CAN SEE HIM.

**IT IS IN CHRIST WE FIND OUT WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE ARE LIVING FOR.
EPHESIANS 1. 11**

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 Bermingham, Alex Slocombe, Dot Sutcliffe, Elizabeth Polley, David Bayne, Dawn White, Janet Paisley, Doris Loewy, 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 The Parish Council has approved the payment of **\$7500** to a range of Christian mission recommended by the Mission Support Group. This is the first of 2 distributions for the year. The agencies and allocations are:

Anglican Overseas Aid \$1000; Anglican Board of Missions (ABM) \$500; African Enterprise \$500; Barnabas Fund \$1000; Church Missionary Society (CMS) \$1500 (\$500 direct to our Link Missionary Rowan); Far East Broadcasting Corporation (FEBC) \$750; Missionary Aviation Fellowship (MAF) \$1000; One Mission \$250; TEAR Australia \$500; The Leprosy Mission (TLM) \$500.

If you want to know more about any of these mission agencies, please talk to one of the Support Group - Betty Cameron, Kathy Donaghey, George Findlay, John Minotti.