

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

## READINGS for this Sunday May 15th

Acts 11. 1-18    Ps.148    Rev. 21. 1-6    John 13. 31 -35

### VICAR'S VOICE.

It seems that this week my news feeds are full of matters political and potentially contentious. There is the ongoing campaigning of the Federal election, and, at the same time, news from the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia.

The General Synod has been addressing some very contentious and potentially deeply divisive issues. It has given me some reassurance for the future of the church to see the way in which these matters have been handled. Although it is clear that people are often deeply committed to their views, and willing to argue passionately for them, there has been a level of grace and forbearance in most of the discussion. The debates have been focussed on the issues, and people have been treated with respect.

It would be wonderfully refreshing to see something of the same in the world of secular politics! But, regardless of what we see and hear in the media, perhaps the example of General Synod offers us an example for our own conduct. We know that the church represents the great diversity of opinion in our society. We work and pray alongside people who may not share our views on things we hold dear. The challenge is to treat one another with respect and to acknowledge that there are always a multiplicity of ways of seeing an issue. Most importantly, we need to focus on the things we have in common – our love of God and our commitment to the work of God through the church. This is so much bigger than the things about which we may disagree, and will last long after the political debates have moved on to other issues.

Blessings, Jill

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<b>DAILY READINGS – BEGINNING May 16 YEAR C</b>			
Monday 16	Ps 38.	Num.13. 1-3. 17-29.	1 Cor.7.12 - 24
Tuesday 17	Ps 40.	Num.13. 30 -14.25	1 Cor. 7. 25 -35
Wednesday 18	Pss. 41. 44. 1-9.	Num. 14. 26- 45.	1 Cor. 7. 36 - 40
Thursday 19	Ps. 45	Num.16. 1 -19.	1 Cor. 8.
Friday 20	Ps. 48.	Num. 16. 20 – 40.	1 Cor.9. 1 -14
Saturday 21	Ps. 50.	Num.16. 41 – 17. 12	1 Cor. 9. 15 -27

<b>READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 22nd May</b>			
Acts 16:9-15	Ps 67	Revelation 21:10-14, 22-22:5	John 14:23-29

*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

### **WATCHMEN SCHOOL OF INTERCESSION – FOUNDATION LEVEL – BELLARINE PENINSULA VICTORIA**

Friday 27th May and Saturday 28th May

Commencing 7.00PM Friday night and continuing from 9.00AM till 4.00PM on the Saturday

Venue: Drysdale Community Church, 276 Jetty Road, Curlewis. The teaching will be done by Brian Pickering, National Coordinator of the Australian Prayer Network. Cost – Free

#### Friday 27 May 7PM – 9.30PM

- Session 1 – How prayer works
- Session 2 – Intercession – a lifestyle that changes your world

#### Saturday 28 May 9.00AM – 4.00PM

- Session 3 – Understanding the spiritual DNA of your community
- Session 4 – Spiritual Authority, the key to spiritual breakthrough
- Session 5 – Principles of small group leadership and participation
- Session 6 – How to hear God’s voice.

### **CMS Supper with Jon & Debs in Geelong**

**Monday 23 May 7:45 – 9pm. St John’s, Highton**

book free ticket now at [vic@cms.org.au](mailto:vic@cms.org.au)

Join us for a light supper of tea, coffee and cake provided on the night.

Come enjoy a fantastic opportunity to celebrate Jon and Debs' work in South East Asia. Learn more about their perspective on the reality of the spiritual realm and how that links to the secular Western culture that we live in.

This is a free event, so we value your donations to make these events possible.

## WHAT'S ON AND WHERE?

MONDAY	Hearts and Crafts 10 – 1	St. Peter's Old Church
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

**Dawn and John Northfield offer – on Tuesday mornings- anytime from 9.30 - 12 – the opportunity to have some quiet prayer time with you personally in the foyer of St Peter's.**

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

**MISSION SUPPORT GROUP.** In a recent email to the Parish, our Link Missionary Rowan, expressed his thanks for our support, both prayer and financial; and said that the people he works with also appreciate our support for him, because it means we are supporting them too.

### Rowan's Prayer Points for May:

Give thanks for: 1. His continued good health as he travels around the city.  
2. The provision of a suitable language helper.

Please pray: \* for safety for Indonesians travelling during the national mudik holiday, and that there would not be an up spike in Covid case numbers as a result.

\* that he will keep making good progress in cultural learning as well as remembering vocab and grammar.

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

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.

'So long as we are dependent only on ourselves the result of all effort can only be frustration. It is only in the power of the Spirit, bringing us to the strength of God and the grace of Jesus Christ, that we can attain the goodness, to which we ought to attain, and to which we fail to attain.' 'The great mistake which most of us make is that we divide our lives into sacred and secular -one part belongs to God and one part which is more or less our business, into one part where we are aware of the presence of God, and one part where we almost forget that God exists. But there is no part in which God is not sacred. God has given us life, and to fully cope with it he has given us the Holy Spirit- this all-embracing presence of God, so we are always aware that in God we live and move and have being. So, silently and prayerfully wait on the presence of the Spirit of God.'

William Barclay - The Promise of the Spirit.