

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

MAY 22nd**READINGS for this Sunday**

Acts 16:9-15

Ps 67

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-22:5

John 14:23-29

VICAR'S VOICE.

I was talking to a young woman this week who observed that she was, with some difficulty, coming to terms with the idea that feeling sad was okay, and she didn't need to rush to distract herself or 'cheer herself up'. I think most of us struggle with this, and the conversation drew me back to Lynne Baab's book, *Two Hands*, of which I wrote some time ago. This passage resonates strongly with me this week:

"Welcoming this challenge to hold grief and gratitude in two hands frees us from pretending that everything is okay. Every single person feels sad, angry, or frustrated about some things. In a fallen world, where nothing is the way God planned for it to be, how can we not experience frustration. God knows how we feel. ... Being honest about grief and bringing it into God's presence enables us to nurture compassion for others who are hurting. ...

At the same time, holding grief and gratitude in two hands enables us to cheerfully and enthusiastically thank God for the blessings that come to us in this beautiful world created by a God of beauty and love. These good gifts coexist with the sources of sadness and discouragement in our lives."

In these challenging times, may we remember to bring both our grief and our gratitude to God.

Blessings, Jill

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DAILY READINGS – BEGINNING May 16 YEAR C			
Monday 23	Pss. 54;55.1-12	Num.20. 1-21	1 Cor.10. 1 - 11
Tuesday 24	Pss.56;57	Num.20. 22 -21. 9	1 Cor. 10. 12 - 22
Wednesday 25	Pss. 62; 63	Num. 21.10- 35	John 15. 1 - 11
Thursday 26	Ps. 97	Daniel 7. 9- 14	John 14. 12 - 29
Friday 27	Ps. 68. 1-20	Num. 22. 1- 20	1 Cor.10. 23 – 11. 1
Saturday 28	Ps. 71	Num.22. 21 -40	1 Cor. 11. 2 - 16

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 29th May
Acts 16:16-34 Ps 97 Revelation 22:12-22 John 17:20-26

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

Hazel and Geoff Ford will be holding their annual ‘**BIGGEST MORNING TEA**’ again to raise funds for the Anti-Cancer Council, on 25th May from 10am. at their home 9B Heath Close Ocean Grove. They would love to see you there for tea, coffee cakes etc. etc. and especially for a chat. Gold coin donation.



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

All Saints' Fundraiser stall Saturday 28th May "Jigsaws"
 (June stall will be "Toys")

The next meeting of the **Barwon Heads Focus Group** will be after the 11am service on Sunday 29th May.

WATCHMEN **SCHOOL OF INTERCESSION** – FOUNDATION LEVEL – **Friday 27th May and Saturday 28th May**, starting at 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. More info. In last week’s pew sheet.

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	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.	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

If we are followers of Jesus, we don't have to start a missionary movement. We are already in one---and each of us is already a missionary! Our Mission Statement tells us to bring others to know Christ as we ourselves know Him. If we don't, then we are just basking in His love and keeping it all to ourselves.

Becoming mission-shaped is for all Anglicans in every parish. We together are the body, and as St. Paul tells us, God has placed the members, each one of them in the body, just as He desired. To paraphrase Bishop Tom Wright, the Beatitudes are the agenda for the Kingdom people Jesus has called together as his Church; or to quote him, 'they are about the way in which Jesus wants to rule the world. He wants to do it through this sort of people'."

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 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.

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

Mission Support Group News: Anglican Overseas Aid is partnering with the Diocese of Nampula, in northern Mozambique, through the *Abundant Life for all* project. The goal is to support the members of 90 communities to live healthier lives, applying their knowledge and skills to achieve positive change for themselves. Why Mozambique? Some key facts about that African nation - second highest number of natural disasters in Africa; 7th highest prevalence of HIV in the world; ranked the 8th lowest developed country in the world by UNO; only 37% fully vaccinated against Covid 19; more than 1.5 million people require urgent humanitarian relief. For every \$1 Anglican Overseas Aid commits to this relief and development program, the Australian Government, through its Australian NGO Cooperation Program, will contribute \$5. Cheques or money orders can be sent to Anglican Overseas Aid, PO Box 389, Abbotsford, Vic. 3067, OR direct Bank deposit to Account name: Anglican Overseas Aid BSB 703-122. Account number 05000470.