

THE BRIDGE

THE ANGLICAN PARISH of St Peter's Ocean Grove & All Saints' Barwon Heads

OUR MISSION STATEMENT -

'TO KNOW CHRIST, AND MAKE CHRIST KNOWN'

September 25th

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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READINGS for this Sunday

Jeremiah 32. 1-3a; 6 -15: Ps. 91. 1-6, 14-16: 1 Timothy 4:12-5:8 Luke 16. 19 -31

Vicar's voice Over the past week several friends have drawn my attention to the way in which Queen Elizabeth's Christmas messages 'evolved' over the years. They have noted particularly that over the past couple of decades she has spoken directly and intentionally about her Christian faith. In 2004, for example, she said "I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God... I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian gospel." In 2008 she demonstrated the essence of her thinking about her life and work when she said "I hope that, like me, you will be comforted by the example of Jesus of Nazareth who, often in circumstances of great adversity, managed to live an outgoing, unselfish and sacrificial life ... He makes it clear that genuine human happiness and satisfaction lie more in giving than receiving; more in serving than in being served."

I find her message from 2013 particularly encouraging. "For Christians, ... reflection, meditation and prayer help us to renew ourselves in God's love, as we strive daily to become better people. The Christmas message shows us that this love is for everyone. There is no one beyond its reach." As I read this, I am reminded of St Peter's encouragement that we always be ready to give an account of the hope that sustains us (1 Peter 3:15). This is exactly what Her Majesty did, when the opportunity presented itself. May we be encouraged and challenged to speak with similar confidence about our faith. Blessings, Jill

READINGS FOR WEEK BEGINNING September 26 2022

Monday 26	PSS. 65; 70	Joel 2. 25 – 3. 8	Colossians 1.1-8
Tuesday 27	PS. 68. 1-20	Joel 3. 9 -21	Colossians 1.9 -20
Wednesday 28	PS.71	Ezra 1	Colossians 1.21-29
Thursday 29	PS. 69.1 -16	Ezra 2. 64 – 3. 8	Colossians 2.1-7
Friday 30	PS.72	Ezra 3. 9 – 4.6	Colossians 2. 8 -15
Saturday 1	PS. 74	Ezra 4. 11- 5. 2	Colossians 2. 16-23

READINGS FOR next SUNDAY 2nd October

LAMENTATIONS 1. 1-6 LAMENTATIONS 3:19-26 2 TIMOTHY 1.1-14 LUKE 17. 1 - 10

NOTICES

Daylight Saving ends on Sat. 1 October. Clocks go forward 1 hour.

- St Francis Day service, including "Praying for our Pets", will be 11am Sunday 2nd October at All Saints'.
- Alpha will resume on October 4th at 1.30
- MEN'S COFFEE MORNING 10.30 THURSDAY 6TH OCT AT 'THE PARADE'.
- Please remember that there is usually a coffee morning for the ladies of the parish on the second Thursday morning of each month—pencil it into your diaries as a reminder, then it will be confirmed (hopefully) the week before- but you will be ready for it!
- Dawn and John Northfield offer on Tuesday mornings anytime from 9.30 - 12 –quiet prayer time with you personally in the foyer of St P's.
- Deb Podbury is planning an hour Praise and Worship music session on the third Sunday of each month at 3pm, beginning September, followed by coffee. Come along, sing, and let the Spirit move you- at All Saints'.
- St Peter's Fair Saturday Nov. 12 This may seem a long way off but time goes so fast these days that we must start planning for the fair. In fact, lots of people have been making jams and growing up plants already.
Think about what you could do, put the date in your calendar, talk to others about what goes on at the fair or speak to Gaye or Bob Fraser. It is going to be a great fair this year but it needs everyone's participation.

FORBIDDEN FRUIT CREATES MANY JAMS!

We worship on the land of the Bengalat clan of the Wathaurong people, and we acknowledge and pay our respect to their Elders past, present & future.

If you want any items to be included or changed in the Bridge, write a note and give it to me, email, phone or message me, **BEFORE 10 PM WEDNESDAY.**
Isobel Dean [my address, numbers etc. are in the parish directory].

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

**“God will cover you with His wings;
His faithfulness will be your shield and defence.”**

Wendy Hudson, Deb Podbury, Glenys Russell,
Pat Brady, Faye & Ken Bermingham, Dot Sutcliffe,
Elizabeth Polley, David Bayne, Dawn White, Janet Paisley,
Doris Loewy, Bev Stephenson, Marcel, Alison Fane,
Mark Johnstone, Alli McLaren,
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, Beth Ward, Jenny Wood, Shirley Trimble, Stella Scheiner, Ross Smith, Keith & Kaye Houston, Barry Judd, Dawn White, Shirley Welsh, Lorraine Holbrook and Rosemary Stark.

SAD NEWS

Graham Stark, who with his wife Rosemary has been part of the St. Peter's community for many years, died on 21st September. Please pray for Rosemary and their daughter Susan in this sad time. His funeral will be Thursday 29th September at 1pm at St. Peter's.

Tom Runnalls, who is also remembered with great fondness by many of this parish, died last Friday 16th September. Jill McCoy will be conducting his funeral at Ballarat Grammar School next Tuesday 27th at 1.30 pm.

PRAYER FOCUS FOR September is - Ourselves and all people, to yield to the touch of The Potter's Hand, to receive His Grace and the beautiful new design He has for us.

Lord, thank you that, in this ultimate act of service, you took upon yourself the curse that should have fallen on me. Thank you that as a result I am justified by faith in you. Thank you for setting me free to serve.

Alpha explores life, faith, & meaning COME- no pressure – free –
video/discussion Tuesdays @ 1.30 pm October 4, 11, 18, 25 & Sat.29

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE		
MONDAY	Hearts and Crafts 10 – 1 Bring along things you have started but haven't finished, or what you are creating now & enjoy the fellowship.	St. Peter's Old Church
TUESDAY	Prayers - group 9.30 and Prayers-personal 9.30 ish -12 with John & Dawn.	St. Peter's Foyer O. G
WEDNESDAY	Staff meeting after 8.30 Morning Prayer	Parish Office O.G
WEDNESDAY	Op shop 9.30 - 1 Jigsaw Library 10 - 12	All Saints' Hall B.H
FRIDAY	Op Shop 9.30 - 1	All Saints' Hall B.H
SATURDAY	Op Shop 9.30 – 1 Jigsaw Library 10 - 12	All Saints' Hall B.H
EVERY DAY	All Saints' church is open 9 – 5	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	Prayer meeting

Mission Support Group News:

Solar Power Solution preventing maternity death in PNG

Through the cooperation of MAF Australia (Missionary Aviation Fellowship), MAF International and MAF Technologies, 15 different health centres in the Eastern Highlands Province have been able to have a "Mama Waiting Room" set up within their community.

89% of New Guinea's people don't have access to the electricity grid. This creates particular problems for traditional birthing assistants to help mothers and unborn babies without proper lighting.

Now, in these 15 centres, lighting is not a problem. This will help reduce the alarming maternity death rate currently standing at 1 in every 120 women who lose their life due to pregnancy or a maternity cause.

MAF not only helps to share the good news in remote parts of the world, but it also has many projects designed to improve the lives of the people in those areas. Donations can be made to the work of MAF at www.maf.org.au

CHRISTIANS, KEEP THE FAITH ---BUT NOT FROM OTHERS.