

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'

October 2nd.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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READINGS for this Sunday

LAMENTATIONS 1. 1-6

Lam.3.19 -26

2 TIMOTHY 1.1-14

LUKE 17. 1 - 10

Vicar's voice: - Over the past few weeks (and for the next few) our Old Testament readings on Sundays have been from the book of Jeremiah, often described as one of the saddest of the prophets. Today's reading is from Lamentations, written by Jeremiah after Jerusalem has been captured and destroyed by the Babylonian army. But in this picture of dark despair and devastating destruction there is this word of hope:

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness
is wormwood and gall!
My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me.
But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
'The LORD is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.'
The LORD is good to those who wait for him to the soul that seeks him.
It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.
(Lamentations 3:19-26)

May we be similarly assured of God's steadfast love, no matter how bleak our circumstances. Blessings, *Jill*

READINGS FOR WEEK BEGINNING October 3rd 2022

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| Monday 3 | PS. 78. 16 - 38 | Haggai 1.1-11 | Colossians 3.1-11 |
| Tuesday 4 | PS. 80. | Haggai 1. 12-2. 9 | Colossians 3. 12 –17 |
| Wednesday 5 | PSS.82; 84 | Haggai 2. 10-23 | Colossians 3.18- 4.6 |
| Thursday 6 | PS. 86 | Zechariah 1. 1 - 17 | Colossians 4. 7-18 |
| Friday 7 | PS.90 | Zechariah 1.18 – 2. 13 | Philemon 1-14 |
| Saturday 8 | PS. 89. 1-18 | Zechariah 3.1- 4.7 | Philemon 15-25 |

READINGS FOR next SUNDAY 9th October

Jeremiah 29.1, 4-7 Ps. 66.1 -11 2 Timothy 2.8 -15 Luke 17. 11 -19

NOTICES

Daylight saving started today...I hope you're in time!!! (sorry everybody)

- St Francis Day service, including "Praying for our Pets", will be 11am this 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!
- The next meeting of parish Council is on **Wednesday 19th October** to be held at St Peter's Church, Ocean Grove.
- 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.

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.

PRAYER FOCUS FOR October from 2.Tim. 6&7 “Fan into flame the gift of God,
which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit
of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.”

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

READING THE BIBLE. What did it mean for the people when it was written? Now
‘put on the shoes’ of those people and walk into our time...What does it mean for
us? What does it mean for me? Can I respond to it in any way? Do we truly
understand what is being said? If God said and did what the text tells us he did in
the circumstances recorded, what would He say and do to us in our circumstances?
God is consistent. He understands us. He knows if we really love Him. Do we know
that we truly love Him?

Can't express enough about how our LIFE Group helps to answer these questions.
Do you participate in one? Find out if there is one near you, or start one. Talk to Jill.

| WHAT'S ON AND WHERE | | |
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| 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 | | | |
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| 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: Leprosy Mission News:

Amar Timalina from Nepal is a victim of leprosy. He is now the Global Network Coordinator for IDEA International. Recently TLM made possible the purchase of a motorised scooter, so that he and his team can help them reach leprosy patients more easily and effectively.

The work of support networks led by people like Amar offer hope and opportunities for those affected by leprosy to live a full and healthy life.

Please pray for Amar and the work he does across Nepal.

Give thanks for the blessing of the scooter.

Financial support for Leprosy Mission Nepal can be given through <https://leprosymission.org.au/projects/tic-Nepal>

Being born again.... God isn't in a person's life until He is asked to enter, and He also doesn't force His way into your life - it is a free choice. However, you aren't a Christian if you are a 'good' person **but** haven't personally asked Him into your life! When Christ and his Spirit come into your life, He will want to change a few of your ideas about how you live, so will you let Him? Or will you say 'I want to do what I want to do?' It is hard to live a "holy" life, there are conflictions between our nature and His desire for what He wants for us, but none that cannot be overcome if we never give up.