

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'

January 1 2023 Epiphany

9AM AT ST. PETER'S

11AM AT ALL SAINTS'

Readings:-

Isaiah 60. 1 -6 Ps.72. 1-7,10-14 Ephesians 3.1-12 Matt. 2. 1-12

Rev Geoff Pittaway is our Locum Vicar
for the next 2 weeks

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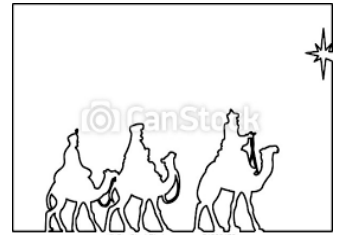
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This week the Scripture Union Theos Team will be working from All Saints', so the church will not be open as usual, but do come down to the rotunda opposite the Barwon Heads Hotel in the evenings, and support their mission. or visit the church during the day with support and prayer,

Next SUNDAY JANUARY 8, 2023

Isaiah42: 1-9 Ps 29. Acts 10: 34 -43 Matt. 3: 13 -17

SORRY I AM UNABLE TO GIVE YOU THE DAILY READINGS AS THERE HAS BEEN A HICCUP WITH OBTAINING A LECTIONARY.

- Dawn and John will start their prayer- time on Tuesday mornings again in mid-January, however there will always be someone for you to ask for prayer... (Jill or Jill, prayer chain via Jill Mc., services on Tuesdays and Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays. Do not be afraid to ask for prayer).

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A man was out walking when he noticed a whole lot of sparrows on the road just ahead of him happily munching on some spilt grain. He approached carefully, but as he neared them, they all started to flutter away in panic. He watched them and wondered why.... he wasn't going to harm them, so why did they go? Then after much thinking, he realized he was just too big for them to cope with. So again, he wondered how he could walk amongst them without frightening them by his size. The only way it could happen was if he were to become a sparrow and fly down among them.

The spiritual analogy is clear.

God became a man so that we would not be afraid to draw near to him.

Yes, God came to earth in the form of a baby-a baby who would grow and be our King. Jesus, the baby Jesus, would grow into a man, but would also grow in the image of God –learning, praying, obeying, and doing the work God had planned for him.

And so, we cannot hold on to this 'annual' image of baby Jesus and expect to grow in our faith. We also must do as he did...learn about, listen to and talk with, obey, get close and personal with God. As the year goes by, we need to gather and learn, read, pray, and sing, and step by step- if we allow ourselves to- **WE'LL GET THERE.**

EPIPHANY = SEEING THE LIGHT- perhaps SUDDENLY

That star...some say it was a conjunction of Jupiter, Saturn and Mars in 6BC.and others offer other explanations. Could it even have been created by God as a special marker for His Son's birth?

3 wise men-Magi-[whoever they were—astrologers, Jews, pagans, did they have a special message from God?-] saw and followed THAT STAR's light , found their Messiah, and brought those special gifts for Him. They saw the Light.

Herod-had murdered half of his own family including his favourite wife, and many of his own soldiers...out of jealousy and hate and had his epiphany when the magi visited him and asked to see the new prince. He saw the light! [but didn't like it.]

US...We are the lucky ones to have the stories, the history, the knowledge...but it is all of little use *unless we see the light!*

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.

Wendy Hudson, Deb Podbury, Glenys Russell, Pat Brady, Faye & Ken Bermingham, Dot Sutcliffe, Elizabeth Polley, David Bayne, Dawn White, Janet Paisley, Doris Loewy, 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.

*He will cover you with his feathers and
under his wings you will find refuge. Psalm 91:4*

MISSION NEWS

Please pray for Bush Church Aid as it seeks to fill 8 vacancies early in 2023. The vacant parishes are Coober Pedy, Murray Bridge, Kangaroo Island, King Island, Longreach, and Emerald/Blackwater. There is also a vacancy for an Indigenous Ministry Trainee in NSW and a Regional Officer position to fill in Western Australia.

Barnabas aid has sent hundreds of wheelchairs to Ukraine, for people who have been injured in fighting and bombings. The chairs were donated to Barnabas aid by a private organization, to help the people of Ukraine.

Barnabas aid has established a medical section of its ministry to provide practical health support, especially to persecuted Christians in various parts of the world. To find out more, go to barnabasaid.org

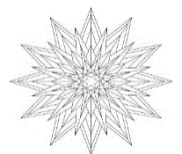
WHAT'S ON AND WHERE normally---if you are unsure ring the parish office		
MONDAY	Hearts and Crafts 10 – 1 Bring along things you have started but haven't finished, or what you are creating now & enjoy the fellowship.	St. Peter's Old Church
TUESDAY	Prayers - group 9.30 and Prayers personal 9.30 ish - 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 normal times-

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	Prayers

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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.

Watch for the star that will lead you to your Bethlehem... 'Star of wonder, star of light, guide us to your perfect light'.



'Christians are either growing in the Lord, or going backwards – there is no in-between. It's like love....it either grows or begins to die. Love simply can't stand still, either can our walk with Christ.' Joni Eareckson Tada

Or in other words

The Christian's transmission is equipped with only 2 gears:- 'Drive' and 'Reverse'. There is no such thing as 'Neutral' – let alone 'Park'!

Pew news to Isobel Dean before 10pm Wednesday please.

Email preferred.

If you need to add someone, or take someone off the Prayer list, please speak to the Vicar about it.