

# 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 22 2023 Epiphany 3

8am. & 9.30am. at St. Peter's and 11am. at All Saints'

Isaiah 9.1-4 Ps 27. 1 – 10 1 Cor. 1. 10-18 Matt. 4. 12 -25

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Next SUNDAY JANUARY 29 2023 Epiphany 4

Micah 6. 1-8 Ps. 15 1Cor. 1. 18 – 31 Matt. 5. 1-12

*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.*

## **VICAR'S VOICE**

Last week I preached on the question Jesus asks his first disciples in John's Gospel: "What are you looking for?" (John 1:38). I've continued to reflect on this question. As we follow Jesus, what are we looking for? Peace? Certainty? Assurance of a life bigger than this earthly existence? None of these answers are wrong, but I'm intrigued by the answer of the disciples. Their response: "Teacher, where are you staying?" is not focussed on what they are looking for, but on what Jesus may have to show them, to teach them. Their decision to follow, to travel with Jesus on the long road to the cross, to invite others to join them on the

journey, points to the challenge of discipleship. Am I open to learning things I don't yet know that I need to learn? Will I let God set the itinerary for my life? As I launch myself into this new year, it is my prayer that my answer to Jesus question "what are you looking for?" will be the footprints of my Lord, that I might walk in them....

Blessings, *Jill*.

## MISSION NEWS

Many people still have an outdated idea of what missionaries do, when they go to the mission fields. They think it is all about changing people's way of life and culture so that they can be converted to Christianity.

In reality, the work of a missionary is far more complex than that. In modern times, professional skills are needed for missionaries to be accepted into many nations. It is from a Christ-centred application of those skills that they have the opportunity to share their faith.

The recent CMS magazine had a page of tributes to retired missionaries who died during 2022. Their years of service are an eye-opener to how contemporary missionaries operate: e.g.

Ken Webster served 2 years in Numbulwar, in the Northern Territory, where he was appointed Town Clerk by the Community Council. He then went to Nepal as Business Manager at Amp Pipal Hospital. From there he went to Butwal in Nepal, as Director of Development and Consulting Services for the United Mission to Nepal. In a country where Christians cannot evangelise, but can answer questions about their faith, Ken's professional roles gave him many opportunities to share.

Jean Guy was accountant to the bishop of Dodoma in Tanganyika in the 1950's. She then trained as a nurse and joined the Wycliffe Bible Translators in Biafra. When she came back to Melbourne, she became the accountant to Wycliffe in Australia.

These 2 faithful servants of God are reminders that missionaries need faith and professional skills to serve in organisations like Church Missionary Society; and there are also many opportunities to support mission work from our home in Australia.

What more can we, as a parish, and as individuals, do to support mission?

*Love is not enough. We, like God, must become Love.*

The very survival of humankind depends upon people developing a concern for the whole of humanity.

<b>WHAT'S ON AND WHERE</b>		
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 <b>and</b> 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	Prayers

## **NOTICES**

- *Pew news to Isobel Dean before 10pm Wednesday please.*

*Email or message preferred, or Phone me if you can't manage one of those.*

- Ladies- our coffee mornings start on Thursday 9th February.10.30@ B.T's
- The next meeting of the Barwon Heads Focus Group will be after the 11am service on Sunday 29th January.
- All Saints' fundraising stall "toys" Saturday 28th January 10-12.

*The latest TMA is available now. If you haven't read one yet , try it out as you can find loads of interesting articles.*

<b>DAILY READINGS BEGINNING Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>. 2023 Year A</b>			
Monday 23	Ps. 54.;55.1-12	Gen.13	Luke 1.1-12
Tuesday 24	Ps.56;57	Gen.14.1-24	Luke 1.13-25
Wednesday 25	Pss.62;63	Gen.15	Luke 1.26-38
Thursday 26	Pss.65;70	Gen.16	Luke 1.39-56
Friday 27	Ps.68.1-20	Gen.17	Luke 1.57-66
Saturday 28	Ps.71	Gen. 18.1-22	Luke 1.67-80

## PRAYERS

- 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 Birmingham, 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

Help me, Lord Jesus Christ, to softly fold inside the grief, pain, and sadness, and to take each day in your company, travelling every step in your love.

- Dawn and John will start their prayer- time on Tuesday mornings again on 24<sup>th</sup> -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).

Psalm 23:1. The Lord is my shepherd – I have all I need.

Your Word says, “your sheep listen for your voice and follow you” John 10.27. That is my prayer! To know and listen to you. To know and hear your voice in a world that is constantly loud and clamouring for my attention & focus. But you **are** my shepherd, and when I listen and follow, I have all I need! Everything! Forgive me for confusing my wants and my needs. Help me to recognize when I am listening to wrong voices & to recognise your voice and to help me trust your provision, and rest in your loving care.