

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 15 2023 Epiphany 2.

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

Isaiah 49. 1 – 7 Ps. 40. 1-14 1Cor. 1. 1-9 John 1. 29 -42

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Next SUNDAY JANUARY 22 2023 Epiphany 3

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

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

VALE Verna George.

A service was held on Friday 13th at St. Peter's to honour and celebrate Verna's life.

She along with her husband Keith, have been valued and active members in our parish for many years, and recently have been viewing the services on ZOOM.

We send our love and prayers to Keith, their children, grand-children, and all their family.

'No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him.' 1 Corinthians 2:9

Almighty God, whose Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

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 24th -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).

Awaken me to your presence. Alert me to your love.

Affirm me in your peace. Open me to your way.

Reveal me to your joy. Enfold me in your light.

For my heart is ready...Lord, my heart is ready.

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	Prayers

NOTICES

- *Pew news to Isobel Dean before 10pm Wednesday please.email or phone or message.*
- *Ladies- our coffee mornings will start again in February—2nd Thursday.....*
- *The next Parish Council meeting is Saturday 21st Jan 2-6pm at St Peter's*

It would not be good to arrive to finally meet Jesus and be unprepared.
 What could you say?--- 'I don't think that my little sins really matter very much?'
 He may well ask; "What do you think I died on the cross for if your sins didn't
 matter much?"

We do need to ask forgiveness for the myriad of what we might call our 'little white lies', our 'little sins', our rebellious, easy-going attitudes, our hurtful attitudes to others- and repent. Really thinking and regretting deeply---not just reading and speaking the words with our mouth and not in our hearts --- is the way to go. Speak to Jesus ! Now is not too late, but later might be.

LISTEN and SILENT are spelt with the same letters!

Think about it.

SPEAK in such a way that others love to LISTEN to you!

LISTEN in such a way that others love to SPEAK to you !

DAILY READINGS BEGINNING JAN. 16 TH 2023			
Monday 16	Ps. 38	Gen.6	John 7.37-52
Tuesday 17	Ps. 40	Gen.7	John 8. 1-11
Wednesday 18	Pss.41;44.1-9	Gen.8	John 8. 12-20
Thursday 19	Ps.45	Gen.9	John 8.21-30
Friday 20	Ps.48	Gen.10.32- 11.9, 27-32	John 8.31-47
Saturday 21	Ps.50	Gen. 12	John 8.48-59

MISSION NEWS FEBC (Far East Broadcasting Co) tells this story of Mr. N, a young Vietnamese man in Ho Chi Minh City. He was a skilled computer hacker and designed computer games.

His family was Buddhist, but he called himself an atheist. A friend gave him an FEBC Gospel Speaker Box with the Audio Bible imbedded in it.

The first thing he heard was completely new to him: "In the beginning, God created the heavens and earth."

For 2 years he listened to FEBC programs seeking truth. He was given a Bible and attended church with his friend. Later, Mr N. witnessed to his mother, siblings, and close friends. They all turned to Christ.

Mr N was a successful programmer, but he wanted to use his skills to share Jesus. Eventually he joined the FEBC tech team in Vietnam - for a fraction of the pay. When asked why, he said: "The work here has eternal impact."

More stories about the work of FEBC can be found at www.febc.org.au.

Something really big was happening when Jesus was born. The angel's message to the shepherds gives the clue to the understanding of it. He told them that God had sent them '**a Saviour who is Christ the Lord!**'

Jesus is given these three titles- **Saviour, Christ, Lord.**

As a Saviour, Jesus rescues people from the punishment which their sins deserve. He will do something for them which they are unable to do for themselves.

Christ means 'anointed one'. The Jews anointed their kings and priests. This child was both King and Priest; as King he would rule over God's world; as Priest he would bring his people back to God. Unlike the warrior King they thought they needed to drive out their enemies, Jesus was to be ruler of the hearts of men. He wanted to control their attitudes rather than their politics.

The last of the titles is more significant – the Lord. This was the title used to refer to God himself!

This child, small and insignificant, was none other than the Lord of Glory. He was and is, to be honoured and served as God himself.