

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 29 2023 Epiphany 4

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

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

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Isaiah 58.1-12 Ps. 112 1Cor. 2. 1-16 Matt. 5. 13 -20

VICAR'S VOICE

We all know that communication is key in any relationship. For us as people of faith, communication with God is vital. We call it prayer. We know that prayer can take many forms - it can be structured or informal, individual or corporate. We (hopefully) pray for ourselves, our community, the needs of our world...

As we begin this new year, our brothers and sisters at The Wave church have invited us to join with them in praying for a movement of God's Spirit across the Bellarine. There will be a chance to worship together, and to pray for our churches and for our community, and to listen to what God may be saying to us as we start the new year. Please consider going along on February 1st, from 7:00 - 8:30 pm.

Blessings, *Jill.*

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.

MISSION NEWS

World Leprosy Day:

This Sunday, 29th January, is World Leprosy Day. It is an opportunity to:

- * Raise awareness of leprosy, a disease that many people think no longer exists.
- * Raise awareness in endemic countries so that people who are at risk of developing the disease can recognise the symptoms.
- * Celebrate people affected by leprosy - their achievements, the challenges they have overcome, and everything they contribute to their communities.

Please pray:

- * That it will be a triumphant day, when the dignity and pride of people affected by leprosy is central to everything that is said and done.
- * That more people will join the fight to defeat leprosy.
- * For wisdom for the Board of TLM Australia.
- * That this World Leprosy Day will help us move closer to a world without leprosy stigma.

Wouldn't it be sad if we only lived on the "memory of God."

Relying on a childhood memory of having gone to Sunday School, or having had a childhood 'brush' with Jesus, a warm feeling, a faded commitment, even just relying on the memory of our parents faith... Some people say that they are "churched out" because they have been there and done that for years, and don't need all of that anymore! Memories of God!

**The reality of Jesus' presence, not just a memory, is what makes a church,
and what makes us a child of God.**

We are the Church! *How real is Jesus in our worship and our lives?*

On personal examination, are we living with just memories? It is a possibility!

If we miss praying, worshipping, giving thanks, talking to, thinking about, having him in our thinking, or reading his word EVERY DAY, then it really is a
probability!

(Ed. paraphrased from an article but have since lost the name of the author)

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 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 this Sunday 29th January.
- All saints' fund-raising stall "toys" this Saturday 28th Jan. 10-12.

DAILY READINGS BEGINNING Jan. 30. 2023 Year A

Monday 30	Ps. 72	Gen.18.22-19.11	Luke 2.1-7
Tuesday 31	Pss.148;149	Gen.19.12-29	Luke 2.8-21
Wednesday 1	Ps.74	Gen.20	Luke 2.41-52
Thursday 2	Ps.77	Gen.21.1-21	Luke 3.1-14
Friday 3	Ps.78.16-38	Gen.22.1-19	Luke 3.15-22
Saturday 4	Ps.80	Gen. 23	Luke 3.23-38

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 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.

- There will always be someone for you to ask to pray with you or for you ... John and Dawn on Tuesday mornings, Jill M or Jill P, prayer chain via Jill M., services on Tuesdays and Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays or via telephone. Do not be afraid to ask for prayer for yourself or someone you love.

Psalm 23:3

'He lets me rest in green pastures; He leads me beside peaceful streams.'

Lord, hungry sheep don't rest, but contented ones can. I can lie down and rest because I am contented and at peace because you meet all my needs.

Your life-giving waters give me that peace. Your Spirit leads me and guides me, filling me with that perfect hard-to-understand peace even when the world around me is chaotic and crazy, I know I am safe, secure, and satisfied.