

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'

February 5. 2023 Epiphany 5

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

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

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Deut. 10. 12-22 Ps.119 1-8 1Cor.3. 1-9 Matt. 5. 21-37

VICAR'S VOICE Wednesday evening about 35 people gathered at The Wave Baptist Church for a time of prayer. Most were from the Bellarine or the Surf Coast, some from further afield. We represented a wide array of Christian churches. What we had in common was a desire to listen to God, and to pray for our churches and our community. As we gathered, we were invited to reflect on St Paul's words of assurance to the Philippian church: "The Lord is near. ⁶ Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. ⁷ Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus." (Phil.4:5b-7). I found this a very helpful place to stand in my prayer. We live in anxious times. As a community, we face many challenges. As a church, we are face a time of uncertainty and change. It's easy to get caught up in it all, to feel overwhelmed. But God's incomprehensibly expansive peace is available to us if we will bring it all to God in prayer. *Continued over the page...*

I encourage you to take time to reflect on these verses, and to pray, as we did this evening, for our own churches, for our brothers and sisters in other churches in our area, and for the movement of God's Spirit across the Bellarine.
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.

1 Cor. 2. 14-16 from the MESSAGE The unspiritual self, just as it is by nature, can't receive the gifts of God's Spirit. There's no capacity for them. They seem like so much silliness. Spirit can be known only by spirit – God's Spirit and our spirits in open communion. Spiritually alive, we have access to everything God's Spirit is doing, and can't be judged by unspiritual critics. Isaiah's question, 'Is there anyone around who knows God's Spirit, anyone who knows what he is doing?' has been answered. Christ knows, and we have Christ's Spirit.

MISSION NEWS

Have you booked your 2023 holidays? If not, consider what Bush Church Aid (**BCA**) has to offer. In conjunction with Christian Fellowship Tours, they are conducting 4 tours to places where BCA has ministry locations:

1. Norfolk Island Foundation Day Celebration Tour. 8 days starting on 3rd March.
2. BCA Old and New Ministry Tours. 15 days starting 27th April.
3. King Island and Kangaroo Island. 14 days from 13th September
4. Norfolk Island Thanksgiving Tour. 8 days from 24th November.

Brochures for tour 1 can be found on the BCA website (Google Bush Church Aid and look for 'tours and events'.)

Full details of tours 2-4 are still to be announced. You can check the BCA website or christianfellowshiptours.com for more information.

It is a great way to have a holiday with other Christians interested in mission and visiting some remote parts of Australia.

- To belittle is to be little.
 - Prevent truth decay. Brush up on your Bible.
 - Forbidden fruit creates many sticky jams.
 - Christians, keep the faith – but not from others.
- Satan subtracts and divides. God multiplies and multiplies.
 - God answers knee-mail.
 - Don't give up. Moses was once a basket-case.
- Isn't it funny how we forward jokes on via emails straight away, but we always think twice about sending on and sharing about God?

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

DAILY READINGS BEGINNING Feb.6 2023 Year A			
Monday 6	Ps. 86	Gen.24.1-21	Luke 4.1-15
Tuesday 7	Ps.90	Gen.24.22-49	Luke 4.16-30
Wednesday 8	Ps.89.1-18	Gen.24.50-67	Luke 4.31-44
Thursday 9	Ps.89.39-53	Gen.25.5-11,19-34	Luke 5.1-11
Friday 10	Pss.92;93	Gen.26.1-17	Luke 5.12-26
Saturday 11	Pss.95;96	Gen. 26.18-33	Luke 5.27-39

NOTICES

- 1.The Barwon Heads Combined Churches will meet Tuesday 7th Feb 4.30pm at Holy Family.
- 2.The next Praise and Worship singalong is at All Saints' next Sunday 12 Feb. at 3pm.
- 3.*Ladies- our coffee mornings start on Thursday 9th February.10.30@ B.T's*
- 4.A new edition of the Parish Directory has been prepared and will be emailed out to those listed in it, and/or print copies can be collected from both churches next week.
- 5.Jill Pool is on holiday for the next few weeks. We hope she comes back refreshed and revitalised. Happy days Jill.

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, Rosemary Stark & Barry Aitken.

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 renews my strength, He guides me along the right paths, bringing honour to His name.*

Father God, thank you for your gift of forgiveness.

You restore and strengthen the very core of who I am. And because I am yours, forgiven, restored, and renewed, I have all I need to trust and follow your will for me – not to polish my own crown, not to impress the people around me, but simply to bring glory to your name, because I want everyone to know the joy of living under my Shepherd's care.