

THE BRIDGE

THE ANGLICAN PARISH of Ocean Grove & Barwon Heads
OUR MISSION STATEMENT -
'TO KNOW CHRIST, AND MAKE CHRIST KNOWN'

February 26. 2023 Lent 1.

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

Gen. 2.15-17;3. 1-7 Psalm 32 Rom. 5. 12-21 Matt. 4. 1 -11

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VICAR'S VOICE Today my Ash Wednesday sermon focussed on 2 Corinthians 5:20: "We are ambassadors for Christ". This is a very challenging thought and invites us (appropriately for Lent) to reflect on our lives, our words and our actions, to ensure that we are indeed representing Christ faithfully to the world around us.

But as I've reflected on this passage, a further thought has exercised my mind – if we are ambassadors, is the Church (both the church generally, and our specific faith communities) in some way God's Embassy? An embassy, after all, is a little piece of the ambassador's "home country" on foreign soil. What would it mean for our church to be a heavenly embassy, a place where people step out of their own world into the Kingdom of God? I think this is an idea worthy of reflection, particularly as we reflect in Lent on what it means to journey with God.

Many of you have now heard that after prayerful consideration Nathanael Theiry and his Bishop have agreed to defer his ordination for a time. Please pray for him as he continues to seek to be obedient to God's call on his life.

Blessings, Jill

Next SUNDAY March 5 2023 Lent 2

Genesis 12. 1-4a Ps 121 2 Timothy 1:5-14 Matthew 17:1-9

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.

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE - regularly each week		
MON	Hearts and Crafts 10 – 1. Come and enjoy the fellowship.	St. Peter's Old Church
TUES	Prayers - group 9.30 and Prayers-personal 9.30 ish -12 with John & Dawn.	St. Peter's Foyer O. G
WED	Staff meeting after 8.30 Morning Prayer	Parish Office O.G
WED	Op shop 9.30 - 1 Jigsaw Library 10 - 12	All Saints' Hall B.H
FRI	Op Shop 9.30 - 1	All Saints' Hall B.H
SAT	Op Shop 9.30 – 1 Jigsaw Library 10 - 12	All Saints' Hall B.H
DAILY	All Saints' church is open 9 – 5.	All Saints' Ch. 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.27 2023 Year A

Monday 27	Ps.140	Gen.39	Luke 11. 14-28
Tuesday 28	Pss. 143; 146	Gen.40	Luke 11.29- 44
Wednesday 1	Pss. 1; 2	Gen.41. 1-36	Luke.11. 45-12.7
Thursday 2	Pss. 5; 6	Gen. 41. 37 -57	Luke 12.8- 21
Friday 3	Ps. 9	Gen.42.1-17	Luke 12. 22 -34
Saturday 4	Pss. 11; 12	Gen. 42. 18- 38	Luke 12. 35 -48

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- Imagine what 7 billion humans could accomplish if they all loved and respected one another!!!!
- Getting over a painful experience is like crossing monkey-bars. You have to let go at some point, in order to move forward.
- We may have a right to believe whatever we want, but not everything we believe is right!

Lots of NOTICES FOR YOU

1. During Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be displayed at All Saints', and the usual Meditation Space will be set up. Feel free to visit between 9 and 5 every day.

2. All Saints' fundraising stall for February is JIGSAWS and GAMES on 25th Feb.

3. *The next meeting of the Barwon Heads Focus Group is after church on 26th Feb.*

4. St. Peter's is hosting the World Day of Prayer service in O.G this year on March 3rd at 10am. Please bring a plate of morning tea with you if you come. PUT THIS IN YOUR DIARIES NOW. A few colourful pot-plants are needed for décor. Please talk to Kathy Donaghey if you can help. 0448 434 110

5. The Barwon Heads World Day of Prayer celebration will be 10am on Friday 3rd March at Holy Family Catholic Church.

6. If you picked up a printed copy of the Parish Directory last week, please check that it has all the relevant pages. Some copies in the second batch were unfortunately printed with one page twice and one missing. bring the faulty ones back to swap.

7. Eucharistic Assistants There will be a brief training/refresher course on Saturday 4th March at 4:30 pm. If you are, or would like to be, part of the team of Eucharistic assistants at any of our Sunday services, please come along.

8. On Saturday March 18, St. Peter's will host Scott Morrison- (no, not the former PM!) This Scott, together with his young family of Sarah and 3 small children, have a missionary outreach in **Northern Thailand**. They are presently in Melbourne on leave. Everyone is welcome to attend prayer-time at 9am. and/or the following talk at 10.15. Devonshire teas in the hall will follow. Do come and hear about God's work in NT.

MISSION NEWS. Timeline of Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)

1944 - Christian Airmen's Missionary Fellowship (CAMF) formed in USA

1945 - CAMF office opened in London

1946 - CAMF changes its name to Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)

1947 – MAF Australia founded in Melbourne

1950-59 - MAF launched in South Sudan, PNG, Kenya.

1960-1997 - MAF launched in Chad, Arnhem Land, Uganda, Madagascar, Bangladesh.

2000 - 2014 - MAF Timor-Leste and Liberia launched.

2002 - All MAF-AIR Services, MAF's flight training and engineering base form around the world, move to Mareeba, Australia

2018 - MAF awarded Southern Cross Award and inducted into Australian Aviation Hall of Fame.

TODAY - MAF is flying into 27+ countries, has 120 aircraft, 1,200 staff and supports 1,400 organisations.

PRAYERS...For our friends who are unwell, that they may remember the love God has for them and that they will be comforted and strengthened by that knowledge. 'He will cover you with his feathers and under his wings you will find refuge'. Psalm 91:4

Wendy Hudson, Deb Podbury, Glenys Russell, Pat Brady, Elizabeth Polley,
Ken Bermingham, Dot Sutcliffe, David Bayne, Dawn White,
Janet Paisley, Doris Loewy, Marcel, Alison Fane, Mark Johnstone,
Alli McLaren,
and those we know personally who are 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,
Keith & Kaye Houston, Barry Judd, Dawn White, Shirley Welsh,
Lorraine Holbrook, Rosemary Stark, Barry Aitken & John Hoults

Help me, Lord Jesus Christ, to softly fold inside my 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 care about.

Psalm 23:6 Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Father, with Your help, I **will** trust Your goodness and unfailing love every day of my life.

And thank You for pursuing me when I am tempted to wander and worry.

With Your Spirit's help, I will live each day confidently knowing...I am safe in Your care...I am forgiven and loved...I have everything I need.

Psalm 16;11

Thank You, Lord! Your grace, mercy, and love cover my life with everything I need. Amen.