

# 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'

March 5. 2023 Lent 2

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

Gen 12. 1-4a Ps 121 2 Tim 1:5-14 Matt 17:1-9

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## VICAR'S VOICE

In her weekly newsletter this week, Bishop Kate reflected on the service she attended at the Cathedral on Ash Wednesday, where Dean Andreas Loewe preached about St Paul's words :“Open wide your hearts” (2Cor 6:13).

She reflected that Lent is “our way of making room for God. It's our opportunity to create the space for new life to enter in. It's our response to the tender love and mercy of God. Making room in this way, becomes the gift to enable us to manage the inevitable ups and downs of life. And with St Paul, we can be sorrowful yet rejoicing, poor yet rich, accept that we have nothing at the same time realising that in Christ we have been given everything (2Cor 6:10).” This resonated powerfully with me. May this Lent be a time when we open our hearts wide to God, receiving God's wonderful gifts and exposing our inmost being to God's searching gaze.

Blessings, Jill

**Next SUNDAY**

March 12 2023

Lent 3

Exodus 17. 1-7

Ps. 95

Romans 5. 1-11

John 4. 5-42

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.

<b>WHAT'S ON AND WHERE - regularly each week</b>		
MON	Hearts and Crafts 10 – 1. Come and enjoy the fellowship.	St. Peter's Old Church
TUES	Prayers - group 9.30 <b>and</b> 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

<b>SERVICES</b>			
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

<b>DAILY READINGS BEGINNING</b>			
<b>March 6 2023 Year A</b>			
Monday 6	Ps.18.1-31	Gen.43. 1-15	Luke 12. 49-59
Tuesday 7	Ps. 19	Gen.43. 15-34	Luke 13. 1-9
Wednesday 8	Pss. 20; 21.1-7	Gen.44. 1-17	Luke.13. 10-21
Thursday 9	Ps. 22. 1-22	Gen. 44.18-34	Luke 13. 22-35
Friday 10	Ps. 25	Gen.45. 1-15	Luke 14.1-14
Saturday 11	Pss. 28;29	Gen. 45.16-46. 7	Luke 14.15-34

**'And I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year, "Give me light that I may tread safely into the unknown." And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than a light and safer than a known way".**

Invite God into the 'trouble' you are experiencing rather than asking Him to get you out of it. You will soon become more aware of his presence .Keep reminding yourself that the Creator of the world is with you, and will never leave you.

**"I have you in the palm of my hand."**

## 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. St. Peter's is hosting the World Day of Prayer service in O.G this Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10am. Please bring a plate of morning tea with you.

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

4. **Eucharistic Assistants** There will be a brief training/refresher course THIS Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

5 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.

Barnabas Aid, which supports persecuted Christians throughout the world, has begun a new service called **Barnabas +**

Its promotional leaflet says "Many Christians are struggling to know where they can turn to find reliable, trustworthy Christian content. Barnabas+ is an exciting new streaming service that offers a variety of quality Christian films, animation, documentaries, and more - available on Roku, smart TV, AppleTV, Apple iphone, androidTV.

The content includes devotionals & Bible teaching, praise and worship, spiritual content for children.

**Barnabas+ is free to use.**

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We ought to take time every day for prayer...at a special 'free from interruption time', and also throughout the day. *In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 Thess. 5: 18.* Try at first giving short bursts of 'praises for..... thank you for..... I love you Lord...and you are wonderful Lord' throughout the day. Can you imagine God hearing more of these sorts of praises and gratitude from his child? So, keep it going now, this 'pray without ceasing' thing. Let's pray beside the bed, in the car, at the shop, in the yard- anywhere and everywhere. Pray silently, pray out loud, and pray in agreement with others. Pray more. Praise Him more. Ask Him. Sing to Him. Continually strive to be in His presence- that He is at the forefront of our mind... so that we can follow the command of prayer without ceasing and be 'in touch with' the God of Creation who made us in His image, and who has given us everything. Let's do it! Heavenly Father, how can I worship you unless you put praise into my heart? How can I obey you unless the love of Christ guides me? Kindle a flame of sacred love within my heart so that I may always give you the honour and glory for everything I do.

**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 Hoult

Help me, Lord Jesus Christ, to softly fold inside my grief, my pain, my 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.

**Can you pray this prayer every day for a week? ---or more?**

Dear Jesus, I love you so very much. You are the centre of my life, and I can't live without you. I am blessed by your love and grace, let me never live a day without you. Take my life and use me, let my praise be a sweet scent in your presence.

In all that I say and do, let it be worship to your majestic name. Lead me and guide me by your words, quicken my heart to what you desire from my life. I desire to know you more than words can describe. Let me be fulfilled in you, reaching for you every day, talking to you continuously. You are great, and I look forward to the day when I can see your face.