

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 12. 2023 Lent 3

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

Exodus 17. 1-7 Ps. 95 Romans 5. 1-11 John 4. 5-42

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VICAR'S VOICE This week I have been attending the Leading Your Church into Growth conference organised by the Diocese. It has been very encouraging to spend time with other leaders in our church thinking about how we can be intentional about meeting the challenges of growing our churches. One thing that has struck me powerfully is the "4 P's of growth: Prayer, Presence, Proclamation and Persuasion". Importantly, we must begin with a foundation of prayer, and specifically of prayer for growth. I hope we might make this prayer part of our parish life: Blessings, Jill.

God of mission,
who alone brings growth to your Church,
send your Holy Spirit to give
vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, joy to our worship,
and power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you,
and in service to our local community,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Next SUNDAY March 19th 2023 Lent 4
1Samuel 16. 1 -13 Ps. 23 Eph. 5. 8-14 John 9. 1-41

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.

Congratulations to John Northfield, who recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. We give thanks to God for enabling John to serve so long and so faithfully, and that we have the privilege of benefitting from his ministry in these latter years. Thank you, John, for your example of Godliness, prayerfulness and perseverance in serving our Lord.

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

We are not perfect- 'there is a crack in everything, that's how the light gets in.'

DAILY READINGS BEGINNING			
March13 2023 Year A			
Monday 13	Ps.35. 1-17	Gen.46.26-47. 12	Luke 15. 1-10
Tuesday 14	Ps.34	Gen.47. 13 -31	Luke 15. 11 -32
Wednesday15	Ps. 37. 1-17	Gen.48	Luke.16. 1-13
Thursday 16	Ps. 38 or 39	Gen. 49. 1 -21	Luke 16. 14 -31
Friday 17	Ps. 40 or 69	Gen.49. 22-50. 6	Luke 17. 1- 19
Saturday 18	Pss. 41; 44. 1-9	Gen. 50. 7 -26	Luke 17. 20 - 37

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

1. The next Praise and worship singing session will be this Sunday 12th March 3pm at All Saints'.

2. 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.

3. 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**.

4. "Lent Quiet day"

Jill will be offering a time of prayer and reflection at St Peter's on Saturday 25th March from 1:30 – 5:00 pm. Come for as long (or short) a time as you wish.

5. **Mission Bottle Opening:** Thank you to all those who have been filling their mission bottles with your spare coin (and notes).

The first opening for 2023 will be held on Sunday 19th and Sunday 26th.

As usual, the buckets will be in each church to receive your offerings. The routine is that you then take your bottle home and start again, for the second opening, later in the year.

After the counting of the bottle money, which will be added to the Parish Council allocation, The Mission Support Group will make a recommendation to the Council, in April, for the first distribution of funds for the 2023 year.

Special Parish Meeting

Notice is hereby given of a Special Parish Meeting to be held on Sunday 16th April at 2:00 pm for the following purposes:

1. To elect Synod Representatives and Alternate Synod Representatives in accord with the Archbishop's Mandate.
2. To appoint members of a reserve list for the Parish Nominations Committee.

Nomination forms are available at each church, or from the parish office.

Anything you want to add into the pew-sheet, please let Isobel Dean know before Wednesday at 10pm. Email, text message or phone please. Use parish directory.

As there will be many services—Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter day services, I will need your help to think ahead about any additional notices etc. to have enough of my time to get the pew-sheet together in time. So, gather your thoughts a bit from now on please—I don't mind early notices. Thanks, Isobel Dean.

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.

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 Hault

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.

MISSION NEWS. Our link missionary Rowan will be coming home on furlough in April. Sometime in the 6 months he is home, he will visit us to share some more about his ministry. In the meantime, his prayer points for March are:

- * Thanks that he can see fruit in the lives and ministries of the pastors who he mentors.
- * Thanks for the successful renewal of his work visa (it came on the day his old visa ran out.)
- * Prayer for Hardita's husband and young son as they mourn her passing. (Hardita was the niece of a pastor Rowan mentors)
- * Pray for good progress in preparing for' home assignment.'

Watch, dear Lord, with those who wake or weep tonight. Let your angels guard those who sleep. Tend the sick. Refresh the weary. Comfort those who are dying. Soothe the suffering. Have mercy on those who are distressed. We ask this for your love's sake. *Augustine of Hippo.*