

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 19. 2023 Lent 4 Mothering Sunday

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

1Samuel 16. 1 -13 Ps. 23 Eph. 5. 8-14 John 9. 1-41

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*Remember ----
tea/coffee/cake
in St Peter's
hall after the
9.30 service*

VICAR'S VOICE ; The conference I attended last week reminded me of one of the great paradoxes of life – we want to grow, as individuals and as a church, but we humans seem to be naturally resistant to change. But growth always, almost by definition, entails change. As we continue to pray for growth in our church, I encourage you to focus particularly on asking God to shape our vision for the future, and to help us see the space between that vision and our present reality clearly and honestly. May we have a kind of 'Godly discontent', an awareness of the ways in which our present doesn't match our vision.

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 26th. 2023 Lent 5
Ezekiel 37.1 -14 Ps. 130 Rom.8. 6-11 John 11. 1-45

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

DAILY READINGS BEGINNING March 20 2023 Year A			
Monday 20	Ps.48 or 25	Exodus 1	Luke 18.1-14
Tuesday 21	Ps.50	Exodus 2	Luke 18.15 -30
Wednesday 22	Ps. 51 or 90	Exodus 3	Luke.18. 31 -43
Thursday 23	Pss. 54: 55.1-12	Exodus 4.1-23	Luke 19. 1 -10
Friday 24	Pss. 56; 57	Exodus 4.27 -6.1	Luke 19. 11-27
Saturday 25	Pss. 62;63	Exodus 6. 2-13; 6.28-7. 7	Luke 19. 28 - 48

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

What's on - other than weekly...??? (suggestions please with times and places)

2 nd Thursday of month	Ladies coffee morning	at B.T's 10.30 am
2 nd April	Palm Sunday – daylight saving ends 3am	
7 th April	Good Friday	

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.

NOTICES

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.

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 March.

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.

On Saturday March 18, St. Peter's will host Scott Morrison who, 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.

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

The next fundraising stall at All Saints' will be "Accessories" on Saturday 25th March.

MISSION NEWS **The Anglican Board of Missions Lent and Good Friday Appeal 2023** will support a vitally important project run by the Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza.

The Ahli has provided nutritional support to underweight infants and their families for many years. But now they have also begun training local women to provide an empowering and informative environment for the mothers - and other vulnerable Gaza women.

In addition, the Good Friday gift supports the training of Palestinian youth to strengthen their leadership skills and culture.

The area of Israel and Palestine is covered by the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem.

There are 3 ways of donating:

1. Put a donation in an envelope and place it in the offertory plate.
2. Send the donation to the address listed on the appeal envelope.
3. Donate online at www.abmission.org/Lent2023

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 Lay Synod Representatives and an Alternate Lay Synod Representative 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.

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 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.

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.*

Honesty is a good trait that is more than telling the truth. It is being straightforward and trustworthy in all of your interactions, relationships, and thoughts. Being honest requires self-honesty and authenticity.

Watch your thoughts, they become your words.

Watch your words, they become your actions.

Watch your actions, they become your habits.

Watch your habits, they become your character.

Watch your character, it becomes your destiny.