

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'

April 23rd. 2023. 3rd Sunday of Easter

Today's readings: -

Acts 2. 14a, 36- 41: Ps. 116. 1-4,11-18: 1Peter. 1. 13 -25: Luke 24. 13 -35

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We worship on the land of the Bengalat clan of the Wathaurong people, and we acknowledge and pay our respect to their Elders past and present.

Service Times

SUNDAY 8am. then 9.30am at St. Peter's O.G. (also on Zoom.) 11am at All Saints' B.H

TUESDAY 9.30am. Prayers at St. Peter's O.G

WEDNESDAY 8.30am. Morning Prayer at St. Peter's & also 10am. Holy Communion

SATURDAY 9am. Prayers at St. Peter's.

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We welcome Rev. Geoff Pittaway as our Locum Priest this Sunday again.

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE - regularly each week

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| 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 10.30 service | 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 |

On the last Sunday of the month, after church at All Saints, the Focus group meets.

Every 2nd Thurs. of the month, there is a morning coffee get together for the ladies at BT's 10.30

CONFLICT : competitive or opposing action of incompatibles ; antagonistic state or action (as of divergent ideas, interests, or persons)to be different, opposed, or contradictory : to fail to be in agreement or accord ;mental struggle resulting from incompatible or opposing needs, drives, wishes, or external or internal demand.

Being a Christian does not protect us from the conflict our life brings.

The world is divided into those who accept Jesus, and those who refuse Him – an ongoing conflict. Conflict comes to us even from our own family as they make their choice not to accept but to reject Jesus. As Christians, we have conflicts within our own minds whether we can sacrifice personal ambitions, the ease and comfort we may have enjoyed, or the career we might have achieved when we lay aside our personal desires and dreams to follow Jesus.

However, Jesus tells us that anyone who finds their life will lose it; and anyone who loses their life will find it! This doesn't promise a way of ease, comfort and security. There will be conflict.

Our task in this world is to love and serve God and others, and this is sure to cause conflict – if not within ourselves, then in those we love who would demand more of our time and energy, or with governments, or people who cannot accept our 'religion'. This decision of ours will lead to many little off shoots of conflict - more than we could ever imagine! Jesus carried conflict with him , and we are called to be prepared for the same thing. Are we prepared? Have we these two things above all in our lives – to love and serve God and others?

Can / Will you pray this prayer? *Heavenly Father, I commit my time and talents, my heart and soul to you. Do with me as you will. Reshape my life that I may follow your pathway for me. Help me to love what is right and holy to love. Show me how to have my deepest need filled. Lead me to the deep waters of truth. Show me the way to deal with those who have conflictive views about You. Declare to me the Word of hope and forgiveness. Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR our CHURCH. *Christ you are within each of us. We are your temple not made with hands; we are your body. It is our own inner being you have renewed.*

If every wall should crumble, and every church decay – we are your habitation. Nearer are you than breathing, closer than hands or feet- ours are the eyes with which you, in the mystery, look out with compassion on the world; so we bless you for your directing of us, your redeeming of us, and your indwelling.

Take us outside, O Christ, outside holiness, out to where soldiers curse and nations clash – at the crossroads of the world – to the conflicts , so that this building continues to be justified. We ask it for your own name's sake. Amen

(Iona Community)

NOTICES

**THIS Saturday 22nd April at 2.30pm. at St. Peter's.
Parish Meeting with Archdeacon Glen Buijs.**

Sat.29th April 10-12.The next All Saints' fundraising stall will be "handcrafts".

Sunday 30th April after church The Barwon Heads Focus Group will meet .

ECUMENICAL EVENING PRAYER The local Uniting Church community have asked us to join with them for evening prayer once a quarter, as an act of ecumenical fellowship. We will meet for the first time at St Peter's on Sunday 30th April at 5:00pm. I hope that many of you will choose to join us. Blessings, Jill.

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS On Saturday **May 13th**, please meet at St. Peters at 9:30 to prepare flowers, with Bible verse attached, and then to distribute them in and around the Ocean Grove precinct. Please bring greenery, secateurs, and baskets.

If you are new to this, contact Dawn Northfield on 0421129324

Mission News: FEBC (Far Eastern Broadcasting Co.)- work in Mongolia.

Mongolia is a landlocked country bordered by China and Russia. With a population of 3.3 million people, it is sparsely populated with an average of 2.1 persons per square kilometre. 695 live in the major cities. Christians are a small minority.

People like Jagaa relies on his radio Bible while he is herding on the steppes. Other herders call him "Jesus Jagaa" because of his faith and the Bible he always carries to work.

He is a retired policeman who now sustains his family by living a nomadic life.

What can we pray for?

1. Mongolia's leaders and for good governance.
2. FEBC's plans for 11 more radio stations. (This will make 25 in Mongolia).
3. FEBC's Proactive Advocacy Program which supports couples, strengthening marriages, and promoting gender equity.
4. FEBC's programs which unify the local church and provide resources for worship, teaching and fellowship.

DAILY READINGS

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| Mon 24 th | Pss. 130;131;133 | Exodus 19. 1-15 | John 9.1-12 |
| Tues 25 th | Ps 135 | Exodus 19. 16--20.17 | John 9. 13 -23 |
| Wed 26 th | Pss. 137 1-6; 138 | Exodus 20. 18 -21.6 | John 9. 24 -41 |
| Thurs 27 th | Ps.140 | Exodus 22.20 -23.3 | John 10. 1-18 |
| Fri 28 th | Pss. 143; 146 | Exodus 23. 4-17 | John 10. 19 -30 |
| Sat.29 th | Ps. 145 | Exodus 23. 20- 33 | John 10. 31 - 42 |

READINGS FOR next Sunday 30TH APRIL (4th Sunday of Easter)

Acts 2. 42 -47 Ps. 23 1Peter 2. 1-10 John 10. 1-10

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.

May you be wrapped up in God's Love, found deep in His everlasting wings, carried and kept safe and cherished. May the healing power of Christ breathe across you.

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,
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

ALITTLELEVITY! One night, I had a wondrous dream; One set of footprints there was seen.

The foot- prints of my precious Lord, but mine were not along the shore.

Then some stranger prints appeared, and I asked the Lord, "What have we here?"

"These prints are large and round and neat, but Lord, they are too big for feet!"

"My child," he said in sombre tones, "for miles I carried you alone.

I challenged you to walk in faith, but you refused and made me wait.

You disobeyed; you would not grow! The walk of faith you would not know.

So I got tired and fed up, and there I dropped you on your butt!

Because in life, there comes a time, when one must fight, and one must climb,

When one must rise and take a stand – or leave their butt prints in the sand." (anon)