

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 30th. 2023. 4th Sunday of Easter

Today's readings: -

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

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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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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

Some churches focus on filling their buildings with people.
However, the Gospel emphasizes on filling the people with God

VICAR'S VOICE. It is good to be back in the parish after a couple of weeks away. Andrew and I had a lovely time celebrating my youngest sister's 60th birthday with family and friends in the little town of Boomi, NSW, where she has made herself a very happy life after some significant struggles. It was wonderful to see how the community shared in the celebrations in so many ways – by decorating the hall, helping with the catering, offering to take photos of the family as we gathered... In all of this, I was reminded of how each of us brings our own particular gifts and skills to a situation, and how the blending of all those contributions can create something far more than any of us could achieve on our own.

I have returned with a very strong sense of wanting to make the most of these next two months before my retirement from full-time parish ministry, and I look forward to working with you all towards that goal.

On another note – many of you will have been concerned, as I was, by the unfavourable publicity the Anglican Church received this week with the announcement of the Professional Standards Board findings concerning Bishop Peter Hollingworth. I don't intend to comment publicly on the matter, except to ask you to join me in responding, as our Archbishop has asked us to, by praying for all who have been hurt, directly or indirectly, by the church.

Blessings, Jill.

Picture this.... 4 people are asked to choose ONE Vicar to lead 4 weekly services in a 2-centre parish, from a list of candidates they probably have never met, (or heard of); each with unique skills (and weaknesses).

Now you know why Arch-deacon Glenn Buijs was directed by the Archbishop to meet the Selection Committee and other interested members of the Parish last Saturday. Arch-deacon Glenn was generous in his suggestions regarding how to move through the 'Process' and how to decide on a potential new leader for the Parish, taking into account their doctrine of God and of humanity; their focus on the Sacraments; their Decision-making and Leadership styles; and their ability to change/adapt to changed environment and circumstances, and many other attributes.

If we believe that God will lead us through to the best decision,
then we all need to PRAY for this.

Keep PRAYING for our Parish- especially in the waiting-time.

PRAY together and by yourself and discuss thoughts with others in our congregation. Offer support to the Committee and PRAY for them, because this won't be an easy task. PRAY, seek and suggest possible candidates for the Committee to research, interview and consider.

If you didn't attend that meeting, but wish to contribute to the discussion, please write a list of what you think would be desirable attributes for our new Vicar, and hand it to a Warden or member of the Parish Council.

NOTICES

Jill Poole will be away from the parish from 28th April until 27th May .

Reserve list for Nominations Committee: all the people standing for this office have been accepted

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 **African Enterprise** was established by Michael Cassidy in 1952, to spread Christianity throughout Africa. This mission, run by Africans for Africans, works on a number of fronts:

- * It runs gospel missions in many nations. * It trains evangelists.
- * It trains young people, in its Foxfire program, to share the gospel through dance, drama, preaching and teaching school children.
- * It runs Trauma and Healing Clubs in 30 schools in South Sudan.
- * It runs primary health care clinics in places like Soweto Kayole, one of the biggest slums in Nairobi, Kenya.
- * It provides food aid to people in struggling economic conditions.

To find out more about the work of AE, go to africanenterprise.org.au

Please pray for AE missions in Mutare, Zimbabwe on 19-28th May; Kigali, Rwanda on 11-18 June; Durban, South Africa on 25-31 July

READINGS FOR next Sunday May 7. (5th Sunday of Easter)

Acts 7. 55- 60. Ps. 31. 1-5, 17 -18. 1 Peter 2. 11 -25 John 14. 1-14

DAILY READINGS

Mon 1st	Ps. 74	Exodus 24	John 11.1-16
Tues 2nd ^h	Ps 77	Exodus 25. 1-22	John 11.17- 37
Wed 3rd	Ps. 78. 16-38	Exodus 25.31-40;27. 20-21	John 11. 38 -44
Thurs 4th	Ps.80	Exodus 28.1-6;29.1-9	John 11. 45-54
Fri 5th	Ps.82	Exodus 29.38-30.8	John 11. 55- 12.8
Sat.6th	Ps. 86	Exodus 30.11-25, 34-38	John 12. 9-19

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, 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, Dawn White, Barry Aitken & John Hoult

Lord of heaven and earth, I rest underneath your mighty wings of love.
I dwell within your gentle heart. I know there is healing in your touch.

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

We cannot allow ourselves to forget this- **prayer is a meeting with God.** It is not some magic formula for disciplining the mind. Neither is it a soothing way of escaping from the pressures and worries of life. First and foremost, prayer is a meeting with our heavenly Father and if it is to be a real meeting, we must be our real self. God loves you – whoever you are. God, however, will probably never be understood fully, so we need to let go of all the preconceived ideas we may have about Him, and let Him be who He is...not who we want Him to be.

Give Him your worries. Talk to Him but take time to listen too "God has given you two ears and one mouth that you may listen to Him twice as much as you speak to Him", More than that we must let Jesus Christ speak through us. He will – if we give Him the chance. And when He does, we will, "with all the saints, have strength to grasp the breadth and length, height and depth; until knowing the love of God which is beyond all knowledge, you are filled with the utter fulness of God." Eph. 3:9 Taken from 'This is Our faith. A popular presentation of Anglican Church Teaching.'