

# 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'

May 21st . 2023. 7th Sunday of Easter

Today's readings: -

**Acts 1.6-14 Ps. 68. 1-10,32-35 1 Peter 5 John 17. 1-11**

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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. (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.

### 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 <b>and</b> Prayers-personal 9.30 ish -12 with John & Dawn	St. Peter's Foyer O. G
WED	Staff meeting 9:00 – 9:50	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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. of the month, there is a morning coffee get together for the ladies at BT's 10.30

**VICAR'S VOICE** I'm aware that many of you are thinking deeply about the forthcoming Referendum on the proposed Voice to Parliament. I commend the May edition of The Melbourne Anglican to your attention – it contains several articles on the subject, including a piece by our Archbishop, which I found very helpful.

As part of our Diocesan response to the Uluru Statement from the heart, and in the context of the referendum, the Archbishop has asked Rev. Canon Uncle Glenn Loughrey, a Wiradjuri man and vicar of St Oswald's Glen Iris, to lead a team providing information about the proposal from a First Nations perspective. He and Bishop Paul Barker recently presented a workshop at the parish of St Stephen and St Mary, Mount Waverley. You can find the recording of this presentation [on their website](#).

The other day I was an observer in an interesting discussion between a group of parishioners about what they want for their funerals. I couldn't resist the impulse to say, "We have a form for that!" Several of the group promptly asked me for a copy of the form. If you would like to put your funeral wishes on record, feel free to collect a Funeral Arrangements request form from either church, and return it to be kept on file in the parish office. That way, when some future vicar has to meet with your family to make arrangements, they can ensure that your requests are part of the planning process. Blessings, Jill.

### *Prayer for Growth*

*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.*

Keep PRAYING for our Parish, and for a new Vicar following Jill's retirement.  
PRAY together and by yourself;

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.

Truth is revealed by God. Jesus is 'the truth'. He is God's ultimate revelation. Knowing the truth is not about assenting to propositions, but about knowing a person. Knowing Jesus broadens your mind, increases your depth of insight and widens your scope of understanding.

To live in truth is to live in a relationship  
of love with Jesus who is the truth.

# NOTICES FOR A QUIET WEEK IN MAY

**BUSH CHURCH AID POSTAGE STAMP APPEAL** We are collating our next consignment of used postage stamps for BCA as part of their fundraising program.

If you have used postage stamps, please give them to me by Sunday, **28 May**. Envelopes containing stamps and addressed to me can be left in at St. Peter's Church or in locked letterbox at 2/24 Wyatt Street, Ocean Grove.

Many thanks, Betty Cameron.

- *Jill Poole is away from the parish from 28<sup>th</sup> April until 27<sup>th</sup> May*

## READINGS FOR next Sunday May 28 Pentecost Sunday

**Acts 2.1-21**

**Ps. 104. 26 -36**

**1 Cor. 12.1-13**

**John 20. 19 -23**

### DAILY READINGS

Mon 22	Ps. 118.1-18	Deuteronomy	1.46-2.19	John 16.12-24
Tues 23	Pss. 124;.125;126	Deuteronomy	2.24-3.5	John 16. 25-17.5
Wed 24	Pss.130;131;133	Deuteronomy	3.18 -4.8	John 17.6- 19
Thurs 25	Ps. 135	Deuteronomy.	4.9 - 24	John 17 . 20- 26
Fri 26	Pss. 137.1-6;138.	Deuteronomy	4.25 -42	Acts 1. 1-14
Sat.27	Ps. 140	Deuteronomy	5.1-21	Acts 1. 15 -26

### Mission News:

#### **Anglican Overseas Aid update on the Imarisha Maisha Project in the Diocese of West Kenya.**

The program manager Millicent has written about the terrible situation her area caused by:

- \* 5 years of drought
- \* High inflation
- \* Loss of incomes
- \* mental and physical health issues from enduring 5 years of drought and hunger.

Anglican Overseas Aid is sending an additional \$130,000 in aid which will enable an estimated 50,248 children and vulnerable adults to receive at least one lifesaving meal a day for 3 months.

There are many other needs in this Diocese ranging from secure water supplies, to training community members so that they can support the most vulnerable.

Please pray for wisdom for Millicent and Anglican Overseas Aid as they seek to fund the most urgent needs of the people in this project area.

Pray also that the drought will break before the next planting season.

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It takes no longer to be positive - just a change of heart.

Hate has 4 letters, but so does Love. Enemies has 7, and so does Friends.

Lying has 5 letters - so does Truth. Negative has 8, so does Positive.

Under has 5, and so does Above. Cry has 3, so does Joy.

Anger has 4 and so does Happy. Right has 5 letters, so does Wrong.

Hurt has 4 and so does Heal.

Life is like a double-edged sword... so try turning every negative thought into a positive one and keep choosing the better side.

# 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

If you would like to make a donation towards a gift for Jill on her retirement, please put it into a marked envelope and place it into the giving bowl at your church please.

*When a torch goes dim you don't throw the lot away but replace the batteries with new ones. When a person messes up and finds themselves in a dark place do you cast them aside? Of course not! You help them change their batteries.*

*Some need **double A's**—attention and affection. Some need **triple A's**—attention, affection and acceptance. Some need a **C**-compassion. Some need a **D**-direction.*

*If they still don't seem to shine,*

*simply sit with them quietly and let them share your light.*