

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 14th . 2023. 6th Sunday of Easter

Today's readings: -

Acts 17.22 -31 Ps. 66.7-19 1 Peter 3. 8 – 22 John 14. 15 -21

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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 and Prayers-personal 9.30 ish -12 with John & Dawn | St. Peter's Foyer O. G |
| WED | Staff meeting 9:00-9:50 am | 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

Happy Mother's day to all mothers,
and those who love- like mothers -to others .

VICAR'S VOICE

The special Evensong to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III at our own St Paul's Cathedral last Sunday evening was not as splendid an affair as the coronation itself, but it was a great service of celebration in which we were invited to think about the concepts of Sovereignty and service as they apply in all our lives.

The Dean, The Very Reverend Andreas Loewe, reminded us of the prayer that King Charles' had prayed in the service the day before, and suggested that this prayer was a great foundation for the King's reign. He went on to suggest that, particularly in the light of other recent comments by the King, it encourages us to hope and work for justice and freedom for all, and to engage with open hearts and minds with the weakest and most vulnerable in our communities.

The King's Prayer

God of compassion and mercy

*whose Son was sent not to be served but to serve,
give grace that I may find in thy service perfect freedom
and in that freedom knowledge of thy truth.*

*Grant that I may be a blessing to all thy children, of every faith and conviction,
that together we may discover the ways of gentleness
and be led into the paths of peace.*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Blessings,

Jill.

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.

WE HAVE A RIGHT TO BELIEVE
WHATEVER WE WANT, BUT NOT
EVERYTHING WE BELIEVE IS
RIGHT.

USE ME, GOD. SHOW ME HOW TO TAKE
WHO I AM, WHO I WANT TO BE, AND
WHAT I CAN DO, AND USE IT FOR A
PURPOSE GREATER THAN MYSELF.

PRAYER IS BREATHING IN
THE VERY AIR OF HEAVEN;
AND PRAISE IS BREATHING IT
OUT AGAIN.

I BELIEVE IN CHRIST LIKE I BELIEVE
IN THE SUN – NOT BECAUSE I CAN
SEE IT , BUT BY IT I CAN SEE
EVERYTHING ELSE.

NOTICES FOR MAY

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS This 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

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 28th April until 27th May*

READINGS FOR next Sunday May 21 (7th Sunday of Easter)

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

DAILY READINGS

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| Mon 15 | Pss. 104.1-25 | Exodus 34.27- 35.9 | John 13.36- 14.7 |
| Tues 16 | Ps 105.1 -22 | Exodus 35.20- 36.7 | John 14. 8- 13 |
| Wed 17 | Ps. 106.1- 24 | Exodus 40.17- 38 | John 15. 1 -11 |
| Thurs 18 | Ps. 97 | Daniel 7. 9 -14 | John 14 . 12 -29 |
| Fri 19 | Pss. 110;111 | Deuteronomy 1.1 -21 | John 15. 12 -25 |
| Sat.20 | Pss. 114; 115 | Deuteronomy 1. 22 -45 | John 15. 26 -16. 11 |

Mission News: Barnabas Aid celebrates 30 years of service and practical support for persecuted Christians around the world.

Dr. Patrick Sookhdeo is the founder and International Director of B. A.

Barnabas Aid focuses on:

1. Prayer - an annual Suffering Church Action and Awareness Week is backed up by prayer diaries which have prayer points for every day of the year.
2. Projects - providing food for the hungry; wells to provide water for the thirsty.
 - **.gives** is a program which sends blankets, medical equipment, food and other items donated by Barnabas supporters from around the world.
 - to rescue and free the trapped. eg. since Sept. 2017 B.A. has freed 1575 Christian brick kiln families in Pakistan. They were bonded labourers, treated as virtual slaves, and with no way of working themselves to freedom.
 - training persecuted Christians in skills leading to self-employment.
3. Bible training programs run by B.A. through its "The Shepherd's Academy" or supported by B.A., to better train pastors who have had little theological education.
4. Publicity for the persecuted church through printed material, books, and a website.

Barnabas Aid is a great organization which continues to do amazing work for God. If you would like to receive its monthly prayer diary, at no cost, email bfaustralia@barnabasaid.org or call 1300365799.

Donations are welcome but are not tax deductible

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

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Paul encourages us to 'pray without ceasing'. 1 Thess. 5:7. The Lord also invites us to 'watch and pray'. Mark 13: 33.37. Prayer needs to begin from your heart, not your mind, so before you pray you need to have given Him your heart and throw yourself into His arms. This may sound a bit silly to you, but our Father wants you to experience His love for you, and to give Him your love in return . It is that simple. If you think you are not worthy of His love, you are totally off the track. No one needs to be left out. God had made such an experience , such a walk with Him, possible through the grace he has given to ALL his redeemed children. He has done it by the means of His Holy Spirit.

This little paragraph is a precis of several pages of a book written in the latter part of the 17th century by Madame Jeanne Guyon : 'Experiencing the Depths of Jesus Christ.'