

'THE BRIDGE'

'TO KNOW CHRIST, AND
MAKE CHRIST KNOWN'

Newsletter for

THE ANGLICAN PARISH of

ST. PETER'S OCEAN GROVE

35-37 Draper St. Ocean Grove. 3226

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The baptism of our Lord.

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Regular Service Times

SUNDAY	8am. FOLLOWED BY 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 & 10am. Holy Communion
SATURDAY	9am. Prayers at St. Peter's- all welcome.

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.

TODAY'S READINGS

Genesis 1:1-5 Psalm 29 Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11

Rev. Liz wishes to thank you all for the hamper and prayers.

Pray that all Christians may grow in the gifts of the Spirit- love and joy ,peace and patience, kindness, goodness and faithfulness ,gentleness and self-control. Pray that we may not waste our talents, but continually put ourselves at the service of the Gospel and of one another.

Pray for those who have lost their way on the road to God, especially those in our own families and parish; that they may hear our lord's voice guiding them back into the fold.

PRAYERS for **all** of our unwell friends, that they may remember the love God has for them and be comforted and strengthened by that knowledge.

*Anne, David Bayne, Pat Brady, Alison Fane, Lyn Carey-Nicholson,
Tom Hudson, Doris Loewy, Jenny Maxwell,
Alli McLaren, Janet Paisley, Deb Podbury, Elizabeth Polley,
Glenys Russell, and Dot Sutcliffe.*

...for those with illnesses which medication no longer helps, and to their loved ones give courage, strength, and comfort in their faith of the joy of eternal life.

...for those recently bereaved - give comfort and strength.

...for our members in residential care give peace, comfort & contentment.

*Barry Aitken, Shirley Dodgshun, Lorraine Holbrook, John Hoult,
Stella Scheiner, Shirley Trimble, Beth Ward and Jenny Wood.*

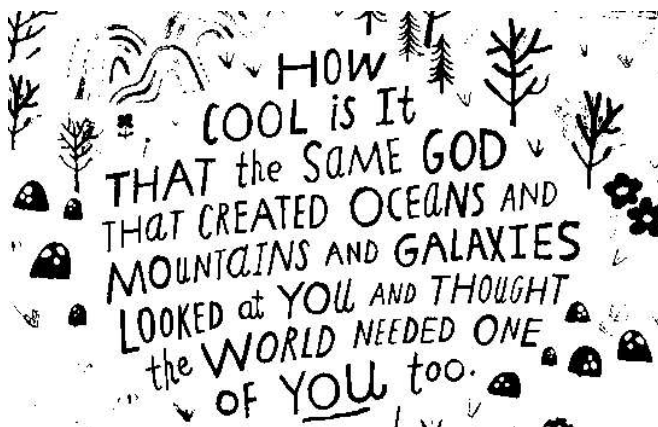
'He will cover you with his feathers and under his wings you will find refuge'.

MISSION NEWS The Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) has just released its annual project book, which details the projects around the world which ABM will be developing with its mission partners.

Some examples of projects are:

1. Supporting the Meriba Maygi Zageh Anglican Council, and the work of the Melanesian Brothers in the Torres Strait.
2. Supporting the Walkabout Ministry of Rev. Gloria Shipp. She was the first aboriginal woman to be ordained in the Anglican Church of Australia, and she ministers to aboriginal people where they are.
3. Supporting the Bishop Newton School of Theology in PNG to train their students for theologically informed futures.
4. Supporting St. John the Evangelist's Seminary to nurture the future leaders of the church in Zambia.
5. To build the Rapid Emergency Response Fund - to support people in need all over the world by ensuring emergency funding is available to provide the necessities of food and accommodation in a time of crisis.

To find out more about these and the other 2024 projects of ABM go to info@abmission.org.au or ring 1300302663 and request a copy of the Project Book 2024



DAILY READINGS BEGINNING MONDAY January 8 2024

MON	Ps.20;21.1-13	Jeremiah 1	Colossians 1. 1-8
TUES	Ps. 22. 1-22	Jeremiah 2. 1-19	Colossians 1. 9 -20
WED	Ps. 25	Jeremiah 2. 20-37	Colossians 1. 21 -29
THURS	Pss. 28;29	Jeremiah 3. 1-23	Colossians 2. 1 -7
FRI	Ps.33	Jeremiah 4. 1-8	Colossians 2. 8 -15
SAT	Ps. 35. 1-17	Jeremiah 4. 19 -31	Colossians 2. 16 -23

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 14th

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Psalm 139:1-181

Corinthians:12-20

John 1:43-51

WORSHIP IS....

‘In worship, God captures your heart; when he’s got it, then the real work begins’. Matt Redman

‘True spiritual worship will cause God Almighty to come and sit with you, for He is enthroned in the midst of your praises’ — Joseph L. Garlington

‘Worship is love on its knees before the beloved; just as mission is love on its feet to serve the beloved’. — N. T. Wright

‘Above all sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing Him more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to do this attend strictly to the sense of what you sing and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound but offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve here and reward you when he cometh in the clouds of heaven. ‘— John Wesley

‘The true, the genuine worship is when man, through his spirit, attains to friendship and intimacy with God. True and genuine worship is not to come to a certain place; it is not to go through a certain ritual or liturgy; it is not even to bring certain gifts.

True worship is when the spirit, the immortal and invisible part of man, speaks to and meets with God, who is immortal and invisible.’ — William Barclay

Worship is giving God the best that He has given you. Be careful what you do with the best you have. Whenever you get a blessing from God, give it back to Him as a love gift. Take time to meditate before God and offer the blessing back to Him in a deliberate act of worship. If you hoard a thing for yourself, it will turn into spiritual dry rot, as the manna did when it was hoarded. God will never let you hold a spiritual thing for yourself; it has to be given back to Him that He may make it a blessing to others. - Oswald Chambers

DIARY DATES - what's on & what's coming up

JAN 7	<u>60th. Wedding Celebration - David & Patti Singleton</u> This occasion to be recognized at the 9.30am service this Sunday 7th. January 2024. All are welcome to join with our family and friends in the St Peter's hall for morning tea after the service
JAN 14	One service for the Parish at 10 am at St. Peter's to farewell Rev. Geoff . There will be a light lunch to follow, so please bring a plate.
JAN 18	Thursday at 7.30pm. Bishop Brad Billings will institute our new Vicar. Catered supper to follow. Also on ZOOM.
JAN 21	First services for Rev Liz Rankin.

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE - regularly each week

MON	Hearts and Crafts 10 – 1. In recess from 12 Dec until 15 Jan.	St. Peter's Old Church
TUES	(Prayers-personal 9.30 ish -12 with John & Dawn) in recess from Dec 5 to mid -January.	St. Peter's Foyer O G
WED	Staff meeting 9 - 9.50	Parish Office O.G
WED	Op shop 9.30 - 1 Jigsaw Library 10 - 12	All Saints' Hall
FRI	Op Shop 9.30 - 1	All Saints' Hall
SAT	Op Shop 9.30 – 1 Jigsaw Library 10 - 12	All Saints' Hall
DAILY	As of Jan 6th All Saints' church is open 9 – 5.	All Saints' Ch. B.H

“This is the true joy in life, being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one. Being a force of nature instead of a feverish, selfish little clod of ailments and grievances, complaining that the world will not devote itself to making you happy.

I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it what I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work, the more I live. I rejoice in life for its own sake. Life is no brief candle to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for the moment and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations.” — George Bernard Shaw

Pew-sheet deadline 9.30 p.m. on Wednesday Email ,(ring) or message Isobel Dean