

'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

& ALL SAINTS' BARWON HEADS

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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

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Psalm 139:1-18

Corinthians:6.12-20

John 1:43-51

Heartfelt Thanks from David & Patti Singleton

"A lifetime of memories, so lovingly shared with our Church Family on 7th January will live with us forever.

With special thanks to Geoff our spiritual leader for your thoughtful prayers and Blessing.

The contagious fellowship continued into the hall to enjoy hospitality and the crowning glory of the 60th. anniversary cake created by Gayee Minotti.

To all those willing hands that contributed to this occasion our grateful thanks."

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

FEBC Cambodia, locally known as "Voice of Love", distributes shortwave radios in rural communities where FM signals cannot reach.

FEBC Cambodia started shortwave broadcasts in 1957 from the Philippines, and it has continued to run since then, even during the days of the Khmer Rouge persecution.

The team started Krusa (Family) FM in 2001, and it broadcasts from Phnom Penh to 10 provinces. The relay station in Kampong means that FM reaches half of Cambodia's population.

But shortwave radio is still crucial to reach most rural Cambodians. This includes those who work on rubbish dumps and don't have regular access to mobile phones and the internet.

The team often distributes food with the radios.

Each family gets one radio, from which they can listen to God's word spoken in Khmer.

FEBC Cambodia, partnering with local churches, also holds Disciple Making Movement workshops, training people to form and maintain small Christian groups, so people can support and encourage each other.

To find out more, go to www.febc.org.au or ring 1300720017

“Every time we decide to be grateful it will be easier to see new things to be grateful for...” H. Nouwen

DAILY READINGS BEGINNING MONDAY January 15, 2024

MON	Ps.37. 1-17	Jeremiah 5. 1-17	Colossians 3. 1 -11
TUES	Ps 38	Jeremiah 5. 18 -31	Colossians 3. 12 -17
WED	Ps. 40	Jeremiah 6. 1 -15	Colossians 3. 18- 4.6
THURS	Pss. 41;44. 1-9	Jeremiah 6. 16 - 30	Colossians 4. 7 -18
FRI	Ps. 45	Jeremiah 7. 1-20	James 1. 1 - 15
SAT	Ps. 48	Jeremiah 7. 21- 8.3	James 1. 16 -27

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 21st

Jonah 3. 1 -10

Ps. 62. 5 -12

1 John 2. 12 -17

Mark 1. 14 -20

To all the friends I have made at the Parish of Ocean Grove / Barwon Heads:

Thank you for the wonderful support you have given to me over the past 6-7 months as I have ministered among you all.

It has been a great privilege to be with you each week (except for the week I had Covid!), getting to know as many of you as was possible over that time.

I have enjoyed being able to catch up with you in your homes, at cafes, at services, and also with those of you who I called upon in hospital.

I do feel that I have left a few tasks unfinished. I pray for those of you who are commencing the difficult journey of grief - remember, whatever you feel or are going through is normal. I pray also for those of you who are recovering either at home, in hospital, in the aged care facilities, or in rehabilitation. May God smile upon you and strengthen you with His peace and love.

Thank you to the Parish Council, P/A, Zoom, readers, sacristans, pray-ers and other busy people within the Parish who have guided me and encouraged me.

Thank you to Jill Poole for her constant fellowship and support, as well as the other members of the priesthood (John M, John N, and Edwin) who continue to share their abilities and gifts in "retirement".

Continue to be the Body of Christ sharing your abilities and Spirit-given gifts and continue to find ways to share the Gospel by word and deed in your community.

And finally, give Rev. Elizabeth Rankin (and her family) your undivided support and encouragement as she comes to minister to you and to be ministered to by you all.

Yours in Christ, Rev. Geoff Pittaway - Acting Vicar

If you want to practice our 'newish' song for next Thursday night, follow these steps:-

1. On your computer, turn the volume on and up.

2. Click on 'Google' and in the search area type -

YouTube 'Turn your eyes upon Jesus' by Sovereign Grace.

3. Now press the red arrow and sing along.

"What makes us human is not our mind but our heart...not our ability to think, but our ability to love". Henri Nouwen

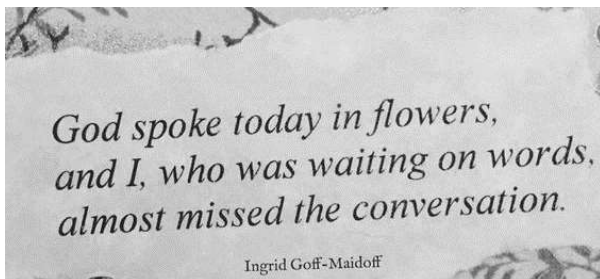
DIARY DATES - what's on & what's coming up

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 commission our new Vicar, Rev Elizabeth Rankin . A catered supper will follow.
JAN 21	First services for Rev Elizabeth Rankin.

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE - regularly each week

MON	Hearts and Crafts 10 – 1.	St. Peter's Old Church
TUES	(Prayers-personal 9.30 ish -12 with John & Dawn) will begin again on 22nd. 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 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

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



**-And just like that Santa has come and gone until next year.
Jesus however is still here with a gift that lasts forever.**

Teach me dear Lord, to live all my life through your eyes.

I would rather be what God chose to make me, than the most glorious creature that I could ever think of. For to have been born in God's thought, and then made by God, is the dearest, grandest, and most precious thing in all thinking.

C.S LEWIS

“Life with God is not immunity from difficulties, but peace in difficulties.” c.s