

# '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**

61-63 Hitchcock Ave. Barwon Heads 3227

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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

Jonah 3. 1 -10

Ps. 62. 5 -12

1 Cor. 7. 29-31

Mark 1. 14 -20

We give a warm welcome to our new Incumbent, Rev. Elizabeth (Liz) Rankin as she begins her shared ministry with us in the spread of the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord in Ocean Grove / Barwon Heads.

May God bless her and her family with love and joy as they come amongst us.

VICAR'S VOICE

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

To my many brothers and sisters in Christ, whom I'm yet to meet, what a privilege it is for me to be writing this to you (within the weekly newsletter). If you are reading this, it means that all has gone to plan, and I have been commissioned as your new Vicar. I truly look forward to meeting you, and sharing in the unfolding story which God has called us to, that together we may partner in the ministry of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. ***An adventure is about to begin!***

Over my many months of preparation, I've found myself drawn to a scripture which I believe is apt for us all at this time. The Apostle Paul wrote to the church of Ephesus, and as I have thought about the parish of Ocean Grove & Barwon Head, Paul's words have resonated in my heart.

*"I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all."* Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith, and I give thanks to God for it. I believe the Lord is bringing us together and desires for us to know him more, through a spirit of wisdom and revelation, and to grow in the more that God has for each of us as His disciples, but also to grow even more as we fulfil His purpose as the body of Christ in this place. Love in action. So, I guess my first encouragement for you is, to reflect on these verses and seek God's place for you in this coming adventure.

Let us be gentle with each other, have ears that listen well, open hearts to share with authenticity and grace, and have our eyes fixed on Jesus as we learn about each other and step into this new season.

The Lord be with you.

Vicar Liz.

Ps. Tilly and I are loving our new home and want to personally give you thanks for your welcome pack and prayers. 😊

**DAILY READINGS BEGINNING MONDAY January 22. 2024**

MON	Ps.51.	Jeremiah 8. 4-17	James 2. 1-13
TUES	Pss . 54; 55.1-12	Jeremiah 8. 18 -9.11	James 2. 14-26
WED	Pss. 56; 57	Jeremiah 9. 12-26	James 3. 1-12
THURS	Pss. 62; 63	Jeremiah 10. 1-16	James 3.13-4.10
FRI	Pss. 65; 70	Jeremiah 10.17 -11.8	James 4.11-5.6
SAT	Ps. 68. 1-20	Jeremiah 11.9 -23	James 5. 7-20

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup>  
 Deut. 8:1-13    Psalm 111    1 Cor. 8: 1-13    Mark 1:21 -28

**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, Joy Chellew, 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, Ron Cameron, 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

**Bush Church Aid (BCA)** conducts holiday tours in conjunction with Christian Fellowship Tours. BCA calls them "Journey With Purpose".

This year their tours include:

\* Norfolk Island-Foundation Day - Departs 29 February for 9 days. You will join locals as they celebrate Foundation Day with a historical re-enactment, connect with Laurie and Bec Carleton (BCA field staff on Norfolk Is.) and explore this beautiful South Pacific Island with its unique history.

**\*Salt & Light in the Outback** - Departs 28 July for 22 days. An outback adventure travelling through Western NSW staying at BCA centres of Dubbo, Cobar, Broken Hill; then on to Uluru, Alice Springs and Darwin, via Kakadu, connecting with Nungalinga College and BCA staff working in the Darwin area.

**\*North West Australia** - Departs 24 August for 31 days. Meet BCA field staff while travelling from the tropical Top End through the Kimberley to Broome, then down via the Pilbara to WA's Coral Coast and on to Perth.

For detailed information, including costs, go to [christianfellowshiptours.com](http://christianfellowshiptours.com) or ring CFT on 1300 635 358

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

JAN 21	First services for Rev Elizabeth Rankin in our 2 churches.
JAN 23	<b>Parish Executive (wardens) meeting Tue 23rd Jan 2pm at St Peter's</b>
JAN 25	LIFE GROUP resumes at the Clifton Springs facility at 3. 30. For information speak with Northfields, or Alison Aitken.
JAN 27	<b>All Saints' January stall Sat 27th - Children's dress-ups.</b>
JAN 28	<b>Barwon Heads Focus Group Sun 28th after church.</b>
FEB 13	<b>Barwon Heads Combined Churches meeting Tuesday Feb 13th 4pm at UCA.</b>

### WHAT'S ON AND WHERE - regularly each week

MON	Hearts and Crafts 10 – 1. Started again on 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	St. Peter's Old Church
TUES	<b>(Prayers-personal 9.30 ish -12 with John &amp; Dawn) will begin again on 23<sup>RD</sup> January.</b>	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

JOY= gladness not based on circumstance but from Heaven when you believe. 1 Peter 1; 8-9

**Prayer-chain requests --- ring John Minotti**

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