

'THE BRIDGE'

Newsletter for

Feb. 18th 2024
1st Sunday in Lent

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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 9. 8-17 Ps. 25. 1-10 1 Peter 3. 18 - 22 Mark 1. 9 -15

For all of the times we pray and ask God for "reasonable things"—like good health, restoring a loved one from a horrible illness, a job, money, wisdom etc , how often do we believe God has heard and has answered those prayers? Have we given up asking? Has this made us question God, or even His existence? Do we just go on with our lives thinking that this is just not working! – or what is the matter with me/ the way I pray/ with God? Perhaps some give up on their faith.

Maybe, 'God on Mute' by Pete Greig, the book Rev Liz has chosen for our Lenten study, will help us to look at such things differently.

VICAR'S VOICE Greetings to you all. I was not expecting to be writing this piece from my sick bed. As most of you will have caught up with the news, that I sadly tested positive to Covid on Monday evening. It baffled me, as I thought I had kept clear from getting it from Tilly, who had covid a couple of weeks ago. I learnt this morning that I indeed did avoid getting it from Tilly, however, I attended a singing group in the community on Thursday night and learnt that half of them have also tested positive to covid in the last 48 hours. So, it really doesn't matter how hard you try to keep away from it, this invisible virus rears its ugly head in all sorts of places.

I am so disappointed that I was not able to share in Shrove Tuesday Pancake night and the lovely Ash Wednesday services with you all. A huge thank you however, to John M, Edwin and Cathy who all stepped up lead to these services for me. You are all a blessing and gift to me.

I pray I will be cleared from isolation and able to join you on Sunday for our first Sunday of Lent. This is such a special season in the Christian calendar and I'm sure that through our Lenten Study we will be able to enter some thought-provoking discussions and themes. I encourage you to enter this season with an open heart, and allow God to do what God does, both in and through each of us. I pray for those who are needing healing, whether physically, emotionally, or spiritually. I pray for those who are seeking to draw closer to God, and I pray for those who have unanswered prayers, not that they will necessarily be answered but that you gain tools to understand more of what God might be wanting to share with you through this time.

So let us all, as we begin this Pilgrim journey toward the cross and beyond, be intentional on our focus, make space within our weeks for silence and opening ourselves to God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit, that we may be further transformed both individually and as a faith community, for the Glory to God this Lent. Peace be with you all, and I hope to see you again soon.

Vicar Liz

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY Feb. 25th

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Ps 22:24-32

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38

Joy Chellew has just asked to remove her name from the prayer list because she is "wonderfully well", and to thank you for your prayers . We are so pleased to hear that .

DAILY READINGS BEGINNING MONDAY February 19th

MON	Pss.110;111	Jeremiah 25.1-17	Hebrews 3.1-15
TUES	Pss. 114;115	Jeremiah 25. 27-38	Hebrews 3.16 – 4.10
WED	Pss. 121;122;123	Jeremiah 26.1-19	Hebrews 4. 11 – 5.6
THURS	Ps. 118. 1-18	Jeremiah 26.20- 27.11	Hebrews 5.7 – 6.8
FRI	Pss. 124;125;126	Jeremiah 27.12- 28.4	Hebrews 6.9-18
SAT	Pss.130;131;133	Jeremiah 28.5 -17	Hebrews 6.19 – 7.10

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, Ron Cameron, Shirley Dodgshun,
Lorraine Holbrook, John Hoult, Stella Scheiner,
Beth Ward and Jenny Wood.*

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

MISSION NEWS

Church Missionary Society’s (CMS) Link Missionary with the Parish of Ocean Grove and Barwon Heads, Rowan, will be inducted as the Vicar of All Saints’ Jakarta on 10th March. Rowan has been ministering in Indonesia for a number of years, mentoring Anglican clergy and working on the translation of a number of Christian texts from English. Now he has been asked to take on the extra role of Vicar of the largest Anglican church in Indonesia.

His prayer points in his February newsletter

Thanks for:

1. Safe travel to and from Singapore for the enthronement of the new Archbishop of S-E Asia.
2. Safe travel to and from the All Saints parish retreat, attended by 78 parishioners.
3. The 5 baptism and 12 confirmation candidates who have responded to God’s call on their lives.

Pray for:

- a. God to raise up the right people to serve as Interns at All Saints.
- b. The baptism service on 5th Feb and the confirmation service on 9th March.
- c. Rowan’s induction on 10th March.

DIARY DATES - WHAT'S ON & WHAT'S COMING UP

Feb. 20	2pm- 4pm 1 st . week of Lenten Studies @St. Peter's
Feb 20	Parish Council meet at St. Peter's at 5pm.
Feb 22.	9.30am- 12 1 st week of Lenten Studies @ All Saints'
Feb 25.	5.30 – 8pm 1 st . week of Lenten studies at St. Peter's

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE - regularly each week

MON	Hearts and Crafts 10 – 1. BYO lunch.	St. Peter's Old Church
TUES	Prayers-personal 9.30 ish -12 with John & Dawn	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 with Lenten Meditation Space and "Way of the Cross"	All Saints' Ch. B.H

Patti & Lesley are hoping to get their hands on your old jewellery!!!-
-to re-fashion it into little 'things' for the 'younger set' to enjoy wearing. So anything with pretty beads would be greatly appreciated .

The office is reprinting the Parish Directory. Please check the copy on display and **either tick or correct your entry.**

*Pew-sheet deadline 9.30 p.m. Wednesday.
Email ,(ring) or message – or write it down
and give it to me - Isobel Dean*

HAVE YOU HAD A REALLY

GOOD CUP OF TEA LATELY... TRY ONE OF THESE

LaughabiliTEA Proverbs 17:22

HospitaliTEA 1 Peter 4-9

GenerosiTEA Luke 6:38

HonestEA Ephesians 4:25



UniTEA Psalm 133:1

HumiliTEA Acts 20:19

AccountabiliTEA Romans 14:12

AvailabiliTEA: Isaiah 6:8