

# 'THE BRIDGE'

*Newsletter for*

Feb. 25th 2024  
2<sup>nd</sup>. Sunday in Lent

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ST. PETER'S OCEAN GROVE**

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**& 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

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Ps 22:24-32 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY March 3.

Exodus 20.1 -17 Ps. 19 1 Cor. 1. 18 -25  
John 2. 13 -22

There are 3 different times in the parish for our Lenten Study for FLEXIBILITY.

If you can't get to one, it is okay to go to another venue/time and participate. There are no set lists of participants for each venue, and you can move between them without causing any problem. Just turn up- no interrogations necessary!



## Vicar's Voice 25 February 2024

Greetings to you my brothers and sisters in Christ,

As I continue to recover from an awful hit of covid, I've been reflecting on the sideswipes of life we sometimes find ourselves in. Those things in life we were not expecting, and they have the potential to throw us off course. They certainly don't feel good, but through this time of Lent, as we take time to do some self-reflecting, I wonder, how do you respond to these sideswipes of life?

Last week we heard in the gospel reading from Mark about Jesus being led into the wilderness, and he had Satan tempting him with many different scenarios, that required Jesus to respond. In the great model that he is, Jesus shows up how he put his focus on the word of God, the provision of God, and the love of God. This last week I've certainly been thankful for the provision of God, through other people caring for me and stepping in to the places I could not be. I spent time in the word of God which constantly reminds me of God's greater story, and I took absolute comfort in the love of God, as I needed to rest well and not worry, putting my trust in the Lord.

So, let's go back to the question of self-reflection... How are you respond to sideswipes of life, those unexpected, uncomfortable, even painful things that try to throw you off course? It is my prayer that as we reflect over this time of Lent, that the Spirit of God will illuminate those areas of our lives where we take things into our own hands and fail to look to God. May it be a time of slowing down, reflecting on our responses to life, righting our wrongs, and relishing in the word of God, the provision of God, the love of God, and being reminded of God's greater story. He sent his beloved Son Jesus, to die for our transgression, that we might live abundantly through the equipping and empowering of His Holy Spirit.

As we each face our "getting back on track", refocusing on God, correcting our wrongs, throughout this season of Lent, may God's unfailing love enfold you, that we may strengthen individually and as a faith community.

I look forward to joining you on Sunday.

Peace and grace be with you. Vicar Liz

### DAILY READINGS BEGINNING MONDAY February 26<sup>th</sup>

MON	Pss.137.1-6;138	Jeremiah 29. 1-19	Hebrews 7. 11-25
TUES	Ps. 140	Jeremiah 29. 24 -30. 9	Hebrews 7. 26-8. 6
WED	Pss. 143; 146	Jeremiah 30. 10 -22	Hebrews 8. 7 -13
THURS	Ps. 145	Jeremiah 31. 1 -14	Hebrews 9. 1 -10
FRI	Pss. 1; 2	Jeremiah 31. 15 -26	Hebrews 9. 11 - 22
SAT	Pss.5; 6	Jeremiah 31. 27 -40	Hebrews 9. 23-10. 4

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: Act For Peace is the international humanitarian agency of  
the National Council of Churches in Australia. It has raised over \$394,000 in  
its Gaza Emergency Appeal. The funds have been distributed by Act For  
Peace’s partners the Near East Council of Churches (NECC) and  
Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees.

When the opportunities have arisen, the funds have been used to provide:

- \* Hygiene and sanitary dignity kits. \* Medical consultations and blood tests.
- \* Cash assistance for urgent basic needs including food, water and winter clothing.

NECC staff have been working through the Rafah Clinic to provide primary  
healthcare services, with 30 health workers providing support to 400  
patients each day. With the attacks on Rafah and the clinic, the immediate  
future of this ministry is uncertain. For more information go to  
[actforpeace.org.au](http://actforpeace.org.au) website; [facebook.com/actforpeace](https://facebook.com/actforpeace), or  
[instagtam.com/actforpeace](https://instagtam.com/actforpeace).

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

Lenten studies	Sundays @ St. Peter's 5.30 – 8pm bring finger-food meal Tuesdays @St. Peter's 2 – 4 pm bring afternoon tea Thursdays @ All Saints' 2 – 4pm bring afternoon tea
Feb 25	Saturday... All Saints' February fundraising stall ---"Toys"
March 1	10.30 am World Day of Prayer at Church OF Christ Ocean Grove. 2PM. " " " " Uniting Church Barwon Heads .
March 2	Barwon Heads Focus Group after church.

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

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

Patti & Lesley are still 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*

“ When you pray,  
your prayers are heard  
by the same God who  
answered Moses' prayer  
for water in the desert,  
the God who gave Abraham  
and his barren wife a son,  
and the God who made  
the slave Joseph second  
in power only to Pharaoh.

Occasionally weep deeply over the life  
you hoped would be. Grieve the losses.  
Then wash your face. Trust God.  
And embrace the life you have.