

'THE BRIDGE'

Newsletter for

March 17th. 2024
5th. Sunday in Lent

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ST. PETER'S OCEAN GROVE**

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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.

Our Mission - To know Christ and to make Christ known.

If you would like to contribute to our parish and support our mission, Direct deposits can be made to: St Peters Anglican Church Ocean Grove

BSB: 063 834 CBA Account Number: 1005 0271

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY March 24th

Zechariah 9:9-11 Psalm 31:9-18 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 11:1-11

Lord, we ask that you grant us eyes to see and ears to hear the ways you're moving among us.

Help us seek your kingdom and righteousness, trusting you to sustain us.

Help us learn and remember to invite you into every present moment.

Sometimes GOD WANTS US TO BE STILL so He can untangle the knot!

VICAR'S VOICE... Greetings my brothers and sisters in Christ and to all who read through our parish newsletter.

As a faith community we have been journeying together as pilgrims through this season of Lent, leading us to reflect on the coming time of Easter, the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We've been exploring life's challenges, pains, big questions, and how we respond (or at times react) to such times. Looking to the life of Jesus, we are reminded that he too lived through challenges, pains, and big questions, none greater than the time leading to his crucifixion. So, what can we draw from Jesus, from his life and from his death?

May I offer such answers by reiterating the messages from our recent services. Jesus modelled each in various ways and times of his life:

- God's ways are not our ways, and we are told through scripture (and through the life of Jesus) that we need to shift our ways of thinking from an earthly perspective, to seeing life through a heavenly perspective (through God's eyes).
- Jesus' teachings were counter cultural, they turn our human ways over on their head, and when we allow ourselves to follow in these teachings and be influenced by them, we enter a life of spiritual richness and depth.
- There is power in God's wisdom, for God sees beyond our human horizons. We are therefore called to trust in God, releasing our hold of control and allowing the Spirit of God to guide us, that God's Will may be fulfilled in our lives.
- When we go against God, we get wounded! When we look to God, we gain life.

Jesus' life, death and resurrection encompasses all these things. So, as we continue to reflect on our own lives through this Lenten season, may we truly take stock of how we are responding to life, and where in fact God is placed in our responses. We too often *'react'* to life's circumstances, and reacting always flows out of fear and out of our earthly influences and perspectives. May we, therefore, begin to lean into God's ways more and more, that we may; live the life that Jesus died for; continue to shine the light of Christ as we walk in the ways in which Jesus has taught us; be strengthened for endurance; and bear witness to the love of God in our lives, that others may come to know the love of God for themselves also.

A prayer for this week, Lent 5 (APBA page 490)

We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: we pray that by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his presence abiding in us he may raise us to joys eternal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Have a blessed week, Vicar Liz

THE NEW PARISH DIRECTORY WILL BE PRINTED ON MARCH 22ND...
LAST CHANCE TO ADD OR DELETE INFORMATION THIS SUNDAY!!!!

DAILY READINGS BEGINNING MONDAY March 18th

MON	Pss.41; 44.1-9	Jeremiah 40.1-12	Matthew 21. 23-26
TUES	Ps. 45	Jeremiah 40.13 -41.10	Matthew 22. 1-33
WED	Ps. 48	Jeremiah 41.11 - 42.6	Matthew 22. 34 -23.12
THURS	Ps. 50	Jeremiah 42. 7-22	Matthew 23. 13-26
FRI	Ps. 51	Jeremiah 43	Matthew 23. 27- 24. 2
SAT	Pss.54; 55.1-12	Jeremiah 45	Matthew 26. 1-16

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.

Pat Brady, Alison Fane, Tom Hudson, Pauline Jefferies, Doris Loewy, Alli McLaren, Jim O'Keefe, Janet Paisley, Deb Podbury, 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, Jenny Maxwell, Stella Scheiner, Beth Ward and Jenny Wood.

❖ Dear friends, thank you for your care, prayers, cards and support over many weeks. I am now mobile again and look forward to being with you at church on a regular basis.

God is good. Yours in Christ. Lyn Carey Nicholson

MISSION NEWS. The MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship) has a fleet of 116 aircraft, spanning 24 countries, and reaching more communities than any other air operator. For example, MAF provides the ONLY air ambulance service in Timor-Leste, and assists in 230 medevacs every year.


For example, since the outbreak of the Sudan conflict last year, MAF has completed 33 flights, transporting 200 passengers and over 26 tonnes of relief to aid camps in Renk, South Sudan.

For example, MAF Technologies employees distributed 3000 copies of the 2-in-1 English & Tok Pisin Bible in the Eastern Highland Province of PNG.

There is now an urgency to invest in new aircraft, and MAF(Aust) is committed to purchasing and modifying a Cessna, which will cost between \$3.1m- \$3.4m US. This will replace the oldest plane in the fleet which is 33 years old and has flown over 17,500 hours.

For anyone interested in learning more about the work of MAF and its appeal for a new plane, contact MAF Flying for Life and asked to be put on its mailing list for the quarterly magazine - 1800650169 or write to PO Box 7187 Baulkham Hills NSW 2153. OR Go to www.maf.org.au OR simply Google MAF Flying For Life

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
	All Saints' is open 9-5 - with Way of the Cross & Lenten Meditation Space.
	<i>NO Men's Morning Coffee in March</i>
20th March	Parish Council meeting Wednesday 5.15pm at All Saints'.
23rd March	All Saints' Fundraising Sat stall "Jigsaws".

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE - regularly each week

MON	Hearts and Crafts 10 – 1. BYO lunch.	St. Peter's Old Church
TUES	Person to person prayers 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.	All Saints' Ch. B.H

EASTER CONCERT – Music at the Basilica invites you to our Easter Concert at 5pm on Sunday 24 March at the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels, Geelong. This year the Windfire Choir, orchestra and soloists will present the Requiem by Gabriel Fauré, Requiem for solo cello by Australian Composer, Peter Sculthorpe and the Australian premier of Septem Verba for violin and organ by Fredrick Frahm Tickets from <http://www.trybooking.com/CODRN>.

EASTER SERVICE TIMES.

ST. PETER'S	Maundy Thursday	7.30 pm
	Good Friday	9am and 3pm
	Easter Sunday	6am Dawn service at Lookout Reserve O.G & 9am at St. P's
ALL SAINTS'	Good Friday	11am
	Easter Sunday	Dawn Vigil 6.30am at Ellis reserve B.H & 9.30am at All Saints'.