

# 'THE BRIDGE'

TO KNOW CHRIST AND  
MAKE CHRIST KNOWN

*Newsletter for*

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PALM SUNDAY

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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:-** Zechariah 9.9-11 Ps. 31. 9 -18 Phil. 2. 5 -11 Mark 11. 1-11

Be still and know that I am God .

Be still and know.

Be still.

Be.



VICAR'S VOICE... Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ,

As our Lenten journey comes to an end and as we enter Holy week, I pray that your personal reflections and self-examination has been rich with insight, challenge, and spiritual growth. I have been so blessed to have witnessed the journey of around 40 of our parishioners, as together we have engaged deeply with the Lenten Study, 'Unanswered Prayer' which was on offer this year. It has been a profound and powerful time as we've looked deeply into the painful journey Jesus undertook with obedience, and we have aligned our own stories of pain and brokenness, reflecting on how our faith in God can carry us through, even when we 'feel' that God is silent. We've learnt more about ourselves, about others and more importantly gained a deeper understanding for God as we've shared and reflected together. In being vulnerable, raw, and authentic we've gained strength. From delving deeper into our life's challenges, rather than suppressing them or glossing over them, we've recognised how God uses such times in our lives to bring us to new life, with a deeper spiritual connection to Himself.

So, with this said, I encourage you to take time through this Holy week and Easter season to reflect and remember the crucifixion of Jesus. May it be a time in which we truly recognise Jesus' obedience to the Father's will. As we face the challenges and horror that enfolded Jesus and engage with the entire story of his crucifixion and resurrection, may we come to know that this event took place out of God's love for YOU. Where life was lost, new life was gained, and this is a precious gift to us all. May we not gloss over any portion of what Jesus went through, but rather feel deeply the loss of his life, in order that we can celebrate His resurrection, new life after death and the hope of life eternal.

After the Lenten study was completed this week, many people were asking me, "what's next?" I believe the Spirit of God has been stirring, since my arrival and I do believe God is moving us swiftly along the path of new life for this parish, so I am keen that after Easter (& after I've had some down time to rest) I will be looking at calling a parish meeting or two. A space where I will facilitate a chance for us to sharing together on where we are as a parish and where we believe God is leading us. Looking practically at our ministries, our worship services and reimagining the future of parish life, as we partner with God in building a strong and thriving faith community that is growing as it engages with the wider community. In other words, fulfilling our mission statement **"to know Christ and to make Christ known"**. I do ask for your prayers as I prepare to lead this time ahead and keep an eye out for how you can be involved. I would really like to hear from the many voices throughout the parish, so that together we can discern God's will for this faith community, the body of Christ.

My prayers are with you, have a blessed week, as we worship and give thanks to God for the gift of life and love. Yours in Christ, Vicar Liz.

## DAILY READINGS BEGINNING MONDAY March 25th

MON	Ps. 21	Lamentations 1. 1 -12	2 Cor. 5. 14 -21
TUES	Ps. 27.	Lamentations 3. 1 -30	Philippians 3. 7- 16
WED	Ps. 88	Isaiah 63. 1-9	1 Peter 2. 19 -25
THURS	Ps. 55	Leviticus 16. 2-24	Col. 2. 8-15
FRI	Ps. 40.	Genesis 22. 1 -18	Hebrews 9. 11 -26
SAT	Ps. 30	Genesis 2. 1 -3	Hebrews 4. 1 -11

**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.*

**MISSION NEWS** **The Church Missionary Society (CMS)** missionary linked to the Parish of Ocean Grove/Barwon Heads, Rowan, was inducted as the vicar of the main Anglican Church in the city in which he ministers, on 10th March.

This was a great event presided over by Abp. Tutus Chung, Bishop of Singapore. On the day before the induction, 9th March, 56 adults and teenagers from the Anglican churches in the area were confirmed, 11 of them from Rowan's church.

Rowan has asked for our prayers:

\* For peace across the country in the time of waiting for the announcement of their recent election results.

\* That God would raise up the right person to serve as an intern in Rowan's parish, and that they would respond to the call.

\* For wisdom, grace and discernment for Rowan as he serves as vicar.

- Flowers for Easter Day at ST.P's.....Kathy asks for donations of fresh flowers or cash to buy some please .
  - ( Daylight savings end is nigh!!!! But not yet!!!!)
- The March TMA is now out. TMA will only be printed four times a year but can be accessed on line via this link [bit.ly/ThisMonthsTMA](http://bit.ly/ThisMonthsTMA).

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

	All Saints' is open 9-5 - with Way of the Cross & Lenten Meditation Space.
	<i>NO Men's Morning Coffee in March</i>
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	CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY	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 (3PM SERVICE IS CANCELLED)
	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'.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer 'Intercession means no more than to bring our brother/sister into the presence of God, saying "Lord, Thou alone deal with this person according to your severity and goodness." To make intercession means to grant our brother/sister the same right that we have received, namely, to stand before Christ and share in his mercy.'

	READINGS	FOR NEXT SUNDAY	March 31 <sup>st</sup>	
Isaiah 25. 6-9	Ps 118. 1-2, 14 -24	Acts 10:34-43		John 20:1-18