

'THE BRIDGE'

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Newsletter for

THE ANGLICAN PARISH of

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SUNDAY 31st MARCH
EASTER DAY

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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:- Isaiah 25. 6-9 Ps 118. 1-2, 14 -24 Acts 0:34-43 John 20:1-18

The cross is a picture of violence, yet the key to peace.

A picture of suffering, yet the key to healing.

A picture of death, yet the key to life.

A picture of utter weakness, yet the key to power.

A picture of capital punishment, yet the key to mercy and forgiveness.

A picture of vicious hatred, yet the key to love.

A picture of complete shame, yet the Christian's supreme boast.

VICAR'S VOICE

He Is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Happy and Blessed Easter Everyone!

I don't know about you, but I've found this season of Lent to be a rich blessing. It has been wonderful to see so many of the congregation engage with the Lenten Study over the past six weeks, and to see God moving in and through our worship services. I now pray that as we gather over this Easter period, may we lay down the things in our lives with which we want to turn from, and allow our risen Lord to rise within us afresh.

A few weeks ago, someone shared the words of Hymn 691, out of Together in Song, with me and I must say they are truly apt for us at this time. So, I'll keep from saying too much myself this week and leave you with these beautiful words to reflect on.

Hymn 691.

Faith will not grow from words alone, from proofs provided, scriptures known, our faith must feel its way about, and live with question marks and doubt.

The pattern Jesus showed, we share: life comes through death, hope through despair. God is made known in brokenness, and faith feeds on God's emptiness.

The church still tells how Jesus came through death to glorious life again, the strangest story! Yet, maybe, our faith will thrive on mystery.

Faith takes the little that we know, and calls for hope, and tells us: Go! Love and take courage, come what may; Christ will be with us on the way.

Elizabeth J. Smith 1956.

Be encouraged church, God is moving through us, and I believe we have much to look forward to as we continue to journey within God's unfolding story. Over these coming months please be praying for God to speak to us, as we seek to fulfil His will for a time such as this.

May our Risen Lord fill you with hope, and may the Holy Spirit equip and empower you for the more to come.

Shalom

Vicar Liz

DAILY READINGS BEGINNING MONDAY April 1

MON	Ps. 2	Isaiah 60. 1 -11	1 Peter 1. 1-9
TUES	Ps. 112	Isaiah 60. 12 - 21	1 Peter 1. 10 - 17
WED	Ps.114	Isaiah 61	1 Peter 1. 18 – 23
THURS	Ps.116	Isaiah 62	1 Peter 2. 4 -10
FRI	Ps. 118. 1-18	Isaiah 64	1 Peter 2. 11- 17
SAT	Ps. 136. 1 - 12	Isaiah 65. 17 -25	1 Peter 2. 18 -25

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

1. The Bible Society's recent newsletter says that one of the greatest barriers to accessing the Bible for indigenous Australians is the lack of Aboriginal language Bible translations, and the translators to do the work.

The principal of Nungalinga College in Darwin says "Hearing God's word in your own "heart language" is vital to a life of faith. It embodies the idea that God wants a connection with all peoples, languages and tribes - and, of course, it simply means you can understand the Scriptures better."

The Bible Society is conducting a fundraising program to equip indigenous Australians to become Bible translators. To find out more, go to biblesociety.org.au/australia

2. For many Christians in countries where they are persecuted for their faith, the Easter season can be particularly dangerous. Attacks on churches, leaders and individual Christians escalate during the weeks leading up to Easter Day.

Please pray for the physical safety of Christians under threat, and that they would remain strong in their faith in the face of persecution.

Please pray for a change of heart and mind of the persecutors - that they would come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

- 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.
- Have you picked up your new parish Directory yet—and have you returned your old one so that it can be shredded?

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

Sun. April .7	Put your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday night or you will be late on Sunday
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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 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'.

<p>READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 8th April</p> <p>Acts 4. 32-37 Ps 133 1 John 1.1-22 John 20. 19 -31</p>
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HE IS RISEN INDEED!