

# 'THE BRIDGE'

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*Newsletter for*

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SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup>. April

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Direct Deposits can be made to: St Peters Anglican Church 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.

READINGS TODAY:-

Acts 4. 5-12 Ps 23. 1 John 3. 16 -24 John 10. 11 -18

VALE John Hault and Ron Cameron who died last week. Both were loved much by their families and also were loved men of the church who shared their gifts for others. We remember them and ask God to comfort and strengthen their families at this sad time.

**VICAR'S VOICE**      Greetings to you all!

Firstly, can I say thank you to all who have taken time to complete the Survey which was passed around last weekend. I can see from the responses that people have been putting great time and thought into their answers, which in turn will assist me, and the leadership, going through the surveys to form a framework for our Parish Consultation Meeting, set for next **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2.30pm to 6pm**. This time together includes a bring-and-share dinner and time to fellowship after our conversations.

So why have I chosen to carry out this survey and facilitate a consultation meeting? When I first arrived as your new Vicar, 12 weeks ago, I said to you that I'd be joining the parish rhythm, and doing things as you have been doing? I can say what a pleasure it has been for me to join this faith community. I truly am thanking God for it. It soon became apparent to me that God was breathing afresh on so many of you since my arrival, and many were sharing with me that they were feeling an uplift in their spirit, and they've been sharing a desire to see growth and renewal in our congregations. Over my years in ministry, when the Spirit of God is moving, you don't get in the way, or try and quench the Spirit, but rather you step in and allow God to move.

So, this survey is just the first step towards reimagining the future together as a parish and seek what it is that God is stirring. The 'where are we questions' are a great place to start our review, to then discern what priorities we need to make, which leads to developing a plan and then of course actioning that plan. Our mission statement is... *"To know Christ and to make Christ known"*, this is a great statement, and our planning for the future needs find the direction of how we are going to fulfil this mission.

Saying all of this, we cannot do any of it without prayer. So, I encourage you, please be praying, both personally and together in groups, inviting the Spirit of God to lead, equip and empower us in all that He is calling us into. Of course, this will bring about times of getting out of our comfort, but please don't be alarmed, concerned, or allow this to become an obstacle for us. When God calls His people to revision or move into a different space, it is always for the benefit of His people and beyond, and He always moves us into- the more He desires for His church, as well as the lost flock who God would love to have return to Him. As I've said every week since arriving here, if you need to talk with me, talk through challenges or even if you believe God is speaking with you, I will make myself available.

I will leave you with this, my prayer for you all.

**May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,  
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**(Romans 15:13)**

Shalom Vicar Liz

DAILY READINGS BEGINNING MONDAY April 22

MON	Ps. 118-1-18	Numbers 3.5-13, 40 -51	1 Cor.3. 18 – 4. 5
TUES	Pss. 124;125;126	Num.6. 1-8 ,6. 22 - 7.5	1 Cor. 4. 6 - 21
WED	Pss. 130;131;133	Num. 9. 15 -10.10	1 Cor. 5
THURS	Ps.135.	Num. 10. 35 – 11. 15	1 Cor. 6. 1 -11
FRI	Pss. 137 1-9;138	Num. 11. 16 -33	1Cor. 6. 12 -20
SAT	Ps.140	Num. 12	1 Cor. 7. 1 -11

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 28th. April**

Acts 8. 26-40

Ps 22. 26 -32

1 John 4. 7-21

John 15. 1 -8

Look again- a mistake was made last week- but now we have learnt to count----

**SEARCHING THE SPIRIT** Have you ever wondered what the Holy Spirit does- or heard others talk about him? My Christian life would be much poorer if I had not explored the work of the Spirit. You have an opportunity to find out more with John and Dawn Northfield and others at St. Peters Hall- -3-5pm on the **first Thursday** of each Month-commencing **May 2nd** Come! phone-52515310 John and Dawn Northfield

**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, Shirley Dodgshun, Lorraine Holbrook, Jenny Maxwell, Stella Scheiner, Beth Ward & Jenny Wood.*

*If you have a notice to put into the Bridge, please email, text, or phone Isobel Dean before 9.30 on the Wednesday night.(lucky if you catch 8am Thursday)*

**MISSION NEWS**      **Rowan** , link missionary to the Parish of Ocean Grove /Barwon Heads, has sent his April newsletter with the following prayer points:

*Thank God for:*

- Rowan being able to share a buka puash meal with the church site staff, most of whom are not Christian.
- The good conversations with not-yet-believers and seekers in Holy Week.

*Pray for:*

- Godly wisdom in the interviews with possible interns to work in the church where Rowan is the vicar.
- Rowan to keep growing in his understanding of Indonesia culture.

**CBM** {previously known as Christian Blind Mission International} no longer works to help just those who are blind, but anyone with a disability. For example, their latest newsletter tells the story of 7 year old Kajal, who was born in Africa with bowlegs. Her parents could not afford the treatment but CBM, using donors' gifts, was able to pay for the surgery, and the mobility aids to help her as she recovers. CBM is currently asking supporters to sign its petition, to be sent to federal members, Penny Wong and Stephen Conroy, to ask for more funding for people with disabilities in the Indo-Pacific.

If you are interested in finding out what the petition says, and perhaps adding your signature, go to [cbm.org.au/disability-equity](http://cbm.org.au/disability-equity).

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

Sun 21	Last chance to empty your Mission Bottle until the next time.
Sun 28	At St. Peter's- 2.30- the first of our Parish Consultations- bring and share meal- finish about 6ish(see fuller notice page 2)
May 11	On Saturday May 11 <sup>th</sup> we will be handing out flowers around Ocean Grove for Mothers' Day. If you are able to help, come to the hall around 9:30, to put the flowers together. We need you to bring <u>greenery</u> , baskets and <u>secateurs</u> . Phone Dawn Northfield 52515310, for more details. Any monetary contribution would also be helpful.

## 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