

'THE BRIDGE'

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Newsletter for

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SUNDAY 28th. April
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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

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 8. 26-40

Ps 22. 26 -32

1 John 4. 7-21

John 15. 1 -8

Mission Bottle Opening:

The wonderful total of **\$704.80** was put into the Mission Buckets over the last 2 Sundays.
This is more than the 2 bottle openings combined in any previous year.
Congratulations and thank you to everyone who contributed. The challenge now is to beat
that total in the August opening. Thanks from the Mission Support Group

VICAR'S VOICE Well hello to you all! What an incredible time we find ourselves. A time where God appears to be calling people to himself, to come to know him, whether for the first time in their lives, or a time to know more of God. All of which aligns with us, as a parish, being in a time of 'reimagining the future' and what it may look like for us as a faith community moving forward. It has been so insightful for me to hear the thoughts, challenges and hopes of many of you through the recent survey, and these insights have been used to frame our time together this **Sunday, 28th April 2.30pm at St Peter's**, as we gather for conversations, seeking God's lead forward for us as a parish.

As your leader, I am encouraged to see people reaching beyond the challenges we face, and seeking to explore the hopes we have available to us. We were reminded last week of Jesus being our shepherd, and it is Jesus that walks ahead of us, guiding, protecting, and providing all our needs. And, as we edge toward Pentecost, we are reminded that we are not to do anything in our own strength, but rather partner with the Holy Spirit, who equips, empowers, and helps us to fulfil all that God is calling us to. It is my prayer that you may all step into this space, as we explore together the more that God has for us as a faith community.

I understand that some of you may be feeling that you are not able to; 'do' anything, be a part of the conversations or able to put your hand up to join ministry teams, due to mobility issues, struggling health, or purely because you are tired. If this is you, can I encourage you, one of the most important roles of this time is prayer. Praying for God's wisdom, his strength and guidance are the prayers which will form the backbone for us moving forward, and anyone of you can be a part of that. Everyone has a role to play in God's kingdom, if you so choose.

For others of you, who are able, I encourage you to think and pray about the role God might like you to play in us moving forward. Perhaps you've been a member of this parish for many years but haven't really stepped forward into any roles. You might feel that you don't have any gifts to share, or you're not confident to step forward. Can I encourage you all, God has many roles within the church, and has something for all of us, and I'd be happy to spend time with you exploring what this might mean for you personally. Let us remember what scripture tells us... *'There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in his people'*.

1 Corinthians 12: 4-6 "For the body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts: and though all its parts are many, they form one body." 1 Corinthians 12:12

I'm excited and expectant for great things of God ahead. This doesn't mean it will be without challenge, but together as the body of Christ let us step into where God is calling us, with faith, trust and our eyes fixed on God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit.

As always, I'm here to talk if you need to. God's fullest blessings on you all, my prayers are with you. Vicar Liz

DAILY READINGS BEGINNING MONDAY April 29

MON	Ps. 145.	Numbers 13.1-3,17- 29	1 Cor.7. 12 -24
TUES	Pss. 148;149	Num.13.30 -14. 25	1 Cor. 7. 25 -35
WED	Pss. 1;2	Num. 14. 26 -45	1 Cor.7. 36 -40
THURS	Pss.5;6	Num. 16. 1-19	1 Cor. 8
FRI	Ps. 9	Num. 16. 20 -40	1Cor. 9. 1 -14
SAT	Pss.11;12	Num. 16.41 – 17.12	1 Cor. 9. 15 -27

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY May 5th.

Acts 10. 44 -48 Psalm 98 1 John 5. 1-12 John15 9- 17

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)

The reality of Jesus' presence with us and in us –
is what makes us His child and His 'church'.

Don't leave Him between the front & back covers
of The Bible to be read as a story .

Today Jesus will live in your heart if you allow Him to -
just ask.....and give your life to Him to use.

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

Sun 28	At St. Peter's- 2.30- the first of our Parish Consultations- bring and share meal- finish about 6ish
May 11	On Saturday May 11 th 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

Mission news

Barnabas Aid is an international organization whose aim is to do everything it can to support persecuted Christians.

One of its current projects is a petition to "End the Genocide of African Christians".

The petition requests that the long-running, large scale anti-Christian violence in Africa be discussed at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Samoa in October.

The aim is to see how Commonwealth governments can work alongside African governments to equip and empower them to bring peace, stability and freedom from violence for Christians and other vulnerable communities.

The aim and prayer is that as many signatures as possible be gathered and sent to that meeting in October. Please make that a prayer point in your regular prayers.

If you would like to find out more, and perhaps sign the petition, go to barnabasaid.org/resources/africa-petition.

Our motivation for coming to church should be to delight Him....
What do you think.....?