

# 'THE BRIDGE'

TO KNOW CHRIST AND  
MAKE CHRIST KNOWN

*Newsletter for*

THE ANGLICAN PARISH of

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SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> April

Second Sunday of Easter

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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:-**

Acts 4. 32-37 Ps 133 1 John 1.1-22 John 20. 19 -31

*A few thoughts---*

The End was just a New Beginning.

A lot can happen in 3 days.

The price of nearly everything has gone up, but Salvation is still free.

Today someone prayed for what you just take for granted... Be thankful.

VICAR'S VOICE Greetings to you my brothers and sisters in Christ,

Well, I have now been with you (as your Vicar) for 10 weeks, and, boy, have we fitted a lot into that time together. When I first arrived, I shared with you that I wanted to join your rhythms, to learn more about you, to see where you are as a faith community, and at some point, we would come together to discern what God is calling us to, as we move forward as a parish into this new season. I have been amazed at how quickly God has been moving among us and stirring afresh within us.

With this said, I believe we are already at the point of time for us to come together to discern what God has for us moving forward. Over the next couple of weeks, I will be developing some survey questions, which will be circulated and asking for your input. I'd love to hear from as many of you as possible, so that we get a good cross section of the parish and some insights into where people see us as a faith community currently, what's important to you and, do you have any concerns you wish to share. This will then feed into the development of a couple of Parish Gatherings which I will call toward the end of April. Again, I would love to see as many of you as possible attending and participating in these gatherings. The purpose of these gatherings will be to **'Reimagine the future'** of our parish together, looking at all aspects of parish life, from our worship services and outreach ministries, to seeking what God might be calling us into, which will enrich this faith community, encourage some new ones to follow Jesus and in turn becoming members of our community. (All Glory to God) Remembering that our parish mission statement is... ***'To know Christ and to make Christ known.'***

So, I ask you to watch this space, in our weekly newsletter, the noticeboards within the church foyers, and keep an eye out for any emails with further details and information when they become available.

This is an exciting time and I'm looking forward to us working together, however I also understand that for some folk this may begin to stir up many different emotions (good and not so good) as we move forward. Please don't sit on any concerns or worries, but rather I encourage you to reach out to me if you have any questions or want to chat through how you are feeling.

***"As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."*** (John 20:21)

Shalom, Vicar Liz.

DAILY READINGS BEGINNING MONDAY April 8

MON	Ps. 89.1-18	Leviticus 6.1-18	1 Peter 3.1-7
TUES	Ps. 89. 39-53	Lev. 9.22- 10.11,16-20	1 Peter 3. 8-16
WED	Pss.92;93	Lev.16.1-19	1 Peter 3. 17-4.2
THURS	Pss.95;96	Lev. 16. 20-34	1 Peter 4. 3-11
FRI	Pss. 99;100	Lev. 19.1-18	1 Peter 4. 12-19
SAT	Pss. 101;102.1-11	Lev. 19.23-37	1 Peter 5

**PRAVERS** -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 &  
Jenny Wood.*

## MISSION NEWS

Twenty first century Missionaries take professional skills into their settings to enable them to provide practical help to the people they serve, as well as opening doors to share The Good News.

M and K are serving in South Asia, where M works as a consultant to an NGO which provides support in urban sanitation and waste management. M writes that 2000 years ago, sinners and tax collectors were the outcasts of society. In modern-day South Asia, the septic tank emptiers and waste workers are the social outcasts.

M is working with them to increase their livelihoods and dignity, and provide innovative, safer and cleaner ways of performing this essential service. He has the opportunity to "sit with these men and women and show that he deeply cares about them; to speak to them in their language; to shake their hands; to hold their newborn babies and drink tea with them." For M, this is kingdom work as he shows the love of God in action. Sometimes, when M has office work, K has the opportunity to meet with an elderly lady to read the Bible and pray together. This is also kingdom work.

Jesus washed the feet of the outcast and laid hands on the lepers - M and K are using their skills to do the same in a modern context.

They have asked us to: give thanks for the sanitation workers of South Asia.

: pray that the people M works with may see Christ's love in his care for them and their environment.

: pray that K's friend may continue to be encouraged as they meet to read the Bible and pray together.

M and K are Australians working for an Australian Anglican mission agency.

**To those parishioners who have mission bottles**, the first opening for 2024 will be on Sundays 14 and 21 April. As usual, buckets will be available at each church, at each of the services. Please bring your bottle, empty it into the bucket, and take it home and start again. The second opening will be in August.

If you don't have a bottle( and have no idea what we are talking about, but you would like to have one like most other people ), please see one of the Mission Support group members ( Betty Cameron, Kathy Donaghey, George Findlay, Lyn Kerr, John Minotti) and they will explain and make sure you get one.

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

Sun. April 7	First Sunday without trying to waste the daylight!
Sun 14	First chance to sprinkle your Mission Bottle into the bucket .
Sun 21	Last chance to sprinkle your Mission Bottle until the next time.

### 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

- REMINDER – IN ONE MORE MONTH there will be

A GATHERING of FLOWERS AND HELPERS for Mothers' Day ---to be continued!

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup>. April

Acts 3. 12 -20 Psalm 4. 1 John 2. 15 -17, 3. 1-6 Luke 24. 36b - 48

- Proverbs 15:3 says, 'The eyes of the Lord are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good.'

*Whether you think you are good or bad, God is watching you...*

*Is that comforting or not?*

Just a little laugh.....The word '**queue**' is ironic.

It's just a 'q' - with a bunch of silent letters waiting in line!