

'THE BRIDGE'

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Newsletter for

THE ANGLICAN PARISH of

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SUNDAY 14th April

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

May I never forget that on my best day
I still need God as desperately
as I did on my worst day.

Vicar's Voice

Greetings to you all in the name of Jesus,

I've been reflecting further on the readings and message given at last week's services, where the first disciples of Jesus were experiencing what it means to recognise their resurrected Rabbi (teacher), Lord, and friend Jesus Christ. And then in our New Testament reading from Acts, we see how these disciples then lived out their beliefs by living within a community of sharing their possessions, continuing the works of Jesus, and sharing the good news of Jesus wherever they went.

We, as a parish are being reminded of these things at a very crucial time, as we transition into, what I believe, God calling us to a new season as a faith community. How are we going to live out of our beliefs in the risen Jesus, ensuring that we too are doing the works of Jesus, sharing the good news and spreading God's love into our community. To assist us in this time I have developed a parish survey to help us begin to discern *together* the future priorities for the life and mission as God's people within our Parish of Ocean Grove and Barwon Heads.

I encourage as many people as possible to set some time aside over this coming week and prayerfully complete the survey and return it to me, either online or in person by Sunday 21st April. A few others and I will then collate the results and be able to use this information to form the framework of some 'parish consultation meetings' which will be held over the coming months. The first of these parish consultations will be held in a few weeks, on **Sunday 28th April between 2.30pm and 6pm at St Peter's Ocean Grove**, and this will include a bring- and -share meal to end our time together. I would love to see as many parishioners as possible get involved in these conversations. However, I understand that for various reasons you may not be able to attend our set meeting time. If that is the case, please feel free to reach out to me to discuss any questions or concerns you may have, which will assist us moving forward together.

These parish consultations will also give us a great opportunity to be reminded of all the wonderful parish ministries and worship services that are currently held, then we can work together to see if God is calling us to develop, tweak or renew ministries into the future. I am calling for all of us to be praying into the preparation of our time together, as well as praying for God's Holy Spirit to guide us as we journey forward. These are exciting times, and I feel privileged to be leading you.

Any questions, or difficulties you find with the survey, please let me know. Again, these will be emailed out to those who are on our weekly mailing list, but it will also be made available in a hard copy form for those who do not use computers.

God's richest blessings, Vicar Liz.

Pray with your eyes on God and not on the difficulties

Sometimes we need to thank God for the things that did not happen.

DAILY READINGS BEGINNING MONDAY April 15

MON	Ps. 104. 1-25	Leviticus 22.31-23.11,15-16	1 Cor.1. 1-9
TUES	Ps. 105. 1-22	Lev. 23. 22-38	1 Cor. 1. 10 - 19
WED	Ps. 106. 1-24	Lev.24	1 Cor. 1. 20 -31
THURS	Ps.107. 1-22	Lev. 25. 1-24	1 Cor. 2. 1 -11
FRI	Pss. 110; 111	Lev. 26.3-20	1Cor. 2. 12 -3.4
SAT	Pss. 114; 115	Lev. 26. 27 -45	1 Cor. 3. 5 -17

PRA YERS -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

Scripture Union Australia held 30 camps and 56 missions over summer, with 4000+ participants - this included Barwon Heads.

During Term I, the SU school, ministry teams (chaplains, special religious education teachers, SUPA Club co-ordinators and volunteers) have been busy meeting and working with children, young people and their families.

One special ministry involving SU is working with Embrace Sanctuary Australia, working to empower asylum-seeking families and provide support to local churches and individuals fostering communities for displaced individuals.

A family retreat was held at SU's Coolamatong Farm Camp. 53 participants were brought together from 5 distinct cultural communities, some having arrived in Australia only weeks before. The retreat centred on themes of Welcome, Safety, Connection and Hope. Through the 6 days and 5 nights people experienced God's transformative love. More retreats are being planned.

For more information about the innovative and creative work of SU, contact them at: 94825700 OR info@su.org.au

"And those who were seen dancing were thought to be quite insane by those who couldn't hear the music." Friedrich Nietzsche

“dance, dance, wherever you may be – I am the Lord of the dance said He-----”

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

Sun 14	First chance to empty your Mission Bottle into the bucket .
Wed 17	<u>Parish Council meeting</u> 5.15 at St Peter's
Sun 21	Last chance to empty your Mission Bottle until the next time.
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 greenery, baskets and secateurs. If you have not participated in this fun event, 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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 21st. April
Acts 4. 5-12 Ps 23. 1 John 3. 16 -24 John 10. 11 -18

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 1st Thursday of the Month-commencing May 9th. Come and hear. phone-52515310 John and Dawn Northfield

Prayer for Trust in Jesus---Ignatius of Loyola

O Christ Jesus, when all is darkness and we feel our weakness and helplessness, give us the sense of your presence, your love and your strength.
 Help us to have perfect trust in your protecting love and strengthening power, so that nothing may frighten or worry us, for, living close to You, we shall see Your hand, Your purpose, Your will through all things.

