

'THE BRIDGE'

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Newsletter for

THE ANGLICAN PARISH of

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SUNDAY 12th. May
seventh Sunday of Easter

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Regular Service Times

SUNDAY	9.00am 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 AND 10am. Holy Communion APBA 1995 at St. Peter's
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:-

Acts1. 15-17,21-26 Ps 1. 1-6 1 John5. 9-13 John 17. 6-19

Sunday 19th May: A combined St Peter's & All Saints' Parish Service as we celebrate Pentecost together at **10 am at St Peter's Ocean Grove** This will be followed by a bring -and- share lunch together.

WE WELCOME BISHOP BRAD BILLINGS TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

Vicar's Voice Greetings to you all!

I pray this finds you well, and if you are not well or going through a difficult challenge, I pray that you are able to sense God's presence surrounding you. ***"It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."* Deuteronomy 31:8**

I began my week, obviously taking my day off (which is on Mondays), needing to give an apology to a friend who I was going to catch up with in Sorrento. I gave an apology for I realised I just needed some space and down time at home, so instead of going out, I enjoyed just pottering at home, manipulating my chook pen to make it a bit easier for me to enter, doing some gardening and a general tidy up around my yard and in our home. It's amazing how quickly general tidy up of the home can get away from you when you are busy with so many other things. It reminded me how important it is to take a step back, to see the finer details of things, which we often miss when our focus is kept in the motion of business, distractions and being on the go all the time. (Do you need to step back?)

It was a refreshing day for me, setting me up for the energy needed for the rest of my week, where I've had a number of pastoral visits, learnt about the distribution process from the missions group (St Peter's), continued the strategic thinking and implementing the outcomes from our parish consultation, assisting with the start of the decluttering of buildings (All Saints'), coming up to speed as to where we, as a parish, are situated in regard to our safe ministry compliance requirements, and preparing for the Bishop's visit this coming Sunday. To say the least, I have many areas in which I am engaging across the parish and working through. However, just as I mentioned in the intro, there will be times that I will need to step back within my week, to ensure I'm taking time to look at some finer details which I don't want to miss. If ever I am overlooking areas of importance, please ensure that you reach out and inform me, or else it might just be missed.

With all of this said, I want to assure you that I am thoroughly loving being here as your leader. I feel blessed to have been called here, I am encouraged to see God at work in so many of your lives, and I'm excited to see what's ahead for us all.

Just a reminder, this week's Sunday services will be at 9am St Peter's Ocean Grove (no 8am service) and 11am All Saints' Barwon Heads, as we have a visit from Bishop Brad, and next Sunday, 19th May, we will have a combined parish service at 10am St Peter's Ocean Grove (no service at All Saints' Barwon Heads) as we celebrate Pentecost together and join for a bring-and-share lunch after the service in the church hall. Also, a reminder that our Wednesday 10am services are now using liturgy from APBA (A Prayer Book for Australia), so if you are seeking a quieter reflective service, this one might just be for you.

As always, feel free to drop me a line via email or give me a call throughout the week.

God's fullest blessings on you. Vicar Liz

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, 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.

Watch, dear Lord, with those who wake or weep tonight. Let your angels guard those who sleep. Tend to the sick. Refresh the weary. Comfort those who are dying. Soothe the suffering. Have mercy on those who are distressed. We ask this for your love's sake. Augustine of Hippo

Mission news

CMS (Church Missionary Society) has developed a new partnership with the Anglican Province of the Indian Ocean, which includes Madagascar, Seychelles and Mauritius.

In the Seychelles there is an emphasis on improving the family fabric. In the past, few couples have married, but that is now changing partly due to the work and example of Abp. James Wong and his wife.

On Madagascar the church has been growing rapidly. This means a shortage of trained church leaders.

Adam and Avril Friend moved there in January this year, and will be teaching at a theological college, and training current church leaders.

The Seychelles suffers from a similar problem of under-prepared church leaders. Ryan Verghese and his family moved there in 2023 to take up a significant opportunity to shape and influence current and future Christian leaders.

Please pray for the Friend and Verghese families as they develop their ministries in the Province of the Indian Ocean.

For more information on these families, go to cms.org.au

'I give you an invitation: if you are thirsty, come to the living waters. Do not waste your precious time digging wells that have no water in them.'

[John 7.37, Jeremiah 2.23]

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

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

Sunday 19th May: A combined St Peter's & All Saints' Parish Service as we celebrate Pentecost together. 10 am St Peter's Ocean Grove
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Sunday 26th May: Our new normal service times begin.
9am St Peter's Ocean Grove – A Baptism will take place.
11am All Saints' Barwon Heads

30th May: 10.30 Coffee and Conversation for the Chaps
at The Parade Espresso Bar shop 6/71 The Parade.

DAILY READINGS BEGINNING MONDAY May 6

MON	Ps. 35. 1-17	Numbers 22.41 – 23. 12	1 Cor.11. 17 -34
TUES	Ps. 34	Num.23. 13 -30	1 Cor. 12. 1 -13
WED	Ps. 37. 1 - 17	Num. 24. 1-11	1 Cor. 12. 14 -31
THURS	Ps.38	Num. 24. 12-25	1 Cor. 13
FRI	Ps. 40	Num. 27.	1Cor. 14. 1 - 12
SAT	Pss.41; 44. 1- 9	Num. 36.	Acts 1. 15 - 26

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY May 19th.

Ezekiel 37.1-14 Ps. 104. 26 -36 Acts 2. 1 -21 John 15. 26 -27; 16. 4b - 15

Pew sheet news etc needs to come to *Isobel Dean* by Thursday midday
via email, message or phone call. Thank you.