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Newsletter for

THE ANGLICAN PARISH of

ST.PETER'S OCEAN GROVE

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& ALL SAINTS' BARWON HEADS

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SUNDAY 5th. May

Sixth 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 10. 44 -48

Psalm 98

1 John 5. 1-12

John 16. 16-24

VICAR'S VOICE Greetings to you all,

Wow, wow, wow! What an incredible time together we had last Sunday at our first parish consultation meeting. I was so impressed to see so many attendees, I believe we had just over 40 come along and participate, I'm not 100% sure of the exact count, however it was a full house (hall). The input from everyone, into the conversations and the unity and respect shown for each other was such a great encouragement to

me as your leader. So, to those who were able to make it, I say thank you for all that you got through. For those of you who were not able to make it this time, I hope you can join us in our next session which will be set for 6 weeks' time.

The conversation topics that took place were drawn from the analysis of the surveys which had been circulated and returned by many. It was good to hear the strong values of the parish, the wonderful ministries that have been running for many years, and the foundation of the prayer life of the parish which everything flows from. We also faced, head on, the challenges which had been raised-ranging from; concern of our aging demographic within the parish, the dwindling numbers over the years, inability to know how to engage with younger people, challenges with our service times and formats, and more. From these challenges it was seen to be a priority to discuss in depth our current worship services. After discussions in small groups and then as a whole group, there were two areas that were decided needed to be actioned as we move forward. These two outcomes were...

1. The 8am and 9.30am Sunday worship services at St Peter's Ocean Grove will combine to be one service at 9am each Sunday.

2. The 10am worship service Wednesdays at St Peter's Ocean Grove will change its form of liturgy from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer to liturgy from A Prayer Book for Australia (APBA 1995).

At the meeting I made note that these changes would not take place until I had completed a few more pastoral visits with members concerned. These pastoral visits have now taken place and I am satisfied that the time is right for us to implement these decisions. Over the month of May we have some special occasions on each Sunday of this month, and I believe these occasions give us the opportunity to implement these new Sunday service times, as follows.

Sunday 5th May: This will be the final week for our current service times:
8am & 9.30am St Peter's Ocean Grove.
11am All Saints' Barwon Heads

Sunday 12th May: Bishop Brad is conducting a parish visit.
NEW TIME 9am St Peter's Ocean Grove
11am All Saints' Barwon Heads

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

Sunday 26th May: Our new normal service times
9am St Peter's Ocean Grove – A Baptism will take place.
11am All Saints' Barwon Heads

There will be plenty of advertising of these new service times, however, please ensure that you share with others, especially if people have been away from our recent services and conversations. I am so thankful to everyone's enthusiasm and engagement in recent times, as God leads us into a new and refreshing season ahead. Remember I am available to talk to if you have any concerns or questions. Stay strong, keep praying for each other, and may we continue to bring God glory!

God's richest blessings
Yours in Christ, Vicar Liz

DAILY READINGS BEGINNING MONDAY May 6

MON	Ps. 18.1-31	Numbers 20. 1-21	1 Cor.10. 1-11
TUES	Ps. 19.	Num.20. 22- 21. 9	1 Cor. 10. 12- 22
WED	Pss. 20; 21. 1-7	Num. 21. 10- 35	John 1. 1-15
THURS	Ps.97	Daniel 7. 9- 14	Rev. 5. 1-10
FRI	Ps. 25	Num. 22. 1-20	1Cor. 10. 23 -11. 1
SAT	Pss.28;29	Num. 22. 21-40	1 Cor. 11. 2- 16

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY May 12th.

Acts1. 15-17,21-36	Ps 1	1 John5. 9-13	John 17. 6-19
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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

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

May 11 On Saturday May 11th 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.
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

The mission organization Far East Broadcasting Company was set up many years ago to broadcast Christian programs into East Asia.

Today it is known simply as FEBC and has projects and a presence in many parts of the world.

For example, in its April-May prayer diary, it lists these projects:

- * Six FM stations in Kyrgyzstan which reach audiences in Turkey, Eastern Europe and USA.
- * Videos on social media about faith in Jesus and Bible verses in Kazakhstan.
- * FEBC Indonesia Radio Heartline Jakarta has won a national award for developing literacy skills for the community.
- * 3800 students are on the FEBC Bible Correspondence Course conducted via social messaging LINE app and Android apps.
- * FEBC's Chinese Ministry web app is widely shared by believers with their Mandarin-speaking friends.

FEBC is an amazing ministry in this high tech world.

To find out more go to FEBC Australia on your web browser.