

'THE BRIDGE'

TO KNOW CHRIST AND
MAKE CHRIST KNOWN

Newsletter for

THE ANGLICAN PARISH of

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SUNDAY 19th. May

Day of Pentecost

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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	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:-

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

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 and followed by a bring -and- share lunch .

Lord, I come to you today. Fill me again with your Spirit, with streams of living waters to bring life to everyone I encounter.

Vicar's Voice Greetings to you one and all,

I pray, that as we come to the end of the liturgical season of Easter, you have found time over this season to deeply reflect on the risen Jesus. Through my reflection time over this season I've been thinking a lot about the 'Upper Room', where Jesus often met with his disciples, not only the twelve but many more who were witness to Jesus' teachings and ministry, those who chose to follow Him. They would meet in this room and Jesus would spend time teaching them and giving further insights and understanding about what they had seen on their ministry journeys. Discussing, asking questions of each other and of Jesus, praying together, grieving and I'm sure there would have been much laughing also. This Upper Room is where Jesus also appeared to them after his resurrection, and he continued to encourage them, reminding them of His promises and ensuring that they understood their new reality which was to be lived out. This new reality was connecting them in unity with the spiritual realm of the Father and the Son. Just as God, the Father was united with His Son Jesus, all followers of Jesus are made united with them also. (*John 17:21*)

This Sunday brings us further into that same spiritual reality, as we enter the season of Pentecost and celebrate the outpouring of Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. What a wonderful chance for us as a parish to worship together in a combined service, being united as the body of Christ and being reminded how God's Spirit is available for us as we continue God's mission here on earth, as disciples of Jesus. How precious would it be if we saw our church buildings (St Peter's & All Saints) just like the Upper Room, where the disciples met regularly and began to live out the spiritual reality of being united with God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit. As we continue to reimagine the future life of our parish, perhaps we could take on the image of gathering for discussions, sharing of testimony to what God is doing in our lives, asking questions, praying, weeping, and laughing together, all of which keeps us sowing into our mission statement to, **know Christ and make Christ known**. I don't know about you, but I would love this to be a fruitful image, where we could bring God glory as His church.

I'm really looking forward to sharing our special celebration of Pentecost with many of you on Sunday, 10am St Peter's Ocean Grove. And just a reminder, you are welcome to stay after the service for a bring- and -share lunch together.

Before I sign off, could I ask you all to be praying this week for our leadership team as we are meeting this coming Tuesday for our monthly Parish Council. It's so important that we regularly pray for our leadership team, as they do a lot of work in the background. So, please be praying for wisdom, energy and clarity of priorities moving forward, and I look forward to sharing some wonderful things that have been taking place this month through our Opportunity Shop and Missions Group distribution giving.

As always, please know that I am available to talk to, whether on the phone, via email or making some time with me throughout the week. Have a blessed week. Shalom
Vicar Liz

PRAYERS for **all** of our unwell friends, that they may remember the love God has for them and be comforted and strengthened.

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

❖ **Betty Cameron** will be holding a 'used stamp' collection during June. The stamps will be sent to Bush Church Aid and sold to raise funds for their ministries in remote parts of Australia. If you have any stamps, please give them to Betty or leave them in St. Peter's foyer with Betty's name on the bag.

❖ **Tearfund** works in partnership with local Christian agencies to end poverty, challenge inequality and build sustainable communities.

For every dollar given to Tearfund:

- 7 cents goes to administration
- 9 cents goes to fundraising
- 84 cents goes to projects & community education.

The 2024 Tearfund Appeal focusses on helping children overcome hunger and malnutrition. The slogan is "Feed a child. Transform a community".

One example of the need for a Tearfund project is in Zambia, where:

- * 17.5 million people are unable to meet minimum calorie requirements
- * 35% of children experience stunting due to undernourishment,
- * 72% of the population are reliant on agriculture for their livelihoods.

The aim of the 2024 appeal is to help tackle these problems in number of countries where the statistics are similar.

If you would like to find out more, go online to tearfund 2024 EOFY Appeal.

To donate, go to tearfund.link/24efypl.

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

Saturday 25th May	All Saints' Fundraising Stall "Jigsaws"
Sunday 26th May	Barwon Heads Focus Group meets after church
Sunday 26 th May	<u>Our 'new normal' service times begin.</u> 9am St Peter's Ocean Grove – with a Baptism too . 11am All Saints' Barwon Heads
Thursday 30 th May:	10.30 Coffee and Conversation for the Chaps at The Parade Espresso Bar shop 6 /71 The Parade
Thursday June 6 th .	3pm Search the Spirit St Peter's hall

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

DAILY READINGS BEGINNING MONDAY May 20

MON	Ps. 48.	1 Chron. 10. 1 – 11. 9	1 Cor. 14. 26 -40
TUES	Ps. 50	1 Chron. 13. 1 – 14. 2	1 Cor. 15. 1-11
WED	Ps. 51	1 Chron. 14. 8-15. 3, 25-29	1 Cor. 15. 12- 34
THURS	Pss. 54; 55. 1 -12	1 Chron. 16. 7 -36	1 Cor. 15. 35 -50
FRI	Pss. 56; 57	1 Chron. 17	1 Cor. 15. 51 -58
SAT	Pss. 62; 63	1 Chron. 19. 1- 20. 3	Acts 3. 17 -4. 4

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY May 26th.

Isaiah 6. 1-8 Ps. 29. 1-10 Romans 8. 12 -17 John 3. 1 -17

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

ALL ABOUT W O N D E R

We were wonderfully made -so do you feel **W O N D E R** full yet ? Can we ever be so full of wonder that we don't wonder any more about our wonderful God or is it a never-ending wonder. I wonder.