

'THE BRIDGE'

Newsletter for

THE ANGLICAN PARISH of

ST.PETER'S OCEAN GROVE

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& ALL SAINTS' BARWON HEADS

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**TO KNOW CHRIST AND
MAKE CHRIST KNOWN**

SUNDAY 26th. May

Trinity Sunday

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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:-

Isaiah 6. 1-8 Ps. 29. 1-11 Romans 8. 12 -17 John 3. 1 -17

To God the Father, who first loved us, and made us in His own image;
To God the Son who loved us and washed away our Sins in his own
Blood;

To God the Holy Spirit, who spreads the Love of God abroad in our hearts,
We raise our prayers this morning.

Vicar's Voice Greetings everyone, What an exciting and precious time we find ourselves in. I don't about you, but I have been sensing God's presence closer than I ever have before. I see Him at work, as I have conversations with many people who are sharing that they feel a spiritual awakening going on inside themselves, and they are asking questions they've not asked before, about knowing God and entering into a relationship with Jesus. Are we on the edge of seeing a move of God, that many have been praying for over the years? Are you feeling movement in your spirit that you can't quite explain? This week's gospel reading, John 3:1-17, tells of the account and conversation between a Pharisee named Nicodemus and Jesus, and I believe Nicodemus was in a place of spiritual awakening, that caused him to ask questions and wonder, what is going on? I'll be exploring this further in our Sunday services.

Some other works of God that are going on across the parish are:

- This week, at St Peter's Ocean Grove, we are going to be joining to celebrate and welcome a new member, Arthur into the family of God, as he will be baptised. I hope that we will see many of you come to support this young family.
- At this week's Parish Council, we were overwhelmed at the amazing work done through our parish opportunity shop in Barwon Heads. We have many volunteers from across our communities that work extremely hard each week within the Op Shop. They really have formed a community of their own, supporting each other and the community with much love. This is further shown through the incredible distribution of money which Parish Council have signed off on. \$110,050 will be distributed across 19 charity groups, and included in that total is \$60,000 which continues to support our parish. As your leader I have been gob smacked by these figures and by the work done by our incredible volunteers. I encourage you please to go and visit the Op Shop and when you do, thank the workers for all they do. This is such a blessed ministry. Over the coming months I will be continuing to work closely with our Op Shop workers, and hope to host a morning/afternoon tea, to thank and encourage them in what they do. A special shout out to Margaret Powell for the load she carries as Op Shop Co-ordinator.
- Parish Council have also signed off on the recommendations given by our Parish Mission Group, who requested a distribution of \$7,500 across 11 mission organisations, on behalf of the parish. I look forward to us hearing from our Mission Group within our service on 30th June, as they share with us the works done through our Mission Group ministry.

These are some wonderful things for us to not only celebrate, but to recognise as a living church of God. May God continue to bless, equip and empower us in the work He calls us to, and may we not take these works for granted but rather bring glory to God's name through it all.

On other matters, please note that I will be attending Clergy Conference next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. I will be contactable on my mobile or via email, so if you need anything please leave a message and I will respond to you through my breaks or at the end of the day's sessions. I will also be attending a mandated special Synod

session next Saturday 1st June, in at St Paul's Cathedral, so the same goes for that day, feel free to contact me and I'll get back to you when possible.

Just one last thing I'd like to encourage you in, when God's Spirit moves, we the church need to be ready to respond, which means I will be looking for more people to step into different roles, such as helping me with running Alpha courses, small group leaders, intercessory prayers, and more. I am therefore asking you to begin praying about this and if you feel that God might be calling you to step up, I urge you to reach out to me. You don't need to 'know' what God wants of you, you just need to be bold enough to step forward and let me know. Remember last week's message? God is bringing dry bones back to new life. Who's in?

Have a blessed week everyone, wherever you are. Yours in Christ 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.

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.

. **Anglicare Victoria** aims to provide a "range of support services to help disadvantaged Victorians to rise above their difficulties". All these services involve committee volunteers. For example:

* Students at Melbourne Grammar School are involved in bringing fresh food and serving in the breakfast program in inner city Melbourne. In 2023, students donated 400 toys and 1,600 food and household items to the Anglicare Toy Appeal.

* Thanks to donations of cash, toys and food from supporters, Anglicare Victoria's 17 relief centres were able to support more than 7,500 clients last year.

* Through volunteer foster carers, Anglicare supported 1,600 children in out-of-home care in 2022-23.

* The Anglicare Parish Partnerships Program sees over 300 volunteers work on the frontline of emergency relief programs.

To find out more about the work of Anglicare and its volunteers, go to www.anglicare.org.au or ring 1800809722.

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 27

MON	Ps. 68.1-20	1 Chron. 21. 1-17	1 Cor.16.1-12
TUES	Ps. 71	1 Chron.21.18- 22.5	1 Cor. 16.13-24
WED	Ps. 69.1-16	1 Chron.22.6-23.1	2 Cor. 1.1-11
THURS	Ps.72	1 Chron.28.1-19	2 Cor. 1.12-22
FRI	Ps. 59	1 Chron.28.20-29.9	2 Cor. 1.23-2.11
SAT	Ps.74	1 Chron.29.10-30	2 Cor. 2.12-3.6

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY June 2.

1 Sam 3. 1 –20. Ps. 139. 1-6,13 -18 2 Cor. 4. 5 -12 Mark 2. 22-3. 6