

# 'THE BRIDGE'

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Newsletter for

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SUNDAY 16th June

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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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: -

1 Sam 15. 34 – 16. 13 Psalm 20. 1 – 9 2 Cor. 5. 6 -17 Mark 4. 26 -34

Imagine if... Bibles were used like mobile phones are.

We would carry one everywhere.

We would go back to get it if we left it at home.

We would check for messages many times a day.

We would open it up and read, and read, and read and we would tell everyone about the wonderful things we see in it.

## VICAR'S VOICE

Hello everyone,

For anyone who has driven past St Peter's church building since Wednesday, you will have noticed some scaffolding that has been built around the tower. (This is so the works to fix the leaky roof can be done). There were about six men constructing this scaffolding and I watched them as they worked together passing each piece of scaffold from one man to another and then place it in a certain positions, and then the next piece came and that was placed where it needed to go, and so on and so on, until it was completed. A sound and safe structure so works can begin on the broken tower. (as I hope you can see in this picture).



Over this last week I've facilitated several sessions for bringing us up to speed with our compliance requirements, but also setting a tone of healthy culture for our faith community, ensuring the safety and wellbeing for all people, both young and old. As I watched the scaffolding going up, I reflected on the season we find ourselves as the church and feel this is what we are doing as God brings us into a fresh season. We are building a scaffold, fixing anything that is cracked, tweaking certain things to ensure we are building God's Church with safety and a sound structure. I'm not talking about our church buildings either, I'm talking about building **us** safely and soundly, spiritually as God's people. Our spiritual health is so important, as this is where we live out of. As Christians, disciples of Jesus, we must not only nurture our faith through attending Sunday Services, but we are called to continually grow in our faith, every day in all we do and say.

This week's gospel reading we'll be looking at Mark 4:26-34, which shares two parables of Jesus, '*The parable of the growing seed*' and '*The Parable of the Mustard Seed*'. Jesus says that these parables are what the kingdom of God are like. A very apt theme for us as we spend time exploring, reimagining and revitalising God's kingdom in our communities of this parish.

As we partner with God, I look forward to what we'll see when the spiritual scaffolding has done its job, cracks mended, hearts restored, lives transforming and God's kingdom flourishing, not only growing in numbers, but more importantly growing in faith and discipleship. May we not take what God is doing at this time for granted, but rather engage with it, share stories and allow small things to grow into great things, for the Glory of God. Have a blessed week everyone. My prayers are with you all.

Shalom,        Vicar Liz

### **DIARY NOTE: PARISH DINNER - SATURDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2024 -**

Our next Parish Dinner is to be held at the Ocean Grove Bowling Club at **6.00 pm on Saturday, 7 September** with a two-course meal. The Guest Speaker will be -- (aha)!

Tickets will be available at Church from Betty Cameron from Sunday, 4 August.

PRAYERS for **all** 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 and contentment.

*Barry Aitken, Shirley Dodgshun, Lorraine Holbrook, Jenny Maxwell, Stella Scheiner, Beth Ward & Jenny Wood.*

### MISSION NEWS    **Leprosy Mission 5:1 Nepal School Screening Blitz.**

It is planned to screen children in remote regions of Jhapa, Nepal. For every \$1 donated, Australian Aid from the Government will contribute \$5 towards the cost of this project.

There are 3 main impacts from this project:

1. We prevent lifelong disability: if a child is found with suspicious symptoms, they are privately taken for full diagnosis and kick started on MDT (Multi drug Therapy) that cures leprosy in 6-12 months.
2. We raise awareness about leprosy. Teachers reinforce the awareness in classroom lessons - the children go home and tell their parents what they have learned.
3. When each case of leprosy is found, a contact tracing team follows up 50 close contacts, along with any old cases, to stop leprosy before it can spread.

This 5:1 appeal ends on 28th June, in time for the end of the financial year.

For anyone who would like to help, ring 1800 537 767 or go to [leprosymission.org](http://leprosymission.org).

**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.

### MAGIC TRICKS.

If you have any cumquats, please let Gaye Fraser know. She would absolutely love to practice turning them into marmalade and to then turn that into money.

- Pew sheet notices need to be either emailed, text messaged, written on paper & given, or phoned to Isobel Dean (in the book) by 11.30 On Thursdays.
- If you have asked for someone to be put onto the prayer list, please tell Isobel when they are to be taken off.

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

Sunday June 16th	2pm Code of Conduct Workshop
Tuesday Jun18th	Parish Council Meeting - 5.15 at St Peter's
Thursday June 20th	10.30 Ladies morning coffee at B. T's
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	2.30 – 6. Second consultation meeting at St. P's with bring-and-share tea.
30 <sup>th</sup> June, St. Peter's Day	Combined parish service at 10am, St Peter's Ocean Grove with a bring-and-share lunch afterwards.
Saturday Sep. 7th	Combined Parish Dinner - page 1

### 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

### ABOUT

### VENUE

**THE MEN'S COFFEE AND CHAT MORNING. 27 June 10.30am**

**'TWELVE SEA' at 12C Sunset Strip Ocean Grove.**

The group is trying this venue in the search for a place less noisy and considering the regularity of the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month as the date, so  
*"Conversations will be held."*

### DAILY READINGS BEGINNING MONDAY June 17

MON	Ps. 106.1-24	2 Chron. 6. 12-31	2 Cor. 11.7 -15
TUES	Ps. 107. 1-22	' 6.32 – 7. 6	' 11. 16 -29
WED	Pss. 110;111	' 7. 7-22	' 11. 30 - 12.5
THURS	Pss. 114; 115	' 8	' 12. 6 -13
FRI	Pss. 121; 122; 123	' 9. 1 -12	' 12. 14 -21
SAT	Ps. 118. 1-18	' 9.13 -31	' 13

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

1 Sam.17. 32 -49

Psalm 20 . 1 – 9

2 Cor. 5. 6 -17

Mark 4. 26 - 34