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Newsletter for

THE ANGLICAN PARISH of

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SUNDAY 21st July

9th. Sunday after Pentecost

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If you cannot join us in person on Sunday, please jump online by using this link below
(and pray it works)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83473659823>

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 Com. 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:

Jeremiah 23.1-16 Psalm 23 Ephesians 2. 11-22 Mark 6.30-34, 53 -56

VICAR'S VOICE

I pray this finds you keeping well, and if you are not well, I pray you know that God is with you.

To begin with I just want to share how wonderful it was to lead Alpha last Sunday evening. We had 23 participants (including our team) from across the parish, as well as some new faces, which saw a rich diversity of conversations and fellowship together. This was an encouraging start for us all. Please pray for this ministry over the coming weeks as we continue to explore further Christian faith.

As mentioned through last week's services, I'll be beginning a 4-week sermon series as of next Sunday 28th July, based on a book titled, '**Surprise the World – 5 Habits of Missional people**'. (Author: Michael Frost) I'm praying it will enhance our vision moving forward as a parish and equip us to share our faith in surprisingly simple ways. The back cover of the book reads: *Christians throughout the world have found a renewed enthusiasm to share their faith using the following model:*

*We **BLESS** people, both inside and outside the church*

*We **EAT** together, sharing meals with believers and nonbelievers alike*

*We **LISTEN** to the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit as we engage with those around us.*

*We intimately **LEARN** Christ as our leader and model for making disciples*

*We see ourselves as **SENT** by God to everywhere life takes us.*

It's a small and easy to read book, so you may wish to order yourself a copy so you can read along each week to enhance the message I bring on Sundays. (There is no pressure to order a copy) I look forward to seeing this unfold and I hope that there are some surprises through it all for each of us, as God does what God does best, working in and through us by His Spirit.

As many of you will know, my daughter Tilly has done it a bit tough at school since moving here. Unfortunately, the school we chose wasn't the best fit for her and many of you have been praying for her. Well, I'm delighted to share that we have been blessed as she has been accepted into the local Christian College and begins next Monday. Obviously moving school is a big thing, so we ask for your continued prayers, however, please ensure you praise God on our behalf. Tilly is very excited, but I know come Monday she'll be nervous.

My continued thoughts and prayers go out to each of you and remember I'm only a phone call away if you ever feel you'd like to chat with me.

God's richest blessings

Vicar Liz

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, Jenny Maxwell, Stella Scheiner, Beth Ward & Jenny Wood.

MISSION NEWS

Rowan, CMS Link Missionary for Ocean Grove/Barwon Heads parish, has sent his latest prayer and praise points. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

Give thanks for:

* The opportunities Rowan has had to support and care for families grieving the loss of loved ones.

* Access to good medical care, and the care and support of local and employer workers.

Pray for:

* God to raise up the right person to be an intern in the parish. (The previously selected person changed his mind)

* Return to good health for Rowan.

"The next mission bottle openings will be on the Sunday 28th July and Sunday 4th August. Please bring your bottle to church, empty it in the bucket, take it home and start collecting again,"

Just as we need our Shepherd, the Lord Jesus Christ, to guide and lead us beside the 'still waters'... there are many who don't know Him yet but need to be led towards the still waters - the peace that only God can provide by believing in His only Son - our Lord Jesus Christ.

There was once a man, unable to walk, but was carried to see the Lord Jesus by four of his friends and was healed. Some people cannot get to Jesus unless you carry them into His presence by your strong faith- because they have none.

This is done by PRAYER - keep praying for them silently- daily- and one day God will surprise you with the opportunity to speak to their needs and bring them to Him.

Our Cross is to help carry another's burdens if they are so weak that they feel helpless.

This is compassion and love. Jesus IS Compassion and Love.

We are supposed to become more like Jesus. This is a start!

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

Sunday 21st July	5.30pm. second session of Alpha
Thursday 25 th July	10.30 at 12 Sea @12c Sunset Strip for the Amenable (men of the parish) to considerably chatter and sip coffee.
Saturday Sep. 7th	Combined Parish Dinner -
Saturday Nov.9th	Fete at St. Peter's.

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 July 22.

MON	Ps. 51.	Amos 5. 18 – 6.7	Romans 1.26 - 32
TUES	Pss. 54; 55. 1 -12	6. 8 - 7.9	2. 1 - 11
WED	Pss. 56; 57	7. 10 - 8.3	2. 12 - 24
THURS	Pss. 62 ; 63	8. 4 - 14	2. 25 – 3. 8
FRI	Pss. 65; 70	9. 1 - 6	3. 9 - 20
SAT	Ps.68. 1- 20	9. 7 - 15	3. 21 - 31

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 28th July

2 Kings 4. 42 – 44. Ps. 145. 10 – 18 Ephesians 3. 14 - 21 John 6 1 - 21

*A minister was preaching, and, in his sermon, he said, "Who wants to go to heaven?"
Everybody held up their hands except one young boy.*

"Son, don't you want to go to heaven when you die?"

"Yes, sir, when I die, but I thought you were getting a load to go up right now!"

You, Creator, will give me all the attention I need if I simply stop talking and start listening to you. I know that in the silence of my heart you will speak to me and show me your love. Please give me that silence. Let me be patient and grow slowly into this silence in which I can be with you. Prayer from Henri Nouwen's 'Cry for Mercy'.

Pew sheet notices need to be either emailed, text messaged, phoned or written on paper & given, to Isobel Dean (in the book) by 11.30 on Thursdays