

# 'THE BRIDGE'

Newsletter for

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**TO KNOW CHRIST AND  
MAKE CHRIST KNOWN**

SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> August

11<sup>th</sup>. 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:

Psalm 51:1-12. Ephesians 4:1-16. Luke 14:1,7-14.

*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.*

## VICAR'S VOICE

Greetings in the name of Jesus,

As we continue with our second week of reflecting on the habits of highly missional people, I wonder if anyone has a story to share this week about how they tried to live a questionable life? You see, we can reflect, we can study, we can 'know' all about characteristics of Jesus and His teachings, yet it's not until we explore them in action that they fully come to a place of true knowing. These habits are not a one off, we'll give it a go and then forget about it, these are habits in our character which we'll find regular rhythm in, regular ways of being, transforming our now into what we will be (more like Jesus), and becoming our lifestyle.

Another way of putting it is, we want to link our (inner) spirituality and our (outward) actions, working them together and showing a powerful expression of our faith. The book of James puts it like this, "*Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds*". (James 2:18) Our actions of faith are the developments of our discipleship, and these learnings can be seen in so many creative, intentional and simple ways.

In this week's Sunday message, we'll be exploring the first two suggested habits of 'blessing' and 'eating'. Who doesn't love to eat 😊! But we need to remember, these habits are not just for the sake of a practical exercise that the Vicar gives their congregation. 'Missional Habits' are fostered in our lives in order that, in all we do and say, others are alerted to the reign of God, through Christ Jesus. They are fostered so the Kingdom of God might be seen on earth. For when We are alerted to the reign of God, our lives are transformed for good. As we receive the love of God for ourselves, we then get the opportunity to pass on the love of God to those around us, to our families, friends, small groups, communities, and in turn all are impacted and transformed for good by the love of God. (Remember the line in the Lord's prayer? We pray it each week. *Let your Kingdom come, let your will be done, here on earth as it is in heaven.*")

I'd love to hear from those of you who are stepping in to these invitations of exploring new faith habits. What are you trying? Do you have a good outcome story? Have you hit a challenge that you're finding difficult? You're not alone in this, it is my prayer, that together we develop new habits and become a stronger missional faith community that knows **Christ and makes Christ known**, bringing glory to God in who we are and how we live.

A prayer to enhance us through this time...

***God of mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give Vision to our planning, Wisdom to our actions, Joy to our worship, and Power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

I look forward to the journey ahead with you and continue to pray that together we may grow in the love of God, one for another.

Have a blessed week everybody. Shalom 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.

*Rose Ailey, Barry Aitken, Shirley Dodgshun, Jenny Maxwell,  
Stella Scheiner, Beth Ward & Jenny Wood.*

**MISSION NEWS** *Try to remember **mission bottle openings** this Sunday 4th August. Please bring your bottle to church, empty it in the bucket, take it home and start collecting again. This is your last chance for a while.....*

This year marks the 150th anniversary of **The Leprosy Mission**. Wellesley and Alice Bailey were the founders of TLM beginning to help people with leprosy in India in 1874.

For those especially interested in this ministry, there will be a 2 day conference at Assembly Hall, Scots' Church, 156 Collins St., Melbourne, on **Friday 6th & Saturday 7th August**.

To celebrate the 150th, on Friday there will be a Thanksgiving Service & Gala Dinner. Guest speakers will include Nikita Sarah, Head of Advocacy and Communication at The Leprosy Mission Trust, India; and Prof. Warwick Britton AO, Head of TB Research Program, Centenary Institute.

Those attending will hear about new advancements in leprosy treatment and will be warned that "**leprosy is still a thing**".

To learn more about the conference and dinner, go to [https://www.leprosy\\_mission.org.au/satc2024](https://www.leprosy_mission.org.au/satc2024)

### **PARISH DINNER 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

at the Ocean Grove Bowling Club, 18 The Terrace - 6pm arrival 6.30 first course.

A two-course meal is \$40 per person –

**book tickets with cash only and request special dietary requirements then too.**

Tickets are available after Sunday and Wednesday services during August from Betty Cameron at St. Peter's, and Margaret Powell on Sunday mornings at All Saints'.

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

Sunday August 4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> session of Alpha
CORRECTION Thursday August 15 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Coffee morning at old B.T's 10.30
Tuesday August 13 <sup>th</sup>	4pm Barwon Heads combined churches meet at Holy Family .
Thursday August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30 at 12 Sea @12c Sunset Strip for the Amenables (men of the parish) to considerably chatter with coffee.
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	After church - Barwon heads Focus Group meet.
Thursday Sep. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Search the Spirit 3pm in St.P's Hall
Saturday Sep. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Combined Parish Dinner - get your tickets now - notice on page 3.
Saturday Nov.9 <sup>th</sup>	Fete at St. Peter's.... get ready.....

### 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 Aug. 4**

MON	Pss . 82;84	Hosea 6.4 – 7.7	Romans 7. 1 -12
TUES	Ps. 86	7. 8-16	7. 13 -25
WED	Ps. 90	8.	8. 1 -8
THURS	Ps. 89.1-18	9. 1 -12	8. 9 -17
FRI	Ps. 89. 39 - 53	10. 1-12	8. 18- 27
SAT	Pss.92; 93	11.1-11	8. 28 -39

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY August 11<sup>th</sup>.**  
 Psalm 130.  
 Romans 1:1-6.  
 John 6:35, 41-51

**ATTENTION... Re Fathers Day Chocolate gifts to the community.**

Regrettably Dawn Northfield is unable to continue organizing this because of ongoing health problems. We thank her for the many years she has done this great ministry, **HOWEVER, 'Someone' ( and they will know who they are) is going to be needed to step in ASAP. So 'Someone' (whoever you are) please talk to Dawn about this ASAP.**