

'THE BRIDGE'

Newsletter for

"Living Waters Anglican Church"

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TO KNOW CHRIST AND
MAKE CHRIST KNOWN

SUNDAY 11th August

12th. Sunday after Pentecost

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READINGS TODAY:

Psalm 130.

Romans 1:1-6.

John 6:35, 41-51

If you cannot join us in person on Sunday, please
jump online by using this link below

<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

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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 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.

Fill me up God.

Pour your peace into me every day,
give me your strength in my steps,

pour your joy into my heart, and faith into my soul.

Vicar's Voice

Hi Church,

I pray this finds you keeping well. However, I am aware that there are many viruses and flus going around that are making people very unwell. If this is you, I pray that you are finding some rest and space to bring healing and recovery. I'm holding you all in prayer.

This will be our third week of reflecting on '*Surprising the World*' with 5 habits of highly missional people, and begin this week with our missional prayer.

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 number, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

You may be wondering why I've chosen this topic or theme for us to be reflecting on at this time, so let me explain. When I began as your Vicar in late January, I said to you that I would join your rhythm and get to know you through what you are already doing as a faith community. I quickly recognised that many of you were expressing a sense of spiritual tiredness, dryness and all-round lethargy in your faith life. Yet, alongside these realities I have also seen a strong sense of desire to be renewed and refreshment in your faith and a spiritual heartbeat awakening to new possibilities for growth in personal faith, mission and ministry within this faith community and beyond.

With this said, I'm hoping that this short series which looks at forming (new) habits in our Christian living, will give you an opportunity to take stock of your faith life, reflecting on and being challenged by where you are currently situated with God (Father, Son & Holy Spirit) and what it means for you to live out God's call of mission, in a relative way and within your stage of life. So far, I've shared with you about praying for evangelists, yet living a life of evangelism through questionable living (counter cultural), and last week I spoke about blessing others in surprising ways, through kindness, words of affirmation and gift giving. Each of these can be in small yet significant ways, that causes people to ask, "why are you doing this"? I hope the answer can then open conversations about Jesus in our lives.

This week we're going to look at Jesus more closely. Why should the answer to most faith questions be 'Jesus'? God sent Jesus into the world to reflect God's character, and through Jesus' life examples and teachings, we are now to do exactly the same, reflect the character of God through reflecting Jesus. In the past many of you would have heard the phrase '*What would Jesus do*'? and that's how we were called to live. Yet, I have issues with this concept because Jesus lived in a completely different context and time in history to what we do. I agree with Frost (author of *Surprise the World*) that the question we need to be asking is "what would Jesus want me or us to think, be and do, here and now? How can reflecting God's character shift and change atmospheres in our time of history and in our local context?"

I know this may be a very different style of leadership to what you may be use to, however I believe God is stirring His people (His Church) for a time such as this and we can either step in and explore this space or we can remain stagnant, doing what we've always done and getting the same answers of feeling dry and tired in our faith. So, I pray that you will continue this journey as we seek to fulfil God's call to mission, as His people at this time and within our communities.

As always, I'm here and available for you to talk to, pray with or just have a chat over a cuppa.

God's richest blessings to you all.

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, Glenn Hooper, 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

The MAF (Missionary Aviation Fellowship) Fuel for Father's Day campaign is now in its 12th year. During the last 11 years the campaign has funded 140 minutes of flight time each day, which is a huge amount.

For example, a 15 minute flight replaced a 4 hour boat ride and saved a child's life.

We are asked to celebrate Father's Day by donating a jerrycan of fuel in our Father's name.

\$50 will buy a 20 litre jerrycan; \$25 a 10 litre jerrycan; \$10 a kids colouring in gift card; and \$50 an In Memory gift card.

If you are interested in contributing, Google MAF Fuel for Father's Day OR ring MAF on 1800 650 169

PARISH DINNER 7TH 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'.

We look forward to hosting our guest speaker, Lena Johnstone- the local Pastor at the Wave. She has a heart for prayer, and she will share with us where it has led her and the congregation at the Wave.

READINGS TODAY:

Psalms 130

Romans 1:1-6

John 6:35, 41-51

Don't pray with words like

"I wish", "I hope", "I think".

Pray with "I Know", "I Trust", "I Believe".

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

Sunday Aug 11th	5 th session of Alpha	<p>St. Peter's Grounds Maintenance: With the retirement of Peter Snell, the onus of looking after the grounds comes back on us members.</p> <p>The plan is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to have a roster of two people each month to handle the mowing, which can be done where and when appropriate during the month. 2. to divide the gardens into a number of manageable areas and invite members to "adopt" and look after a particular area. <p>There will be a "sign-up" sheet in St. Peter's Narthex today and next Sunday, where you can volunteer to help with the mowing and/or the gardening at both parish centres.</p> <p>The more volunteers we get, the lighter the load for everyone.</p> <p>For more information or ideas, contact John Minotti</p>
Tuesday Aug 13th	4pm Barwon Heads combined churches meet at Holy Family .	
Thursday Aug 15th	'Girls & friends' Coffee morning at old B.T's 10.30	
Thursday Aug. 22	10.30 at 12 Sea @12c Sunset Strip Bloke's coffee & conversation	
Sunday Aug 25 th	After church - Barwon heads Focus Group meet.	
Thursday Sep. 5th	Search the Spirit 3pm in St.P's Hall	
Saturday Sep. 7th	Combined Parish Dinner - get your tickets now - notice on page 3.	
Saturday Nov. 9th	Fete at St. Peter's.... get ready.....	

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE- each week		
MON	Hearts and Crafts 10 – 1. BYO lunch.	St. Peter's Old Church
TUE	Person to person prayers 9.30 ish -12 with John & Dawn	St. Peter's Foyer OG
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
	All Saints' church is open 9am – 5pm. Daily St Peter's church is Open 9.30am - 4pm daily	All Saints' Ch. B.H St Peter's O.G

Do we yet have a decision about who has felt the desire to feed the Ocean Grove men chocolates for Fathers Day? – Dawn is unable to continue so we need someone asap – or is this the time to finish?

Kareen Corless

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DAILY READINGS BEGINNING MONDAY Aug. 12

DAY	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
MON	Pss . 99;100	Hosea 12. 2-14	Romans 9 1 -13
TUES	Pss. 101; 102.1-11	13.1-16	9. 14 -24
WED	Pss. 108; 109. 20-30	14	9. 25 -10.4
THU	Ps. 104.1-25	2 Chron. 26. 1-15	10. 5 -13
FRI	Ps. 105. 1-22	26. 16- 27. 9	10. 14- 21
SAT	Ps.106.1-24	28.1-15	11. 1 -12

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY August 18th.
Psalm 111,
Ephesians 5:11-21,
Matthew 5:14-16,10:7-8