

'THE BRIDGE'

SUNDAY 25th August

14th. Sunday after Pentecost

Newsletter for

Living Waters Anglican Church

ST. PETER' S OCEAN GROVE
35-37 Draper St. Ocean Grove.3226

ALL SAINTS' BARWON HEADS
61-63 Hitchcock Ave. Barwon Heads 3227

PARISH OFFICE: St Peter's
Ocean Grove 5256 2446 or
PO Box 683 Ocean Grove or
parish.office@ogbha.org.au

PARISH TREASURER:
parish.accounts@ogbha.org.au
PARISH WEBSITE:
www.ogbha.org.au

If you cannot join us in person on Sunday,
please jump online by using this link below
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83473659823>

ZOOM : 834 736 598 23
anglican

**TO KNOW CHRIST
AND
MAKE CHRIST KNOWN**

VICAR:

Rev. Liz Rankin

0419 581 792

HON. ASSOCIATE PRIEST:

REV Jill Poole

0437450329

jillrpoole@gmail.com

READINGS TODAY:

Psalm. 84,
Ephesians. 6:10-20,
John. 6: 56-69

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 Acc.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.

VICAR'S VOICE

Greetings in the name of Jesus,

I pray this finds you keeping well. Some of you are travelling in warmer climate through this winter season, some of you are resting while overcoming the winter virus' (there have been many viruses' circulating). Wherever you find yourselves we are all about to go through a change of season, as we step into Spring next week.

I love spring, where blossoms and flowers bloom, while fragrant scents dance through the air. The dormant winter season is being awakened ready for new life. Many people I've been speaking with recently have sensed such a shift within our parish. A dormant season is awakening. Often when new life is coming about, we forget or fail to acknowledge the silent, unseen strengthening work of God taking place beneath the surface. In a gardening sense, it's through the winter season in which the roots of trees are going deeper and strengthening, ready to produce new growth.

Having been your Vicar now for 7 months I've had the opportunity to begin to get to know many across the parish a little more and I believe God has been preparing this church to awaken to new life. And it is through the times that have felt dormant that God has been growing roots of faith deeper, and strengthening this body of Christ, ready to produce new growth both within the body and as He calls the lost and wandering to Himself. There is no doubt in my mind that God is walking us through (sometimes it feels like He's running us through) a change in season, bringing new life and hope for our future.

It has been wonderful to see lives changing, people new to faith transforming, others returning to faith after a long time wandering, and some who have been within the church for a long time being awakened to new life in faith. This is an important season for us all, as we support, encourage and affirm each other's walk. New life can be fragile and vulnerable, so it's important that we are all careful with our words, our expectations of others and sharing love with one another. Please be praying through this time, that God continues to strengthen us in all that we need, producing new gifts of the Spirit and learning from Jesus, growing in strength of faith and giving new vision. Exciting times!

As mentioned last week, I'll miss you at our Sunday Services this weekend as Tilly and I spend some time celebrating her 15th birthday, but remember, the Lord is with you. Have a blessed weekend church.

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 **Mercy Ships:**

The Global Mercy spent 10 months partnering with the nation of Sierra Leone in Africa. In June it left for maintenance after producing these amazing statistics:

* 1,979 surgeries performed

* 1,728 patients served

* 174 health professionals trained

* 1,078 volunteers from over 60 countries worked on the ship during those 9 months.

* 323 members of the crew.

Since the ship has left, Mercy Ships has strengthened its partnership with the Ministry of Health to help grow Sierra Leone's surgical workforce through training and professional development.

The Global Mercy will return in August to continue its commitment to deliver free specialised surgeries and training.

Meanwhile, *The Africa Mercy* is working in Madagascar, delivering hope and healing through surgeries and training programs.

PARISH DINNER 7TH SEPTEMBER *last chance Sunday* to book

VENUE- 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.

Do you have any notice or ----- for the Bridge?

Email, message, write a note, or phone Isobel Dean before 11.30 am Thursday. (check the Parish Directory for numbers).

➤ Gardening Rosters have spaces for more help - please.

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

Sunday Aug 25 th	After church - Barwon heads Focus Group meet.	<i>'There is nothing in this universe you need more desperately than Christ!'</i> <i>'You are never too old to set another goal or dream a new dream.'</i> C.S Lewis <i>'Use what talent you possess. The bush would be very silent if no birds sang except those who sang best.'</i> Henry Van Dyke <i>'Imagine what 7 billion people could accomplish if we all loved and respected each other!'</i>
Sat. Aug 31	9.30 sharp to prepare chocs /cards -then to distribute to Fathers in the street.	
Thursday Sep. 5 th	Search the Spirit 3pm in St.P's Hall	
Saturday Sep. 7 th	Combined Parish Dinner - get your tickets SUNDAY- notice on page 3.	
Thursday Sep. 19 th	'Girls & friends' Coffee morning at old B.T's 10.30	
Thursday Sep 26	10.30 at 12 Sea @12c Sunset Strip Bloke's coffee & conversation	
Saturday Nov.9 th	Fete at St. Peter's.... get ready.....	

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE- each week			<i>" I'm glad we are saved by grace , not by good works, because I wouldn't want to sit in heaven for eternity and listen to everybody brag about how they got there!" D.L Moody</i> <i>Faith and Fear both demand that you believe in something you cannot see. You Decide!</i>
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 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	
	All Saints' church is open 9 – 5. daily	All Saints' Ch. B.H	

DAILY READINGS BEGINNING MONDAY **Aug. 26**

MON	Pss . 137.1-9;138	2 Chron. 32. 9 -23	Romans 14. 13 -23
TUES	Ps. 140	32. 24 - 33	15. 1-13
WED	Pss. 143; 146	33. 1 - 20	15. 14 -21
THU	Ps. 145	Prayer of Manasseh	15. 22 -33
FRI	Pss. 148; 149	33. 12-34.13.	16.1 -16
SAT	Ps. 83. 1-18	34. 14 -28	16. 17 -27

Readings next
Sunday Sep. 1

SONG OF SONGS
 2. 8-13
PSALM 45
 1-2, 6-9
JAMES 1.
 17 -27
MARK 7.
 1-8, 14 -23