

'THE BRIDGE'

Newsletter for

LIVING WATERS ANGLICAN CHURCH

SUNDAY 1st.September

15th. Sunday after Pentecost

TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE CHRIST KNOWN

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

READINGS TODAY:

Song Of Songs 2. 8-13

Psalms 45 1-2, 6-9

James 1. 17 -27

Mark 7. 1-8, 14 -23

ZOOM : 834 736 598 23
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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.

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 my brothers and sisters in Christ,

I've just come back from having a coffee with someone who reached out to me via email because they'd heard of the 'Kingdom' work that I'm engaged in. Two different people had mentioned my name to this person and encouraged them to contact me. At first, I thought it a little strange, however I took up the invitation to meet with them. What took place was an hour and a half of sharing our faith journey's and both of us recognising that God is up to something, we're not fully sure what it is, however as we shared our stories it was apparent that God was there in our midst. This is not the first encounter I've had like this, recently there have been many.

Why do I mention this to you? Well on Sunday we are going to be spending time within our services sharing and listening to story, as I interview some of the participants of our recent Alpha course. What has God been up to within people, as they've listened to the teachings of Alpha, had conversations with others around table and been challenged in their faith. It's important for us to be sharing story and listening to others, as this is how God can take us deeper in our own faith. As we engage and identify with what's happening within other people, we can feel more confident in our own journey, as continue to grow in Christ.

The Gospels are full of 'shared stories', and they help us to learn how to recognise God in our ordinary lives. So often I feel that Christian faith can be seen to be separate to our daily lives. What I mean by that is, we can put some specific time aside in our day or week for 'God stuff' yet often forget that He desires to be with us through every moment, every situation, every decision to be made and even in our general conversations. Imagine what life could be like if we were to live as though God was a part of our every moment. How different would our train of thoughts be? How different would our daily routines look?

Perhaps God is calling us to be sharing more stories, that we might recognise Him in our daily living, and begin to clearly see what He is calling us to within this time in history, within this town, within this parish. So, I encourage you, over this coming time to be intentional about sharing stories. What is God up to in your life? Can you recognise Him? What is He doing in the lives of those around you? May we begin to wonder, explore and be fascinated enough to go beyond what we already know of God, that He might reveal even more of Himself to us at this time. Food for thought!

Peace and Grace. Vicar Liz

PRAY 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, Estelle and Brian Scollari 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 Bible League** has a special interest in prison ministry. In

Australia there are currently more than 40,000 prisoners in custody.

During February-March the Bible League ran a campaign called "Bringing hope Behind Bars", in partnership with 14 Christian radio stations across Australia.

This was to meet the annual need for 6,000-8500 Bibles.

Across the world, in the last year, Bible League:

* reached 1.2 million children with Bible resources.

* Trained 2,945 new church planters.

* Planted more than 2.1 million Bible and Biblical resources in the persecuted church.

Bible League Australia also has a ministry to the under-resourced Church in indigenous communities, in partnership with Vision Christian Radio.

As one person wrote, "some indigenous communities don't have churches, so to them to have a Bible is gold..."

To find out more about the work of Bible League and free resources it offers , go to Bible League International - website - www.bl.org.au -

email - info@bl.org.au

- freecall - 1800 800 937

WHAT IF TOLD YOU
YOU READ THE TOP LINE
WRONG?

'I know that you believe you understand what you think I said, but I am not sure that you realise that what you heard is not what I meant . '

There is misinformation, there is misunderstood information, there is misheard information, and misread information . The Bible reveals the truth – but often what we think we understand in the readings, is a result of the way of the life we have now-not what was meant.

Discernment is needed. Careful study is needed. Discussions are needed.

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

Thursday Sep. 5th	Search the Spirit 3pm. In St. Peter's Hall	orders from across the seas----- Portugal in fact... (: A reminder about the hamper raffles at the Fete. Please make donations to Di Daniels who can then start buying all of the yummy bits and pieces to tempt buyers. Donations can be given to her, or put in a clearly marked "hamper donation" envelope and dropped in the collection plate.
Saturday Sep. 7th	Combined Parish Dinner - get your tickets SUNDAY- notice on page 3.	
Thursday Sep. 19th	'Girls & friends' Coffee morning at old B.T's 10.30	
Thursday Sep. 26th	10.30 at 12 Sea @12c Sunset Strip Bloke's coffee & conversation	
Saturday Nov.9th	Fete at St. Peter's.... get ready.....	

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE- each week			Please note that all names on the prayer list are arranged alphabetically, and so new names are added in and so you need to read the whole list each week. ----- Rose Ailey would like you to know that her new home is with The Tannoch Brae Aged Care Community 46 Aldershot Rd. St. Albans Park 3219. ----- Do you have any notice for the Bridge? Email, message, write a note, or phone Isobel Dean before 11.30 am Thursday. (check the Parish Directory for numbers).
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 Sep 2

MON	Pss . 5; 6	2 Chron. 34.29-35.8a	1 John 1
TUES	Ps. 9.	35. 10 - 27	2. 1- 11
WED	Pss. 11; 12	Zephaniah 1.1 -13	2. 12 -17
THU	Pss. 15; 16	1.14 – 2. 3	2. 18 -29
FRI	Ps. 18. 1 -31	2. 4 - 15	3. 1 -10
SAT	Ps. 19.	3. 1 - 10	3. 11 -24

Readings next
Sunday Sep. 8

Prov. 22.
1-2,8-9,22-23

James 2.1-17

PS 125

Mark 7. 24 -37

PARISH DINNER 7TH SEPTEMBER

VENUE- Ocean Grove Bowling Club,18 The Terrace - 6pm arrival 6.30 first course