

'THE BRIDGE'

Newsletter for

LIVING WATERS ANGLICAN CHURCH

SUNDAY 8th.September

16th. Sunday after Pentecost

ST. PETER' S OCEAN GROVE
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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>

ZOOM : 834 736 598 23
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READINGS TODAY:

Prov. 22.

1-2,8-9,22-23

PS 125

James 2.1-10,14 -17

Mark 7. 24 -37

*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 to you my brothers and sisters in Christ,

As you know, I have spent this week at a three-day intensive training, on the topic of 'Equipping Church Communities to Navigate & Transform Conflict'. I will say straight up, it was an excellent investment of my time, however it was extremely intense. Conflict in all areas of life is unavoidable, and the church is not exempt, in fact the Christian church is a group with the highest probability of conflict. Churches are also notoriously poor at dealing with conflict and often cause significant hurt to many through a failure to attend to appropriate processes.

The training was excellent as it provided a range of frameworks for reflecting on conflict situations, a range of practical strategies for responding to conflict in both interpersonal relationships, as well as the broader parish environment, and it gave some practical tools for forming workable Parish Conflict Management Systems.

It was also valuable, as it helped me to further process through an experience in my past which was extremely traumatic for me personally, it gave me a way to articulate my learnings of the past and has given me clarity around what I experienced which has been an unexpected gift to me at this time. I most certainly don't take conflict lightly, as I've seen the damage and casualties unmanaged conflict can do. As your leader, I commit myself to ensuring that we have appropriate measures in place to safeguard us all and will do all that I can over the coming years to equip and train us as a community in navigating conflict well.

Speaking of equipping and training, over the next four weeks we're going to be looking at the letter of James in the bible. This letter is said to be one of the earliest letters written to Jewish-Christians in around 40-50AD, by James, the brother of Jesus (as with all scholarly information, this has been debated) and James was the 1st Bishop of Jerusalem. Throughout this reasonably short letter, James was giving instructions and insight into cultivating Christian character and giving practical ways of living godly lives, even while under persecution. I encourage you to pre-read the book of James over this coming week. As we delve into the letter together over the coming weeks, what stands out for you and what can we learn from these teachings for ourselves?

Have a blessed week and hope to see you soon.
Shalom 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,
Suzi Jefferies Doris Loewy, Alli McLaren, Jim O'Keefe,
Prue Kensell, 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 **Allocation of Parish Funds to Missions:**

At the August meeting of Parish Council, the distribution of funds to Mission agencies, as proposed by the Mission Support Group, was adopted.

The amount distributed was \$8,550 - \$7,500 from Council funds and \$1,050 from the mission bottle collections.

Agencies:	Allocation:
Anglican Overseas Aid	\$250
Anglican Board of Missions (ABM)	\$500
AFES - Student Ministry @ Deakin Geelong	\$500
Barnabas Aid	\$300
Bush Church Aid (BCA)	\$1,000
Bible Society	\$500
Church Missionary Society (CMS)	\$1,500
Far East Broadcasting (FEBC)	\$1,000
Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)	\$500
Mphatso Malawi	\$500
Nungalinya College Darwin	\$1,000
Scripture Union	\$500
Sparklit (Christian Literature)	\$500
TOTAL	\$8,550

For information about any of these missions, contact either Betty Cameron, Kathy Donaghey, Lyn Kerr, George Findlay, or John Minotti

As of 2019, the full Bible has been translated into 698 different languages and just the New Testament into 1,548 languages!

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

Saturday Sep. 7th	Combined Parish Dinner	<p>Which verse is at the exact centre of the Bible?</p> <p><i>It is better to trust in the Lord Than to put confidence in man. – <u>Psalm 118:8</u></i></p>
Thursday Sep. 19th	'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	
Thursday Oct 3 rd .	Search the Spirit 3pm. In St. Peter's Hall	
Saturday Nov.9th	Fete at St. Peter's.... get ready.....	

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE- each week			<p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <p>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).</p> <p>'We can know the right words Yet never be changed. This is the difference between Information & transformation'.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A.W. Tozer</p>
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 9

MON	Ps . 22. 1 -22	Zephaniah 3. 11 -20	1 John 4. 1 -12
TUES	Ps. 25	Obadiah 1 -14	4. 13 -21
WED	Pss. 28; 29	15 -21	5. 1 -12
THU	Ps. 31	2 Chronicles 36. 1 - 14	5. 13 -21
FRI	Ps. 35. 1 -17	36. 15 -23	2 John
SAT	Ps. 34	Isaiah 34	3 John

**Readings next
Sunday Sep. 15**

**Prov.1.20-33
Ps.19
James 2
18-26
Mark 8 27-38**

PARISH DINNER this Saturday 7TH SEPTEMBER

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