

'THE BRIDGE'

Newsletter for

LIVING WATERS ANGLICAN CHURCH

SUNDAY 15th.September

17th. Sunday after Pentecost

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please jump online by using this link below
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83473659823>

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READINGS TODAY:

Prov. 1.20-33

Ps.19

James 2. 18-26

Mark 8. 27-38

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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,

Can you believe that we are almost into our last quarter of the year? It feels like so much has happened yet there's still so much more to come. This week I've been working on some of the more strategic preparations for the coming seasons, whilst continuing with the here and now. Often there's a tension in holding different seasons at the same time, yet for me it continues to feel like God is paving the way forward and things are falling into place just when and where they are meant to.

I am, however, also conscious this week that we have quite a few parishioners who are unwell, with another wave of covid going through our community and others with more serious health matters they are dealing with. For each of you I pray, *“Lord God, uphold Your people through these difficult times, give them strength in their weakness, peace in the concerns and wisdom in their decision making. Wherever they find themselves, may Your presence O Lord be tangibly felt by each of them.” Amen.*

In last Sunday's service we began to look at the letter of James and will continue this over the coming weeks. I mentioned that the letter of James was one of the earliest letters written to the first Jewish-Christians (possibly within a decade or two of Jesus death and resurrection). James opens his letter giving his audience clear illustrations of what it means to live with faith. *“Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.”* He then goes on to share a warning on how Christians are to act, not aligning with favouritism of the rich over the poor, but rather treating everyone with mercy and honour. I shared some personal stories also and illustrated how we can take heed of what James had written, while also considering what personal characteristics we have developed as followers of Jesus. Just like the first Christians, it is not enough for us to treat some people well, while treating others with inappropriate high emotions or with disregard. I am constantly, as I shared, needing to 'put my Jesus on', for it's His character and His character alone that we need to be living out of.

This week we'll be continuing to dig deeper on what it means to show our faith in God by the way we live. James talks about faith and works and states, *“faith is dead without works”*. That is a big statement, one which I agree with, but I wonder if at times Christians may have skewed the meaning of this, leaving us feeling either guilty, exhausted or completely lost to faith. It is my prayer that God speaks to us clearly through our reading of James' letter at this time and allows us to be renewed in our understanding of faith, growing and becoming more like Jesus for the world in which we live right now.

I look forward to exploring more of this with you all over the coming weeks and I continue to pray for you on this pilgrim journey.

Yours in Christ, Vicar Liz

PRAY –

For all our unwell friends & family, that they may remember the love God has for them and be comforted & strengthened.

Pat Brady, Alison Fane, Glenn Hooper, Pauline Jefferies, Suzi Jefferies Doris Loewy, Alli McLaren, John Northfield, Jim O'Keefe, Prue Kensell, Janet Paisley, Deb Podbury, Glenys Russell, Estelle and Brian Scollari, Dot Sutcliffe and Heather Franken.

For those with illnesses which medication no longer helps, give comfort in their faith of the joy of eternal life, and to their loved ones give courage, strength.

For those recently bereaved give comfort and strengthen their belief of eternal life.

For our members in residential care give peace, comfort & contentment.

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

MISSION NEWS

"God often reveals a path that perfectly aligns our passions and his purposes".

The Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) September eNEWS includes the story of Ezra Tan, a young Christian from Singapore, whose passion, as a teenager, was his love of flying, but his call was to missions.

Through a Christian youth leader he heard about MAF, and he is now training in Queensland to be a MAF pilot - that perfect God-given alignment.

The MAF monthly eNEWS is always full of inspiring stories about the people who work for God through MAF.

If you would like to receive the eNEWS and /or their monthly prayer diary, then Google MAF Australia.

MAF is also offering a free 2025 MAF Australian Calendar for those who still like to use paper calendars. Google MAF Australia.

'I WILL BE YOUR GOD THROUGHOUT YOUR LIFETIME - UNTIL YOUR HAIR IS WHITE WITH AGE. I MADE YOU AND I WILL CARE FOR YOU. I WILL CARRY YOU ALONG AND SAVE YOU'. ISAIAH 46.4.

'Like newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the Word, that by it you may grow in respect to salvation'. 1 Peter 2:2

You are a friend of God if you love Him and obey His Word.

If I give all of my possessions to feed the poor...but do not have love, it profits me nothing. 1Cor. 13:3

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

Tuesday Sep 17th	Parish Council meeting 5.15 at All Saints'
Thursday Sep 19th	'Girls & friends' Coffee morning at old B.T's 10.30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday Sep.22nd 	After morning tea- Garden & Lawn Mowing volunteers will meet to discuss such issues as rosters and access etc. Please try to be there. Thanks John Minotti
Thursday Sep 26	10.30 at 12 Sea @12c Sunset Strip. Bloke's coffee morning.
Thursday Oct 3 rd .	Search the Spirit 3pm. In St. Peter's Hall
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday Oct 6th. 	All Saints' will be celebrating St Francis Day with their usual 'Blessing of the Animals' service. Bring your pets along as we praise God for their love and for this wonderful world.
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 as new names will be added you will need to read the whole list each week. ----- 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). REMEMBER to let me know names for the prayer list – on and off - to keep it up to date. Thank you
MON	Hearts and Crafts 10 – 1. BYO lunch.	St. Peter's Old Church	
TUE	Person to person prayers 9.30 -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 16

MON	Ps . 38	Habakuk 1. 1-11	Eph. 1. 1 - 14	Readings next Sunday Sep. 22 Prov 31. 10-31 Psalm 1. James 3. 1 -12 Mark 9. 30 -37
TUES	Ps. 40	1 .12 - 2.5	2. 1 - 10	
WED	Pss. 41; 44.1-9	2. 6 - 17	2. 11 - 22	
THU	Ps. 45.	2. 18 – 3.7	3. 1 - 13	
FRI	Ps. 48	3. 8 - 19	3.14 -21	
SAT	Ps. 50	Nahum 1. 1-14	4. 1 -16	

Ask God for the grace and courage to make any sacrifice necessary as you live out your faith.