

'THE BRIDGE'

Newsletter for

LIVING WATERS ANGLICAN CHURCH

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83473659823>

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SUNDAY 13th October

21st Sunday after Pentecost

TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE CHRIST KNOWN

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READINGS TODAY:

Job23. 1-9,16-17

Ps. 22 1-15

Heb. 4. 12 -16

Mark 10. 17-31

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. No. 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,

What an incredible time we find ourselves in, with so much to be thankful to God for. I've been working with someone recently and I've been sharing with them the power of gratitude. As I reflect on this myself, I'm overwhelmed with the number of things I can be grateful for. I am so grateful for these last 8 months journeying with you all for starters! Wow, to see the hand of God at work in us, as individuals and as a faith community has brought me such joy and delight. God is AMAZING!

I'm grateful for the work and roles so many of you contribute in, from Parish Council, reading scripture and prayers within our services, producing PowerPoint slides, gardening, property maintenance, morning teas, prayer groups, OpShop, Hearts and Craft, jigsaw library, office administration, producing the newsletter, sacristans, eucharistic assistance, welcoming and sides persons, flowers, audio visual, pastoral care, rosters, mission steering group and **so much more**. I'm grateful that God has poured out His Spirit and is stirring up new life within us, and I'm grateful that people are responding to God's stirring. When I arrived many of you shared that you were feeling like you were living in the valley of the dry bones, however those dry bones are coming to life again, with new insights, vision and desire to revitalise God's church for a time such as this.

I am grateful and I thank God for placing me here in the Parish of Living Waters Anglican Church. I am grateful and I thank each of you for receiving me with open hearts, supporting me and responding to my lead so far. I know that I know God has a plan for this church, for the churches across the Bellarine and for our communities, and we are a blessed people, chosen to partner with God in His plan. So, it is my prayer that over these next few weeks, as I go on annual leave to rest, renew and spend some special time with my beautiful girls, that each of you will make some time to reflect on what you are grateful for, and lean in to seek God's plan for You as we move ahead.

When I return, we will be at a vital point in this journey, as we step into the next stage, so to speak, of where God is leading us. One of our realities is that some of our parishioners that have been participating in God's work over the many years and fulfilling many of the roles mentioned above, are coming to a point of needing to hand the baton over to other faithful servants of the Lord. This space in the journey can often be a vulnerable space, as letting go of roles in which we've served over many years can hold a sense of grief when needing to hand them over. However, we have biblical modelling through the Apostle Paul and Timothy, which we can adopt. As they journeyed together, Paul was able to hand over his ministry to Timothy by encouraging, teaching and empowering him to go on in the name of Christ. Therefore, throughout the next part of our journey, we need to be praying for some 'Timothies' to step up, and for our 'Pauls' to begin to teach, encourage and empower the Timothy's to keep running the race for Christ. Through it all, I am confident God will strengthen us and provide all that is needed, we just need to do our part in praying, discerning and stepping into the places we can take part in.

I am truly looking forward to our continued pilgrimage together, but for now I must go for some time away to renew and refresh. Although I'm stepping away, know that you will be continually in my prayers. Thank you to Edwin for stepping in as Acting Vicar while I take a break and to John Minotti for leading our Wednesday congregation also. I have placed Edwin's contact details on the front of the Bridge if you need to contact him over these next few weeks.

Just a final reminder that this Sunday we have a guest speaker coming to share with us about Prison Fellowship ministry. Personally, I have a heart for such ministry so I'm looking forward to hearing what Ian Whitehill has to share with us at our Sunday services. If I don't see you Sunday, I hope to see you on All Saints day, 3rd November which will be a combined parish service, 10am All Saints Barwon Heads.

God bless and keep you safe. Shalom 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, Heather Franken,
Glenn Hooper, Suzi Jefferies Doris Loewy,
Alli McLaren, , Jim O’Keefe, Prue Kensell, Janet Paisley,
Deb Podbury, Glenys Russell, Estelle and Brian Scollari,
Dot Sutcliffe and Bert Tilley.*

- 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: Tearfund is the first of the mission agencies to send out their Useful Gifts catalogue for the 2024 Christmas Season.

How Useful Gifts work

1. Choose a useful gift - every gift in the catalogue celebrates real stories of transformation, representing Tearfund's work around the world.
2. You will receive printed card or go on line to choose a digital option) for your loved one, explaining their gift and the impact it makes.
3. By giving a Useful Gift, you are supporting the life-changing work of Tearfund's Christian partners as they help people overcome poverty and injustice.

Some examples:

- * \$5 buys a chicken for a needy family to raise. You get a card to send to someone to tell them that they have made a gift of s chicken to a person in need.
- * \$10 - helps with teacher training.
- *\$50 - give a goat.

To find out more and to check the rest of the catalogue, go to usefulgifts.org

DAILY READINGS BEGINNING MONDAY Oct 14th. (apologies for being a week ahead last week)

MON	Pss. 108;109 20-30	Zechariah	4. 8- 5. 11	1 Peter. 1. 1 -9
TUES	Ps. 104. 1-25		6.	1. 10 -17
WED	Ps.105. 1-22		7. 1 - 8. 8	1. 18 – 2. 3
THU	Ps.106. 1-24		8. 9 -23	2. 4 - 10
FRI	Ps.107. 1- 22	Ezra	5.	2. 11 - 17
SAT	Pss.110; 111		6. 1 - 15	2. 18 -25

*Readings next
Sunday Oct 20th
Job 38. 1-7
Ps. 104. 1-10, 26
Heb. 5. 1 -10
Mark 10. 35 -45*



LOOK HERE TO SEE WHAT'S ON

● Sunday Oct. 13	Guest speaker at our two services -TOPIC - Prison Fellowship
● Thurs. Oct 17	Ladies' coffee 'n chat morning @ old B.T's 10.30 3 rd Thursday of every month.
● Thurs. Oct 25 th .	Gentlemen's coffee 'n chat morning 10.30 @ 12 C Sunset strip 4 th Thursday of every month
● Friday Nov 1 st .	REPORTS NEEDED AT THE OFFICE TODAY FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING
● Sunday Nov 3 rd .	All Saints Day <u>combined service</u> at Barwon Heads at 10am. Bring & share lunch.
● Saturday Nov 9 th	FETE AT ST. PETER'S.... ready and set??????
● Thursday Nov 21 st .	Ladies' coffee 'n chat morning @ old B.T's 10.30 3 rd Thursday of every month.
● Sunday Nov 24 th .	Annual Meeting 10.00 am at St. Peter's Bring & share lunch afterwards
● Thursday Nov 28 th	Gentlemen's coffee 'n chat morning 10.30 @ 12 C Sunset strip 4 th Thursday of every month

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE- each week			Prayer chain notices – contact John Minotti.
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	

APOLOGIES.

For all of those people who try to watch the St Peter's service on ZOOM. We often have technical problems, and the service is lost. Please realise that those who are operating continue to try to get you back, but it is not always possible.

- Also, the password is now Anglican - with a capital A.
- **Beware!!!** The whole church can hear your home conversations coming in loud and clear during the service, so please make sure your speakers are on **MUTE** until you are told to unmute—at which time you can talk to each other.