

# 'THE BRIDGE'

Newsletter for

## LIVING WATERS ANGLICAN CHURCH

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

**ZOOM : 834 736 598 23**  
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SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup>. October

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

## TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE CHRIST KNOWN

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### READINGS TODAY:

Job 38. 1-7  
Ps. 104. 1-10, 26  
Heb. 5. 1 -10  
Mark 10. 32 -45

*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.

If you've a notice for the  
Bridge, email, message,  
write a note, or phone  
Isobel Dean **before**  
**9.30 am Thursday.**  
(check the Parish Directory  
for my numbers)

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** From Edwin

It is a privilege to serve you in Liz's absence. In Liz our Father has blessed us with a pastor who cares for us and longs for God's best for our lives and for our church. We look forward to Liz and Tilly's safe return. Meanwhile Jill, John and I will do our best.

Let me share with you from my favourite Psalm 139 verse 12 ...

*"even darkness is not dark for you, and the night is as bright as the day. Darkness and light are the same to you."*

Over the next couple of weeks our readings from the Gospel of Mark take us on a journey with Jesus as he is focused on going to Jerusalem. A dark cloud hovers over Jesus. For you and me too, in our lives, there can be seasons of anxiety as we face situations which are dark and distressing leaving us bewildered about what is happening to us or those we love. We may be filled with foreboding, even afraid. As we observe Jesus embracing a gathering darkness, and his disciples trying to cope, we can learn more about our Lord Jesus, who he is, and who we are as his followers - even in the darkest of times.

Jesus had amazed people. There were his miracles like giving sight to a blind man. The people saw things that they had never seen before. Then there was his teaching which drew so many to him and left his critics dumbfounded. Jesus was on a roll and people were following him. What heady days it must have been for his closest followers. Imagine being there right in the centre of all the action. They were truly wonderful days.

But then it all began to turn. There was a darkness coming. Jesus had been talking about Jerusalem, and being shamed, tried like a criminal and killed. What had got into Jesus? What was happening to Jesus? Why was he now getting it all wrong? Jesus was so focussed on his future in Jerusalem that he was literally striding ahead of his followers on the road. Mark recorded the scene. "Jesus was going ahead of the disciples, who were filled with alarm; the people who followed behind were afraid." How did Jesus respond to their fear and alarm? He just doubled down on his dark rhetoric about Jerusalem, suffering and death.

What can you do when the one you follow now seems to be getting it wrong? When everything is turning dark, and your world is imploding.

This can be our experience and our deep frustration when even our Lord, whom we trust, seems to have turned our light into the darkness. The darkness of an impossible situation, a deep unending hurt, a disabling illness, a financial crisis or even our looming death or the death of someone we love.

How can we follow Jesus in that kind darkness?

For' Prayer Chain' notices – contact John Minotti

**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, Pauline Jefferies, 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** Prayer Points from Rowan our Parish link missionary:

Give Thanks for-- all the faithful saints over the years who responded to God's call to go & serve in Indonesia.

- church members who have taken up opportunities to serve faithfully and humbly in the communities where they live.

Pray for- wisdom and discernment as all Saints Jakarta considers the suitability of the applicant for the intern role.

-God to raise up more people to serve in Indonesia long term in all levels of education, particularly theological education.

-Rowan's ongoing safety, and good health especially while serving as a missionary with CMS.

**DAILY READINGS BEGINNING MONDAY Oct 21<sup>st</sup>.**

MON	Pss. 121;122;123	Ezra 6. 16 – 7. 10	1 Peter. 3. 1- 7
TUES	Ps. 118. 1-18	7. 11 -28	3. 8 - 16
WED	Pss.124;125;126	8. 15 -36	3. 17 – 4 .2
THU	Pss.130; 131; 133	9.	4. 3 - 11
FRI	Ps.135	10. 1 -19	4. 12 - 19
SAT	Pss.137.1-9; 138	Nehemiah. 1. 1 – 2. 8	5.

*Readings next  
Sunday Oct 27<sup>th</sup>*

Job 42. 1-6, 10-17

Ps. 34. 1 – 8

Hebrews 7. 21- 28

Mark 10. 46 -52

When we start to count flowers, we cease to count weeds.  
When we start to count blessings, we cease to count needs.  
When we start to count laughter, we cease to count tears.  
When we start to count memories, we cease to count years .



## LOOK HERE TO SEE WHAT'S ON

● Thurs. Oct 25 <sup>th</sup> .	Gentlemen's coffee 'n chat morning 10.30 @ 12 C Sunset strip 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month
● Friday Nov 1 <sup>st</sup> .	● REPORTS NEEDED AT THE OFFICE FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING
● Sunday Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup> .	All Saints Day <u>combined service</u> at Barwon Heads at 10am. Bring & share lunch.
● Saturday Nov 9 <sup>th</sup>	FETE AT ST. PETER'S.... got anything prepared yet?????
● <b>By Thursday</b> ● 14 November	● <b>Nomination forms for Parish Council and Wardens: (To Liz)</b>
● Thursday Nov 21 <sup>st</sup> .	Ladies' coffee 'n chat morning @ old B.T's 10.30 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month.
● Sunday Nov 24 <sup>th</sup> .	● Annual Meeting with combined service 10.00 am at St. Peter's Bring & share lunch afterwards
● Thursday Nov 28 <sup>th</sup>	Gentlemen's coffee 'n chat morning 10.30 @ 12 C Sunset strip 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month [last for the year]

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE- EACH WEEK		
MON	Hearts and Crafts 10 – 1. BYO lunch.	St. Peter's Old Church
TUE	9.30 -12 Prayers 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

### THE GOSPEL OF GRACE:

The gospel of grace is for smart people who admit they're not the people they'd like to be. It's for the bedraggled, beat-up, and burnt out. It's for the wobbly and weak-kneed who know they don't have it all together and aren't too proud to accept the handout of **amazing grace**. From The Ragamuffin Gospel.

*An invitation:-* If you are thirsty, come to the living waters.

Do not waste your precious time digging wells that have no water in them.

[John 17.37 and Jeremiah 2.13]

Your Father has His arms of love open wide for you. Throw yourself into His arms. You who have strayed and wandered away like lost sheep, return to your Shepherd. You who are sinners, come to your Saviour. The Lord in fact has especially chosen you even though you think that you may not be good enough. Yes, He chose you, so don't feel left out. Jesus Christ has called us all, all of those who have a heart to give to the Lord.