

'THE BRIDGE'

Newsletter for

LIVING WATERS

ANGLICAN CHURCH

SUNDAY 2nd. March.2025

Last Sunday after
Epiphany

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**TO KNOW CHRIST AND
MAKE CHRIST KNOWN**

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READINGS TODAY:

Ps. 23.

Gen. 4.

Luke 6. 37- 43

Regular Service Times

SUNDAY 9.00am at St. Peter's O.G.& Zoom
11am at All Saints' B.H
TUESDAY 9.30am. Prayers at St. Peter's O.G
WEDNESDAY 10am. at St. Peter's. O.G.
SATURDAY 9am. Prayers at St. Peters O.G.

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.

❖ PLEASE NOTE changes for 5 March – Ash Wednesday
NO 10am service at St. Peter's **BUT instead**
a 10am Ash Wed. service held at All Saints'.

THEN

another Ash Wednesday service will be held at St. Peter's 7.30 pm.

Vicar's Voice

Greetings to you all in the name of Jesus.

Here we are in March already and during this first week of March we enter the Season of Lent.

Over this last month we've been looking at the beginning of God's story through scripture. We explored the story of creation, the beauty, love and unity of God's original design. The connectedness of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, humanity and all living things on earth. Last week we were then introduced to another character, the serpent (satan), who was part of the unfolding of all things changing. The connectedness between God and each other was broken, the love and unity entered chaos, and fear and shame enfolding humanity.

Yet, we heard God asking the question, "where are you?" God's desire was and will always be, to be one with his children. This part of the story gives us such insight into the chaos we see in the world over history and indeed in the world today. Insight, not just into the far distant world from us, but insight into our own personal lives as well. Insight into our relationships, our responses or more commonly our reactions to those around us. We have become so use to the ways in which we live and behave, I believe to some degree we've become blind to the damage we create or participate in. I believe many of us live out of fear, and the world around us is most certainly living out of fear and shame.

So, what can we do about this? You might say, well, we can't do anything about the wider world's problems, and you're probably be correct about that. However, I do believe we can do something about our own lives and the lives around us. But first we need to answer God's question, "where are you"? How can I realign my relationship more fully with God, to see his original design at work in my life. I believe the way we do this is through prayer. Positioning ourselves intentionally in the presence of God and communicating with Him through prayer.

Some of you might be saying, but I don't really pray, I don't know how to pray, or I don't have time to pray. Well over this season of Lent I am going to be talking all things prayer. Our connect groups will be doing a 'prayer course' and it is my prayer that we learn how to lessen the gap between God and ourselves, as individuals and as a faith community through prayer. As we begin the pilgrimage over Lent towards Easter may we slow ourselves down, developing a desire for a deepening of our spiritual lives, growing in our relationship with God and each other. Let us pray...

God of goodness and mercy, hear my prayer as I begin this Lenten journey with you. Let me be honest with myself as I investigate my heart and soul, noticing the times I turn away from your ways. Guide me as I humbly seek to turn from my wrongs and return to your love. In the name of Jesus, I pray. Amen

As always, know that I am here for you if you ever need to talk.

Have a blessed week and season of Lent. 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,
Bill Jefferies, Suzi Jefferies, Doris Loewy, Alli McLaren,
Jim O'Keefe, Prue Kensell, Janet Paisley, Glenys Russell,
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. To those recently bereaved give comfort & strengthen their belief of eternal life.

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

*Rose Ailey, Barry Aitken, Lynette Dehnert,
Jenny Maxwell, Stella Scheiner, Beth Ward & Jenny Wood.*

Pray for each one with love in your hearts – holding them up before our God, and giving thanks for any healing that takes place.

Mission News Anglican Board of Mission and Anglicans in Development have produced a booklet –

"Love, Hope and Justice in Action - your guide to changing the world".

It contains:

- * Information about the purposes of these sister organizations,
- * Details of all their programs spread around the world.
- * Ways in which we can help

ABM started in 1850, so it is celebrating its 175th anniversary in 2025.

This year, ABM and AID are partnering with Christian organizations in The Holy Land, Zambia, Kenya, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, The Philippines, PNG, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Australia.

For example, It is hoped to raise \$15,000 in 2025 to support staff and students at St. John's Anglican Seminary in Zambia. The money will be used to provide materials needed to train "more spiritually and professionally well-equipped leaders".

A digit version of this booklet is available at

www.abmission.org/resources/abm-lhjjia-book

Mission Bottle Opening- for those who have mission bottles, please note that the first opening for 2025 will be Sundays 16 and 23 March,

A reminder of the process - fill your bottle with spare cash, bring it to either church on one of the dates listed; empty the bottle into the bucket provided; take the bottle home and start saving again.

For anyone who doesn't know about the Mission Bottles, see Betty Cameron, Kathy Donaghey, Lyn Kerr, George Findlay or John Minotti for details of how the scheme works.

WHAT'S COMING ?	
Tues.4th March	Celebrate Messiah – 6.30 Passover Banquet @ St Peter's Hall
Wed. 5 th March	Ash Wednesday - beginning of Lent [services on front page]
Wed. 6 th March	Searching the Spirit 3pm @ St Peter's Hall
Fri. 7 March	10.30 World Day of Prayer at the Uniting Church Ocean Grove "The Cook Islands".
Fri 7 March	2 pm. Barwon Heads World Day of Prayer at All Saints' "The Cook Islands".
Sun. 23 rd .March	Bp. Brad visits- Combined parish service 10am at St Peter's for Confirmations and Reception into the Anglican Church.

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 St Peter's church is open 9.30 – 4 Daily	All Saints' Ch. B.H St Peter's Ch. O.G.

DAILY READINGS BEGINNING 24 FEB

MON	Ps. 9	Genesis 35. 1 -15	Luke 10. 1-12
TUES	Pss. 11; 12	35.16 - 36.8	10. 13 -24
WED	Ps. 38.1-4,9-15	Daniel 9. 3 - 19	Matthew 6. 7 -15
THU	Ps. 18. 1-31	Genesis 37. 1 - 24	Luke 10. 25 -37
FRI	Ps. 19	37.25 – 38. 11	10. 38 – 11.4
SAT	Pss. 20; 21. 1-13	38.12 -30	11.5- 13

**Prayer is not asking.
Prayer is putting
oneself in the
hands of God,
at His disposition,
and listening to His
voice in the depth
of our hearts.**

Mother Teresa

Dwell in the presence of God. Don't just visit--

Apparently, there are some forms in the office re names and numbers of your next of kin in case of an emergency!?
Apparently, there are also some re "funeral wishes". Perhaps we need to check these out sooner rather than too late!