

'THE BRIDGE'

Newsletter for

LIVING WATERS

ANGLICAN CHURCH

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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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH.- Karen Mamonski 9th Edna Glasson 10th.
Maurie Dean 15th. Pam Taylor 25th. Di Daniels 28th.

If you have not yet put your birthday onto the list and want to, Isobel is the one to talk to.
If you want anything added to the pew sheet talk to Isobel.



SUNDAY

9th. March.2025

First Sunday in Lent

**TO KNOW CHRIST AND
MAKE CHRIST KNOWN**

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READINGS TODAY:

Ps 91 : 1-2,9-16

Acts 24-31

Matt. 6.9-15

Vicar's Voice

Greetings as we enter this Lenten pilgrimage, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Blessed are you, O Lord our God,
The shepherd of your people,
their pillar of cloud by day, their pillar of fire by night.***

***In these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that in this pilgrimage of prayer we might learn to be your people more fully. In fasting and service, you bring us back to your heart. You open our eyes to your presence in the world and you free our hands to lead others to the radiant splendour of your mercy. Be with us in these journey days for without you we are lost and will perish.
To you alone be dominion and glory, for ever and ever. Amen***

Have you ever wondered how you would respond if God himself met you in your life? Imagine if he interrupted you mid-way through a prayer and began to speak back to you. Over this season of Lent, we are going to explore our prayer life and how it might/can shape our relationship with God and indeed shape our lives.

The season of Lent is a period (40 days) of preparation as we approach Easter. Within this preparation time, we are encouraged to observe self-examination, repentance and turning our hearts back to God more fully. What are the things you put your whole heart into? Family, friends, social clubs, hobbies, sport, duties, work? And how much of your heart is given to God? Often through this season of lent we use the word 'Penitence' which means, feeling or showing sorrow for the things we get wrong. Owning and acknowledging the things we do or do not do, when we know we should. So, this deep dive into our inner selves can be uncomfortable, as it often reveals how far we have swayed from path in which God has called us to walk.

As uncomfortable as it might be, I encourage you that God is with us amid this examination. He is ready and waiting for it in fact. He calls us to this time and desires to meet us right there where it often hurts. Why? So that by the time we come to Easter and observe the mighty power of Jesus' sacrifice, through his crucifixion and resurrection, we might find ourselves be strengthened in faith, closer to God in relationship, cleaned up from the baggage we often carry throughout the year, and renewed in life. Renewed in life, that we might be ready to seriously co-work with God for His purpose in our lives and be ready to share with others His glory, that we might see His kingdom come and His will be done.

Let us not do surface level observance of this season but rather surrender ourselves to God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. I pray that the Spirit of God provides you with wisdom, peace and confidence as you open yourselves to the possibility of renewal in the name of Jesus.

May we call upon our Lord to come and have His way in us and through us. Amen

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 **FEBC (Far East Broadcasting)** still relies heavily on shortwave broadcasts, because they can reach places where the Gospel cannot go through traditional means, thus offering spiritual nourishment and connection to countless isolated people groups.

Many of these shortwave programs are broadcast from the Philippines, reaching listeners in countries like Myanmar, Thailand and neighbouring countries - places often closed to traditional missionary work. For example:

*1 In northern Thailand, a village renounced animistic practices after hearing the truth of the gospel through shortwave radio. 18 people were baptised, showing how whole communities can be transformed through these broadcasts.

*2 Maung, in Myanmar, had his house burnt down because of his Christian beliefs. He prayed to "the God of the radio" for help. The very next day he met FEBC workers who were travelling to share the Gospel in his area. They encouraged him to recover from this trauma and stay strong on his faith.

For the latest updates on FEBC work, go to www.febc.org.au

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.

OUR FATHER, HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME

WHAT'S COMING ?

Sun. 23 rd .March	Bp. Brad visits- Combined parish service 10am at St Peter's for Confirmations and Reception into the Anglican Church.
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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 – 3.30 Daily	All Saints' Ch. B.H St Peter's Ch. O.G

DAILY READINGS BEGINNING 10 MARCH

MON	Ps. 25	Genesis 39.	Luke 11. 14 -28
TUES	Pss. 28;29	40.	11. 29 -44
WED	Ps. 31	41. 1 -36	11.45-12.7
THU	Ps. 35. 1-17	41. 37 - 57	12. 8 -21
FRI	Ps. 34	42. 1 -17	12. 22 -34
SAT	Ps. 37. 1-17	42. 18 -38	12. 35 -48

*Just let your
presence
be a
gift of Love*

If we don't teach our children who God is, Someone else will teach them everything that He isn't.

Being a Christian doesn't change **WHAT** you must deal with. It changes **HOW** you deal with it.

*I've got friends
in high places:-
The Father,
The Son and
The Holy Spirit.*

I WANT TO GO TO CHURCH.

-not for tradition, not for show, not for entertainment-
BUT TO WORSHIP MY GOD.

- hoping He will speak to me somehow as I talk to Him, gathering with others who love Him [as we are called to do] - spending time in prayer with others – praising him with music – confessing my sins and struggles- laying down my burdens knowing he will willingly take them – thanking Him for the most precious gifts in my life – begging Him to soften the hearts of those who have not accepted Him –

- feeling his never-ending perfect love wash over me.

- This is why

- I WANT TO GO TO CHURCH