

'THE BRIDGE'

Newsletter for

LIVING WATERS ANGLICAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY

6th . April 2025

Fifth Sunday in Lent

TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE CHRIST KNOWN

VICAR:

Rev. Liz Rankin

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We welcome Rev. Gordon Lingard
As our LOCUM VICAR
while Rev. Liz is on leave.
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READINGS TODAY:

Psalm 126

1 Samuel 3. 1-10

John 12. 1 -8

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.

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY 13th. APRIL PALM SUNDAY

Isaiah 50. 4 -9 Ephesians 6. 10 -20 Luke 23. 1 -25

Maundy Thursday 17 th .	Ps 116: 1-2,11-18	1 Cor 11: 23-26	John 3: 1-17, 31-35
Good Friday 18 th .	Ps 22	1 Cor 1:18-31	John 18:1-19, 42

GIVE THANKS FOR THE HEALING OF MANY WHO HAVE BEEN ON
OUR SICK LIST PREVIOUSLY

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

*Pat Brady, , Charlie, Heather Franken,
Bill Jefferies, Suzi Jefferies, Doris Loewy, Alli McLaren,
Jim O'Keefe, Prue Kensell, Janet Paisley, Glenys Russell,
Dot Sutcliffe, & 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.*

MISSION NEWS Anglicare Victoria has a number of innovative programs designed
to show the love of God in action for those in need:

1. TEACHaR sees volunteer education experts work with children struggling with
numeracy and literacy. Maddie was removed from her mother, and by grade 3 was a
year behind in reading and two years in maths. After working with TEACHaR Brett, within
a year she was at expected reading level and had caught up two and a half years in maths.
Her school attendance improved from 72% to 95+%.

2. Emergency Relief Services - "Jenny" and her 4 children became homeless after her
husband died and her rental property was sold.

Through Anglicare's ERS program she has been provided with food and clothing, help to
get social housing, and some furniture to go in the house.

Nearly 8000 Victorians received urgent help with groceries, clothing and medication at
Anglicare's 16 ERS sites in 2023-24.

3. Foster Care - when 8 year old Alice was removed from her parents, she was unable to
speak, could only eat pureed food, and wasn't toilet trained.

After living with her carer Rachel for some time, Alice has begun to say words, is eating a
healthy diet, and learning to use the toilet.

in 2024 1643 children and young people lived in Out-Of-Home Care with Anglicare - some
for a short time, some for several months and some for years.

To find out more about these and other Anglicare programs, go to
info@anglicarevic.org.au or on Facebook [anglicarevic](https://www.facebook.com/anglicarevic)

Whoever believes in Jesus Christ is justified by his grace as a gift (Rom 3:24, Eph2:8). *"Everyone
who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved"* (Rom 10:13). We don't need to bring our own
good deeds or presumed righteousness. Being saved is not a hard process, but rather one that
takes the acknowledgment of our own incapacity, and faith in Jesus Christ to believe and to
receive.

REFLECTIONS.

‘Suffering invites us to place our hurts into larger hands. In Christ we see God suffering – for us. And calling us to share in God’ s suffering love for a hurting world. The small and even empowering pains of our lives are intimately connected with the greater pains of Christ. Our daily sorrows are anchored in a greater sorrow and therefore a larger hope.’

Henri Nouwen 2004 “Turn My Mourning into Dancing”

“If there is anywhere on earth a lover of God is always kept safe, I know nothing of it, for it was not shown to me .But this was shown : that in falling and rising again we are always kept in that same precious love .”

Julian of Norwich.

‘As we open ourselves to spiritual growth, there is simply no part of our lives that can be left out. Nothing is too dirty or smudged. Nothing is too ecstatic or passionate. Nothing is too mundane or ordinary. All of life is the food of our spiritual growth. We can grow closer and deeper in our relationship with God through every situation, depending on our attitude, our openness, and our awareness. Be aware of God teaching you through your life today.

Joyce Rupp “The Cup of Life.”

‘Let us fly often to the foot of the cross and repose in the wounds of Jesus. He has written us in his hands.
Shall we not write His wounds in our minds and hearts?’

Catherine McAuley

The spiritual task of life is to feed hope. Hope is not something to be found outside us. It lies in the spiritual life we cultivate within. The whole purpose of wrestling with life is to be transformed into the self we are meant to become, to step out of the confines of our false securities and allow our creating God to go on creating in us.”

Joan D, Chittister

WHAT'S COMING UP ?

Sunday 13 April	Palm Sunday
17	Maundy Thursday
18	Good Friday

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE- EACH WEEK

MON	Hearts and Crafts 10 – 1. BYO lunch. 1.30 – 4 Art with worship & fellowship	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

DAILY READINGS BEGINNING 30 MARCH

MON	Ps. 90	Exodus 7.8-24	Luke 20.1-18
TUES	Ps. 89.1-18	7.25-8.19	20.19-26
WED	Ps.89.39-53	8.20-9.12	20.27-47
THU	Pss.92;93	9.13-35	21.1-19
FRI	Pss. 95;96.	10.1-20	21.20-28
SAT	Pss. 99;100	10.21-11.10	21.29-22.6

Eve listened to the serpent and disobeyed God, because the serpent said what she wanted to hear.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1ST. Marilyn Hansen 12th. Lyn Carey-Nicholson 16th. Jenny Wood
 20th. Rhonda Gillard 29th. Lesley Fenton 30th. Gaye Fraser

WHAT'S NEW!!!

For those who love to paint or draw – & didn't see this last week.

You can now 'escape to the art room' (the old church at St. Peter's) for somewhere to connect with others who also like to create - those who dabble , those who are positively brilliant , and those anywhere in-between. Before and above all of this is the worship with songs, love and thanks to our Almighty Creator, and the fellowship and peace which falls as we meditate and use the creative gifts we have been given . Bring along your own paper, canvas, brushes, paints, pencils etc., and just do what you do! There is no judgement – no show and tell; each does their own thing in this peaceful time of self-expression through art. All welcome.1.30 to 4-ish. Mon.

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.