

27th APRIL 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE BRIDGE – NEWSLETTER FOR

LIVING WATERS ANGLICAN CHURCH

ST. PETER'S OCEAN GROVE
35-37 Draper St.
Ocean Grove.3226

ALL SAINTS' BARWON HEADS
61-63 Hitchcock Ave.
Barwon Heads

Our mission is

TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE CHRIST KNOWN

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Readings Today

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Gen 12: 1 -9

John 20: 19-31

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St Peters Anglican Church Ocean Grove BSB: 063 834 CBA Acc. No. 1005 0271

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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.

ZOOM 834 736 598 23 Anglican

If you cannot join us in person on Sunday, please jump online by using this link below

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

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 in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus!

Oh, how good it is to be back again after my time of leave and I give my sincere thanks to Edwin, John M & Jill who stepped in at short notice and then Gordon for carrying the lead over the last month. I was saddened to not be with you over the important season of Lent and the precious weekend of Easter, however I pray that you were enriched and renewed by the amazing love of God, as you reflected on the death and mighty resurrection of Jesus, our risen Lord.

I also give thanks for your many prayers which carried me through my absence, and I'm so pleased to report that your prayers have been answered. As I said in the last newsletter I wrote in six weeks ago, even Vicars go through times of challenge, grief and despair, but our God was with me, bringing deep healing, revelation, grace and strength, refining me for what He has ahead. So, as I return to leading you, please know that all is well with me and I'm ready to serve you once again in full strength.

As I've spent the last couple of days catching up on everything, a few areas of need have become apparent. We are in need of volunteers, so I'm putting the call out to anyone who might be interested in speaking with me about the following positions.

- **Parish Office St Peter's Centre** – We are seeking a volunteer to work in the Parish Office on Friday mornings. Duties will include printing the parish newsletter, checking the parish email and other administrative duties as required, this role could easily grow if we could find a willing and able office worker.
- **OpShop Volunteers** – We have several OpShop Volunteers who will be taking time off over the coming months and therefore we are seeking more Volunteers. As the OpShop is a parish ministry it would be great to see more parish volunteers assisting. (At present we only have two parish volunteers in the OpShop)

If either of these positions spark something within you, please will you pray about it and get in touch with me to discuss further.

I am looking forward to returning to our '**God Story**' sermon series this Sunday. However, I'd like to have some discussions with those of you who have been attending the connect groups. If you are able, I'd love everyone who has been a part of the connect groups to join me at **2pm this Sunday 27th April**, St Peter's Hall to discuss moving forward. Sorry for the short notice but if you can make it that would be great. From this meeting we'll make some decisions on the connect groups moving forward.

Once again, it's great to be back and I look forward to seeing you all again.
Shalom Vicar Liz

MOTHERS DAY FLOWERS.



A reminder that we will be distributing flowers on **Sat.**

May 10th. We are to meet in the church hall at 9.30 to make the flower sprays. This is always a positive experience & if you haven't previously participated, please join us. Bring secateurs, baskets & long stemmed green foliage if possible. You could consider donating money as flowers are expensive to buy. Speak with Dawn Northfield or Alison Aitken for details.

PRAY Give thanks for the healing of many who have been on our sick list previously

– 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.

Dot Sutcliffe has sent a 'thank-you' note to the parish for the Easter Card and blessings. And in turn, a Thank You to Rev. Jill for this beautiful ministry.

Mission News: Far East Broadcasting Co. (FEBC) 2024 Impact Report:

In 2024 \$2,524,119 was raised by FEBC Australia.

It was used to support :

- * 29 projects designed to communicate the Good News through media
- * 25 projects responding to practical needs with God's love
- * 10 projects strengthening the work of local churches
- * 8 projects contributing to FEBCs international partners capacity to fulfil their mission; e.g. free mobile clinics in Pakistan.

The projects were spread across 17 countries:

+ 17% Indonesia; 15% Thailand; 13% Ukraine; 10% India; 6% Mongolia; 4% Nepal & Pakistan; 3% Kenya, Yemen; 2% Cambodia, Moldova, Kyrgystan, Vietnam; 1% Iraq, Kazakstan & Democratic Republic of Congo.

The Parish of Ocean Grove/Barwon Heads gave \$1,000 from its Mission Allocation to FEBC in August 2024 and hopes to do the same in 2025.

WHAT'S COMING UP ?	
Sun 27 th April	Connect Groups Discussion 2pm St Peter's Hall
May 15th	Ladies coffee morning at BT's 10.30 (3 rd Thursday)

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE- EACH WEEK		
MON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 21 April

MON	Pss. 143;146	Exodus 15. 1 -18	Matthew 28. 1 -10
TUES	Ps. 145	15. 19 -27	28. 11 -20
WED	Pss. 148;149	16. 1 -21	Luke 24. 1 -12
THU	Pss. 1;2	16. 22 – 17. 7	24. 13 -27
FRI	Pss. 5; 6	17. 8 – 18. 9	24. 28 - 35
SAT	Ps. 9	18. 10 - 27	24. 36 - 53

Jeremiah2: 13 My people have committed two sins: they have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns that cannot hold water.

John 4:13-14: Jesus tells the Samaritan woman, "Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. That water will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

John 7:37-39: On the last day of the feast, Jesus cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"