



THE BRIDGE



ANGLICAN PARISH OF OCEAN GROVE & BARWON HEADS

Our Mission Statement 'To know Christ, and Make Christ known'

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Fifth Sunday in Lent March 18th 2018

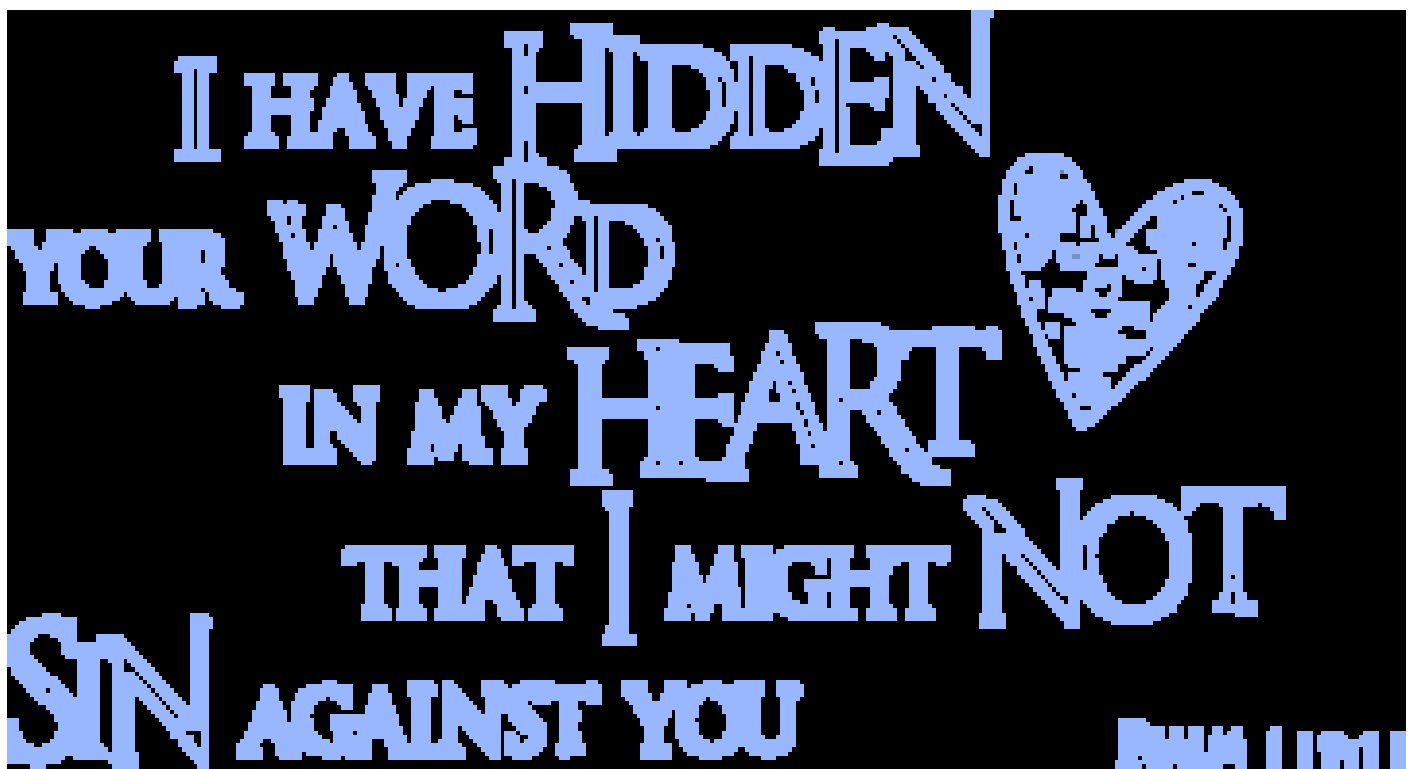
Next week's services

SUNDAY: Communion: 8.00 & 9.30am St Peter's, 11 am All Saints'

WEDNESDAY: 10am St Peter's

TODAY'S READINGS

1 st Reading	Jeremiah 31:31-34	(p792)
Psalms	119:9-16	
2 nd Reading	Hebrews 5:5-14	(p1204)
Gospel	John 12:20-33	(p1080)





PRAYER FOR OUR FRIENDS:

for the healing of body, mind and spirit...

Wendy Hudson, Deb Podbury, Win O'Brien, Alison Boyd, Glenys Russell,

Faye Bermingham, Edna Gasson, Lois Dawborn, Frances Murphy, Pat Brady

....and also for our members in residential care.....

Heather Clingeffer, Hilda Clyne, Shirley Dodgshun, Lesley Duncan, Dot Pape, Doris Gordon,

Marion Hodgson, Kaye Middlehurst, Alva Searle, Anne Shady, Jean Wadey, Beth Ward, Philip Burgess

(Please let the prayer team know about additions and subtractions for our prayer list, so we can keep it up to date.)

THE VICAR'S VOICE:

As we move close to Easter, I'd like to invite you to plan to make the best of the spiritual and liturgical journey ahead of us.

Next week we celebrate *Palm Sunday*, remembering Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, a few days before Passover. We are reminded of the weight of human hope and expectations that he carried as the people shouted acclamation.

But then we move to *Maundy Thursday*, and join the disciples in wonder, as Jesus sets aside their mortal expectations and begins to reveal God's plan and purpose.

As we remember Jesus' washing of the disciples' feet, we are reminded of all that Jesus set aside in order to serve humanity, and as we strip away the decorations of our building, we are challenged to invite God to strip away all that is within us, distracting us from a clearer understanding of God.

On *Good Friday* we see the brutal, costly reality of forgiveness and reconciliation, and we are called to reflect again, with deep gratitude, on the price God was willing to pay to enable us to live again in Him.

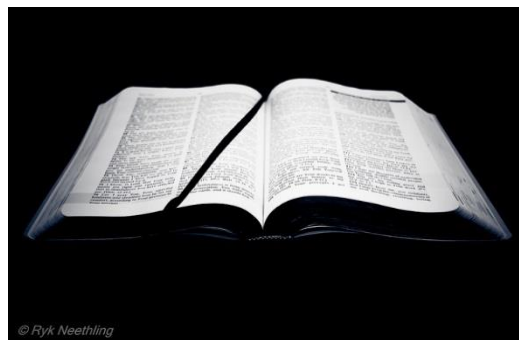
And finally, on *Easter Day*, we rejoice that the tomb is empty, the stone rolled away. The place of deepest fear and darkness is flooded with the light of life and hope. We celebrate that Christ is risen, and that we share that risen life.

Every stage of this spiritual pilgrimage has its own value and benefit, but if you can, I encourage you to participate in the whole, in order to fully appreciate the rich complexity of this Easter journey. *Jill*



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-18,
Philippians 2:5-11,14, Mark 11:1-11



DAILY READINGS

Monday	Psalm 45	Jeremiah 40:1-12	Matt 21:23-46
Tuesday	Psalm 48	Jeremiah 40:13 – 41:10	Matt 22:1-33
Wednesday	Psalm 50	Jeremiah 41:11-42:6	Matt 22:34-23:12
Thursday	Psalms 51	Jeremiah 42:7-22	Matt 23:13-26
Friday	Psalm 54	Jeremiah 43	Matt:23:27-24:2
Saturday	Psalm 148	Jeremiah 45	Matt 26:1-16]



What's on?

The Op Shop is open Wednesday, Friday and Saturday until 1pm.

Monday	10-1pm	Hearts and Crafts	St Peter's
Tuesday	10-12	Play Group	St Peter's
	9am-12	Prayer Needs	St Peter's
Wednesday	10am	Jigsaw Library	All Saints'
	7.30-9.30pm	Parish Council	St Peter's
Thursday	10-12	Playgroup	All Saints'
	1-5pm	Labyrinth	All Saints'
Friday	9am-12pm	Labyrinth	All Saints'
Saturday	8.45am	Prayer Meeting	St Peter's
	10am	Jigsaw Library	All Saints'

Easter Service Times:

Maundy Thursday :

7.30 pm St Peter's

Good Friday:

9am St Peter's (traditional),

11am All Saints' (contemporary)

3pm St Peter's (reflective)

Easter Sunday:

9am St Peter's. 9.30am All Saints'

Holy Week Reflections –

5 pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at All Saints'

Easter Sunday Sunrise Celebration 6am @ Ocean Grove Lookout
(followed by breakfast at St Peter's)

REFLECTION:

Today Passiontide begins, and in some parishes the crosses and other sanctuary items are veiled from now until Easter. May we veil our eyes to sin, and with the Psalmist, find our delight wholly in God's statutes. Pray that you might treasure God's words in your heart that you might not sin against God. Pray for the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

A reminder to update your Police and Working with Children's Checks.



If you are a parish council member, a sidesperson, or involved in playgroup or another ministry involving any contact with children, or vulnerable people, please ensure that you have a **current WWCC and Victoria Police check**. WWCC can be done online. **Police checks** can be obtained at the Police Station, or online. Please bring them to the church office for payment and processing.

DIRECTORY CHANGES

The Parish Directory is currently being updated. Please check that your details are accurate. If your details need changing, or if you wish to be added to the directory, please fill in a form in the foyer and slip it under the office door at St Peter's, or give it to Cathy at All Saints'. Alternatively, email the office. Your details can be kept confidential and out of the printed directory, if you prefer.



COMMUNION: Please ask for gluten free wafers or fruit juice at the communion table at St Peter's, or at the door at All Saints'



WELCOME TO VISITORS:

If you are visiting us we welcome you and hope you find the service spiritually nourishing. Please join us at the communion table if you usually share communion in your own church community, and for refreshments after the service.



We acknowledge the Wathaurong people, on whose land we meet, and give thanks for their elders past and present.