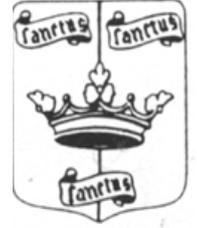




THE BRIDGE



ANGLICAN PARISH OF OCEAN GROVE & BARWON HEADS

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

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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 26th 2018

Next week's services:

SUNDAY: 8.00am and 9.30 am St Peter's, 11.00am All Saints' **WEDNESDAY:** 10am St Peter's

TODAY'S READINGS

1 st READING	1 Kings 8:22-30,41-43
PSALM	Psalm 84
2 nd READING	Ephesians 6:10-20
GOSPEL	John 6:56-69

*Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
Psalm 84:10*

Readings for next week:

Song of Songs 2:8-13, Psalm 45:1-2,6-9, James 1:1-27, Mark 7:1-8,14-23

Daily readings this week:

Monday	Psalm 140	2Chronicles 32:9-23	Acts 21:1-14
Tuesday	Psalms 143;146	2 Chronicles 32:24-33	Acts 21:15-26
Wednesday	Psalms 145	2 Chronicles 33:1-20	Acts 21:27-39
Thursday	Psalms 148;149		Acts 21:40-22:16
Friday	Psalm 72	2 Chronicles 33:21-34:13	Acts 22:17-30
Saturday	Psalm 1;2	2 Chronicles 34:14-28	Acts 23:1-11

REFLECTION:

Both the writer of 1 Kings and the Psalmist focus today on God's house. How do you see your church? Is it a place where forgiveness is found? Is it a place where spending a day is better than spending a thousand elsewhere?

Or is it a stained-glass fortress that exists to keep you safe from the wider community outside?

Give thanks for those churches that play an active part in their communities, and pray for those who have become a ghetto of irrelevance.

May the latter find a way to take their place helping God to convert the world through love and care of the community.

Pray for the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma), giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

AUGUST PRAYER FOCUS

Please pray for those who are displaced:

from their country by war, politics, or natural disaster;

from their home by family breakup or financial problems;

from their jobs by cutbacks and closures;

Pray for those who work to assist refugees and the homeless.



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, Pat Brady, Catherine Fane, Joy Chellew, Betty Boyd, Anna Carey-Nicholson, Bella.

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

Hilda Clyne, Shirley Dodgshun, Lesley Duncan, 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.)

What's on this week?

The OP SHOP is open Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 9am -1pm

HEARTS & CRAFT	<u>Monday</u>	St Peter's	10am – 1pm
PLAYGROUPS	<u>Tuesday</u>	St Peter's	10-11.30am
	<u>Thursday</u>	All Saints'	10-11.30am
PRAYER MINISTRY	<u>Tuesday</u>	St Peter's	9.30 – 11.45am
WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORSHIP (Search the Spirit)	<u>Wednesday</u>	St Peter's	7.30 – 9pm
JIGSAW LIBRARY	<u>Wed & Sat</u>	All Saints'	10am
FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP	<u>Friday</u>	St Peter's	10am
PRAYER MEETING	<u>Saturday</u>	St Peter's	8.45-9.45am

This Saturday

Fathers' Day chocolate preparations – Saturday September 1st 9.30
St Peter's Hall

Many of you will remember Anthony Stones, who was with us as a Theological Student in 2015.

I'm delighted to share the news that Anthony, having completed his curacy at Clayton, has been appointed Priest in Charge of the Parish of Rochester and Elmore. Anthony, Jo and their sons will move to Rochester at the end of November and Anthony will be commissioned for his new role on December 7th. Please pray for them in this time of transition. Jill

The Vicar's Voice

St Peter's Fair

The St Peter's Fair will be held on Saturday November 10. Everything will be as it usually is, unless you, as church members, come up with new ideas, which are always welcome.

Remember it is never too early to start making and preparing. Now is a great time for making marmalade as citrus is plentiful. Soon you can start dividing up plants and re-potting to get them growing.

If you have not helped with anything at the fair and would like to be involved just give Bob and Gaye Fraser a ring on their mobile as that way you are sure to catch them. We would love to get everyone involved in this special event.



From the Vicar and Parish Council:

Bishop Philip's retirement.

As our bishop will be retiring in October, the Archbishop has invited us to share in his gift, which will be a monetary contribution to a cause very dear to his heart, the abolition of modern slavery.

The Australian Council of Churches (of which he is president) has recently launched an appeal for the Anti-slavery fund.

We will be taking a retiring offering for the next 2 weeks, which the Parish Council will round up to a suitable amount.

If you wish to make an individual contribution, please ask at the office for the banking details.

Home Communion:

Please be aware that Jill Poole is available to bring communion to you at home if you are ill for a period of time and unable to get to church.

Please ring Jill and let her know if you, or someone you know, are in that situation.



WELCOME TO VISITORS:

If you are visiting today we warmly welcome you and invite you to join us at the communion table, if that is your normal practice.

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

Take a Pew

Remember, it is perfectly acceptable to sit down during the service if you become uncomfortable.



Coffee or tea anyone??

Please stay and enjoy refreshments – or just friendly conversation - after our service.

*We worship on the traditional lands of the Wathaurong People of the Kulin Nation,
and we acknowledge and pay our respect to their elders past and present,
and to Aboriginal people with us today.*

