



THE BRIDGE



ANGLICAN PARISH OF OCEAN GROVE & BARWON HEADS

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

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 9th, 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	Prov 22:1-2, 8-9. 22-23
PSALM	Psalms 125
2 nd READING	James 2:1-17
GOSPEL	Mark 7:24:37

REFLECTION

Today the Psalmist describes those who have faith in God as being as stable as a mountain. Those who trust in God, who listen attentively for his voice have firmly grounded lives. But that isn't enough: as the Epistle writer warns us, 'faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead'.

Pray that you might not only believe but prove that belief by doing something concrete in Christ's name.

Pray for the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

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Readings for next week:

Proverbs 1:20-33, Psalm 19, James 2:18-26, Mark 8:27-38

Daily readings this week:

Monday	Psalm 25	Zephaniah 3:11-20	Acts 26:19-32
Tuesday	Psalms 28 & 29	Obadiah 1-14	Acts 27:1-12
Wednesday	Psalm 33	Obadiah 15-21	Acts 27:13-32`
Thursday	Psalm 35:1-17	2 Chronicles 36:1-14	Acts 27:33-44
Friday	Psalm 34	2 Chronicles 36:15-23	Acts 28:1-16
Saturday	Psalm 37:1-17	Isaiah 34	Acts 28:27-31

SEPTEMBER PRAYER FOCUS

'Religion that God our father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after widows and orphans in their distress...' James 1:27

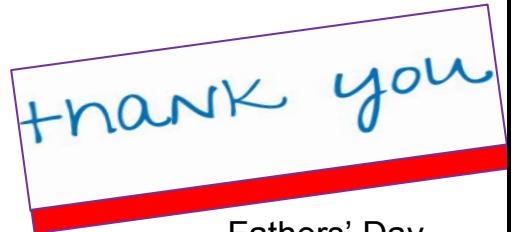


Please pray for those asylum seeker men, women and children who are in detention with no hope for the future and that a just and humane solution to indefinite detention can be reached by our government.

Please pray particularly for those children trapped in detention, whose understanding of the world is warped and stunted by virtue of the conditions in which they live. Pray that Jesus' kindness and love can reach them despite their circumstances.

Fathers' Day Chocolates:

Thank you to Dawn Northfield< and all those who helped in the making of cards, the preparation and distribution of chocolates, and the set-up and clean up, for our annual event. Once again it was much appreciated by those who received chocolates, and fun for those giving them out.



Fathers' Day



REFUGEE CHILDREN IN DETENTION

Please check the notices in the foyer and the porch to see how you can respond.

CMS ANNUAL DINNER

There is an invitation to the CMS dinner on the noticeboard.

Thank you

Gayee Minotti would like to thank everyone for their prayers and care. She is recovering from surgery.

Congratulations to our vicar Jill McCoy on her appointment as the new Archdeacon of Geelong. Jill will combine her new role, which begins in October, with her parish responsibilities.

What's on this week?

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

HEARTS & CRAFT	Monday	St Peter's	10am – 1pm
KYB	Monday am	Contact Joy Chellew	
PLAYGROUPS	Tuesday	St Peter's	10-11.30am
	Thursday	All Saints'	10-11.30am
PRAYER MINISTRY	Tuesday	St Peter's	9.30 – 11.45am
WARDENS' MEETING	Wednesday		
WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORSHIP (Search the Spirit)	Wednesday	St Peter's	7.30 – 9pm
JIGSAW LIBRARY	Wed & Sat	All Saints'	10am
LABYRINTH	Thurs & Fri	All Saints'	12-5pm Th, 9am-1pm Fri
FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP	Friday	St Peter's	10am
PRAYER MEETING	Saturday	St Peter's	8.45-9.45am

Coming Up

PARISH DINNER Friday October 12th St Peter's Hall. Tickets \$15 available next week from Betty Cameron, Dawn Northfield and Margaret Powell

From Jill.....

i) Strategic Planning Consultation: Saturday September 22nd 2-5pm

Natural Church development Consultation

We will consider our Natural Church Development Survey results and begin to think strategically about how we can strengthen the weaker areas of our parish life.

ii) Know What you Believe: Exploring the creeds together. Three sessions.

The first session will be Tuesday September @ 7.30 pm at St Peter's, repeated at 2pm on Thursday September 27th at All Saints'.

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, Gayee Minotti

....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.)

RETIRING OFFERING TODAY

From the Vicar and Parish Council: Bishop Philip's retirement.

A reminder that we will be taking a retiring offering today for the anti-slavery fund, as our contribution to Bishop Huggins' retirement gift from the diocese to his preferred charity. The Australian Council of Churches (of which he is president) has recently launched an appeal for this organisation.

The Parish Council will round up our offering to a suitable amount.

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

DROUGHT RELIEF FOR FARMERS IN NEED

The current drought is biting hard across NSW and southern Queensland and farmers and their families are facing difficulty in covering costs for basic needs. The Melbourne Anglican Foundation is organising donations to assist with provisions. All donations are tax deductible.

If you would like to assist, donation forms are available at the back of the church today. Information is also on the noticeboard at the back of the church, or available online. Google 'Melbourne Anglican Foundation.'

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.



Home Communion:



Please contact Jill Poole if you're unable to get to church and would like communion brought to you at home.

*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.*