



THE BRIDGE

ANGLICAN PARISH OF OCEAN GROVE & BARWON
HEADS



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

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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 3rd 2019

Next week's services:

SUNDAY: 8am, 9.30am St Peter's. 11am All Saints'

WEDNESDAY: 10am St Peter's

1 st READING	Jeremiah 1:4-10
PSALM	Psalms 71:1-6
2 nd READING	1 Corinthians 13:1-13
GOSPEL	Luke 4:21-30

LOVE

And now I will show you
the most excellent way...

1 Corinthians 12:31

What's happening?



THE OFFICE: Parish office hours: -

Jill McCoy is available in the office 11am-1pm Monday & Wednesday. (Other times please contact Jill directly)

Jane - Tuesday and Thursday 11am – 5pm (THE BRIDGE)

Cathy – Friday morning

HEARTS AND CRAFT:

Monday 10am-1pm - St Peter's

KYB

Resumes this Monday All Saints' 10am

TUESDAY PRAYER MINISTRY:

Tuesday 9.30 am - 12 at St Peter's

WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORSHIP:

(Search the Spirit) 7.30pm – St Peter's

OP SHOP:

10 – 1pm on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday

SATURDAY PRAYER MEETING:

8.45 am - St Peter's

JIGSAW LIBRARY:

Wednesday & Saturday 10-12 All Saints'

Coming Up

FAMILY SERVICE:

Next Sunday at All Saints'

BARWON HEADS CHURCHES MEETING: Tuesday Feb 12th 4pm at the BH Uniting Church.



PARISH STRATEGIC PLANNING DAY

Saturday February 16th at St Peter's

VICAR'S VOICE

“If you don't know where you're going, any road will get you there”,
C.S. Lewis is reported to have said.

But the problem with simply exploring possibilities is that we can use a great deal of energy (and other resources) and be profoundly dissatisfied with the outcome. It's possible that Henry Kissinger was right in *his* observation that “If you don't know where you're going, every road will get you nowhere”.

These ideas have been in my mind as I reflect on the importance of strategic planning in the life of our church. We need to establish clear and measurable goals for our life as a community, and a realistic plan for reaching those goals. In doing so, we develop an understanding of where we are going so we can ensure that our precious resources of time, energy and money are used strategically for the benefit of God's Kingdom. *Jill*

TIME FOR QUIET REFLECTION

You are invited to use the time before the service and during communion for quiet reflection.

Sometimes the truth that God tells us through his word can be difficult for us to bear. Jesus told a difficult truth to the Jews in the Synagogue in his hometown. Deep within his message was the truth that God's love is for everyone and not just for the Jews – demonstrated by his acts of healing and mercy to gentiles in difficult times. Today we can rest assured that, as surely as God formed us in the womb and knew us, he has a love for us that breaks down all barriers.

Pray that God might break down the barriers of prejudice in our lives that we might show his love to all we meet.

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 6:1-13; Psalm 138:1; Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

Daily readings this week:

Monday	Psalm 80	Genesis 18:22-19:11	Luke 2:1-7
Tuesday	Psalm 82;84	Genesis 19:12- 29	Luke 2:8-21
Wednesday	Psalm 86	Genesis 20	Luke 2:41-52
Thursday	Psalm 90	Genesis 21:1-21	Luke 3:1-14
Friday	Psalm 89:1-18	Genesis 22:1-19	Luke 3:15-22
Saturday	Psalm 89:39-53	Genesis 23	Luke 3:23-38

PRAYER FOR OUR FRIENDS:

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

Wendy Hudson, Deb Podbury, Win O'Brien, Alison Boyd, Glenys Russell, Faye Birmingham, Pat Brady, Catherine Fane, Joy Chellew, Betty Boyd, Bella, Jim Wilson, Tom Wells, Jenny Wood

....and 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.)

February Prayer Focus

Please pray for vision and wisdom for our own ministry and mission teams at All Saints' and St Peter's, that through them we may be effective messengers of the gospel in our own community. Pray particularly for our next strategic planning meeting on Saturday February 16th, and for the parish council as they work on our mission action plan.

WOMEN'S COFFEE MORNING

Gayee has taken the plunge and booked a long table at UNCLE JACK'S for 10.30am on Thursday Feb 28th for the beginning of a parish women's coffee get together. All welcome.

Please add your name to the list at the back of the church.



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 at the communion table.

We invite you to join us for refreshments after the service.

Bishop Kate's visit on Sunday February 24th.

This will be an opportunity for us to worship together as a parish community and to enjoy fellowship with Bishop Kate and each other. It is also an opportunity for those who wish to be confirmed or received into the Anglican church, or renew their baptism promises.

If you are interested in exploring one of these possibilities, please speak to Jill as soon as possible.

Sermons online

A reminder that Sunday sermons are available on the parish website www.ogbha.org.au

WANTED TO RENT

Moderately priced three-bedroom house in Barwon Heads at end of January for reliable family. Details from Janet 0411 242836.

UPDATE:

Refugee families and children on Nauru.

There are now FOUR children and their families left on Nauru.

Listen for the bells at All Saints' and St Peter's at 5pm on Tuesday.



LUNCH TODAY ANYONE?



Do you know that a (sometimes large and sometimes smaller) group of hungry parishioners eat lunch at BT's Café in Ocean Grove after the 9.30 service each week? Good food, good company and good prices. Join us after 11.45am.

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.