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PARISH OF

## OCEAN GROVE & BARWON HEADS St Peter's Ocean Grove & All Saints' Barwon Heads

OUR MISSION STATEMENT –

‘ TO KNOW CHRIST, AND MAKE CHRIST KNOWN’

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December 6 2020 Second Sunday of Advent

### READINGS FOR TODAY

Isaiah 40. 1 – 11

Ps.85. 1 – 2,8 – 13

2 Peter 3. 8 – 15a

Mark 1. 1 - 8

### VICAR'S VOICE

#### Welcome back!

I am delighted to say that the relaxation of COVID safety regulations mean that we are returning to worship in our buildings from **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. There are still a number of restrictions we need to work with, and things won't feel quite the same as before, but I know you will be delighted to gather again.

The following general regulations apply whenever you are coming to St Peter's or to All Saints' for any reason:

1. If you feel unwell, have a cough, sore throat, fever, or loss of taste or smell, have recently had contact with a person diagnosed with COVID19 or awaiting the result of a COVID19 test or are yourself awaiting the results of a COVID19 test you may not enter church property
2. **Masks must be worn at all times.**
3. Whenever you enter the church building you must register your attendance, and sanitize your hands.
4. You are required to maintain a respectful distance of 1.5 metres from others at all times.

There are also some specific things you need to be aware of as you come to worship together.

The State Government requires that we have a 1 hour interval between the end of one service and the start of the next.

This means that our service times will be 7:45 am and 9:30 am at St Peter's, and 11:00 am at All Saints.

The early service will be 45 minutes long.

We will not be passing the offertory plate around the church. A plate will be available near the entrance. Please place your offertory in it as you arrive.

To assist with cleaning, alternating pews will be used at St Peter's for the 7:45 and 9:30 am congregations.

**Please observe the signs on the ends of the pews.**

To minimize movement of people, Holy Communion will be brought to you in your seats.

Safe distancing requirements restrict the number of worshippers at All Saints' to 33, and at St Peter's to 62 (including 10 people in the foyer).

It hurts me greatly to say it, but once these numbers are reached, no-one else will be permitted to enter the building. CONTINUED OVER THE PAGE.....

- There will be a camera mounted in the sanctuary during the 9:30 service to allow those who wish to continue using Zoom to participate at home.

**FROM SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, OUR WEEKLY SERVICE TIMES WILL BE:**

SUNDAY	7:45 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	9:30 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	11:00 am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
WEDNESDAY	10:00 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's

I am looking forward so much to seeing you back in church. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Blessings, Jill.

**AT THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS OF THE WARDENS AND PARISH COUNCIL, THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WERE ELECTED/APPOINTED.**

**CHURCH WARDENS**

Cathy Coleman (Secretary) Betty Cameron Beryl Slocombe (Vicar's Warden)

**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Bev Stephenson (Treasurer) Elise Perry Felicity Rousseaux Margaret Powell

**REPRESENTATIVES ON INCUMBENCY COMMITTEE**

George Findlay Dawn Northfield Cathy Coleman (Wardens' nominee)

**THE VICAR STILL HAS TWO POSITIONS TO APPOINT TO PARISH COUNCIL.**

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.

**ADVENT STUDY MATERIAL**

If you would like some Advent material in addition to the study notes from Jill, I have two "illustrated devotionals" you might like to try. They cover five weeks and include Bible reading, reflection, discussion or contemplation questions, and plenty of doodle space. The material can be used for all ages, in a group or individually.

"Do not be afraid" is based on Luke, and "In light and darkness" is mostly from John.

I am allowed to email or print up to 100 copies for church members, so I will email on request, and leave printed copies at both churches. Cathy

**ROSTERS** If you have been on a roster before and are unable to continue could you please email me m.slocombe @optusnet.com.au Thank you Beryl Slocombe

**Zoom** If you have not already done so, and can, download the Zoom app onto your mobile phone, tablet or computer. THEN on SUNDAYS at about 9:15 open ZOOM and click "join". When zoom has opened, enter the meeting IDNUMBER 488 270 257 and make sure you have your name in the 'name' field. Then press "Join Meeting". After you start zoom you may see a message that says "Join with Computer Audio" and also "with computer video". You must click on these messages to proceed successfully. *You will also need the meeting password, which you can get in advance from Jill McCoy or Jon Mamonski if you don't have it from previous weeks.*

## PRAYER FOCUS FOR DECEMBER

**Our world is a fragile place in need of healing, where arrogance and self-interest seek to undermine your common good, and those in need take second place to those who have.**

Embrace this world, wash it in your tears of mercy and love, and bring healing and restoration into its brokenness dear Lord, we pray.

We give You thanks that science is continuing to increase our understanding of the world we live upon and the bodies we live within, but we pray that knowledge gained by research and technology might not simply be profit-driven, but kindle a growing desire for the common good of all, that rich and poor alike might see the benefit.

**Would it be that all humankind become good stewards of this earth, and that peace between all people and nations be restored.** We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Ask God to help our friends, in the Name of Jesus, for the healing of body, mind and spirit—

Wendy Hudson, Deb Podbury, Glenys Russell, Betty Boyd, Faye & Ken Bermingham, Jim Wilson, Alex Slocombe, Dot Sutcliffe, Pat Brady, Catherine Fane, Elizabeth Polley, Jill, Betty Boyd, Judy Beach and those we know personally and are not on this list.

For those with illnesses which medication will no longer help, give courage, strength and comfort in their faith of the joy of eternal life, to those recently bereaved, give comfort and strength.

For our members in residential care give peace and comfort -

Hilda Clyne, Shirley Dodgshun, Kaye Middlehurst, Anne Shady, Jean Wadey, Beth Ward, Jenny Wood, Shirley Trimble, Stella Scheiner and Ross Smith.

And pray for some joy for all of these people—perhaps the ability to have each day some joyous experiences so that their lives do not become dull and sad.

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



### PRAYER CHAIN

A great way we can stay connected is through prayer. Our prayer chain provides a way for people to request prayer for particular situations. If you'd like to join the team who pray, you can contact Anna or Lyn Carey-Nicholson on 0418 171 787 and they'll send you a text message when we receive a prayer request. If you would like us to pray for you, contact the Vicar on 0425 805 827.

### Mission Support Group News:

**African Enterprise**, in its latest newsletter, says "Not just COVID-19 has exponential growth. The Gospel does too. Our home-based evangelism strategy encourages individuals across Africa to make use of their own social networks to share the Gospel. So far, over 2,500 people have been trained to share their personal testimony via social media. In the past year we have seen 1.3 million people reached with the good news of Jesus in Africa. The aim is to train 6,000 evangelists to reach out in a Covid safe way. This is all through the efforts of 11 small teams based across Africa, who multiply the Gospel's impact by mobilising churches, volunteers and evangelists to reach into their cities in unity and strength. The potential for growth is boundless."

**REFUGEE FOOD AID** All Saints' and St Peter's, together with other churches, have previously contributed food items for refugees. These have been distributed through Welcome Centre, Wesley Church. Our items have been delivered each fortnight until the system was placed in recess. Program leaders have requested that for those led to continue to contribute, it is now best done by purchasing Food Vouchers from the Woolies, Coles and Aldi. Vouchers can be mailed to Welcome Centre, Wesley Church, 100 Yarra St. Geelong 3002.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK STARTING 7 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER			
MONDAY 7	Ps. 90	Isaiah 7.1 -17	Mark 6. 30 – 56
TUESDAY 8	Ps 89.1 – 18	Isaiah 7. 18 - 8. 4	Mark 7. 1 – 23
WEDNESDAY 9	Ps 89. 39 -53	Isaiah 8. 5 – 9. 1	Mark 7. 24 – 37
THURSDAY 10	Pss 92; 93	Isaiah 9. 2 – 17	Mark 8. 14 – 26
FRIDAY 11	Pss.95;96	Isaiah 9. 18 – 10. 11	Mark 8. 14 – 26
SATURDAY 12	Pss. 99; 100	Isaiah 10. 12 - 32	Mark 8. 27 – 9. 1
SUNDAY 13th	Isaiah 6. 1 -4, 8 -11 Ps. 126 I Thess. 5. 12 – 28 John 1. 6 – 8, 19 -28		

### What's on

Tuesday	Prayer Ministry 10 – 12 [final for the year on 8th]	St Peter's.
Wednesday	Holy Communion 10 (register your interest first)	St Peter's
Wednesday	Op Shop 9.30 – 1. Jigsaw Library 10 -12	All Saints'
Friday	Op Shop 9.30 - 1	All Saints'
Saturday	Op Shop 9.30 – 1 Jigsaw Library 10 -12	All Saints'

Check out the Parish website if you haven't already. You may find something you didn't know about. The Sunday sermons are available on the parish website [www.ogbha.org.au](http://www.ogbha.org.au)



**SNAIL MAIL MINISTRY** If you think there is someone who would appreciate a 'Thinking of You' card from the Parish, ring Jill Poole and she will attend to it.

#### TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER MINISTRY

The final session for this year will be 8<sup>th</sup> December. Dawn and John have said that they have prayed for many people – even in these days of Covid – and have been very pleased with the response. However, if you have not availed yourself of this wonderful ministry yet, don't miss out next year. If you find it difficult to pray for yourself or others, you will find that God uses others to help you, and these two have been given this gift.

*Information you need to put in The Bridge?*  
If so, email, phone or message me,  
Isobel Dean, (from the address book)  
by Wednesday 5pm

**ALL SAINTS'**  
WILL HOLD THEIR USUAL **CHRISTMAS STALL**  
IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH  
ON SATURDAY  
**5TH DEC FROM 10 AM.**