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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 20th 2020 Fourth Sunday of Advent

READINGS FOR TODAY

2 Sam. 7. 1 – 11, 16 Ps. 89. 1 – 4, 19 – 27 Rom. 16. 25 -27 Luke 1. 26 -38

"normal" WEEKLY SERVICE TIMES

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
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**Saturday morning prayer is on at
St. Peter's 8.45 this Saturday 19th
and then not again until
Saturday 9th January at 8.45**

Christmas Worship



Christmas Eve

9:00 pm	Holy Communion	All Saints' Barwon Heads
11:30 pm	Holy Communion	St Peter's Ocean Grove

Christmas Day

9:00 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's Ocean Grove
9:30 am	Holy Communion	All Saints' Barwon Heads

Sunday 27th December

9:00 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's Ocean Grove
11:00 am	Holy Communion	All Saints' Barwon Heads

Wednesday 30th December – No service

VICAR'S VOICE

It was wonderful to gather as worshipping communities again last Sunday. As I looked around and reflected on the year behind us, I was reminded of an image I saw recently with the caption -

“We have all weathered the same storm, but we haven’t all been in the same boat.”

This is an important reminder that our own experience of the past year, powerful and perhaps all-consuming as it was, may not be the same as that of the person next to us. In the weeks ahead I hope that as we re-connect with one another we will make time to listen to one another, and to understand each other’s experiences, and will take particular care of those who are struggling to stay afloat.

Blessings, Jill.



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.Whenver 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.**

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.

If you need information changed or put into the Bridge, please ring or message me - Isobel Dean [Parish Directory] by 5pm Wednesday.



A CHRISTMAS MENU" of reflections for Advent.

Week 1. 'Humble Pie' - Week 2. 'Honey and Locusts'. Week 3. 'Spiritual Digestion'..

Week 4: "The best food of all" Jesus is the best food of all. He is 'God with us', the one who will save all his people. Jesus invites us to feed on him, the bread of life – our true nourishment. We feed on him daily through the Scriptures and prayer, and in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving. Jesus comes as true light from heaven, but also as food. In Jesus our true nature and destiny is revealed; God and humans united. Poised over the manger we see the true bread of heaven, and the beginning of a wonderful journey of hope and renewal.

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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, and 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.

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

MISSION SUPPORT GROUP NEWS: Even Covid has the occasional upside.

69 Christians, most of whom had been held in Eritrean prisons for more than 10 years without trial, have been released as part of the government's Covid-19 control measures. Pray that they may be healed from the trauma of what they have endured in the harsh prison regimes.

Pray for those who have been in prison so long that they have no home to return to.

Pray that aid from various Christian missions will get through to these people, to help them in their adjustment to life outside prison.

Pray for the remaining 300 Christians who are still in prison.

WHAT'S ON – [other than on Sunday]

Wednesday	Holy Communion 10	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



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.

STAMPS--- remember what they are for? ---Well, Jill Poole has another use for them [the used Christmas ones] on the cards the craft group make. Please save them and give them to her.

BARWON HEADS COMMUNITY CAROLS GO VIRTUAL!

THIS SUNDAY - Sunday 20 December at 6.30pm

Hosted by Ian Cover

(Join online via Zoom from 6.00pm)

Meeting ID: **945 7672 6748**

Password: **hohoho**

Presented by the Combined Churches of Barwon Heads

Supporting the Christmas Bowl Appeal

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DAILY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK STARTING 21st DECEMBER

MONDAY 21	Pss.121;122;123	Isaiah 26. 1 - 19	Mark 12. 28 – 40
TUESDAY 22	Ps. 118. 1 - 8	Isaiah 27. 2 - 13	Mark 12. 41 – 13.13
WEDNESDAY 23	Pss.124;125;126	Isaiah 28. 1 - 13	Mark 13. 14 – 37
THURSDAY 24	Pss.130;131;133	Isaiah 28. 14 - 29	Gal 3. 23 – 4. 7
FRIDAY 25	Ps. 132. 10 - 18	Micah 4. 1 - 8	Matt. 1. 18 – 2. 6
SATURDAY 26	Ps. 130	Exodus 18. 13 - 26	Acts 6. 1 – 7, 7. 1 - 9



PRAYER CHAIN If you would like us to pray for you, contact the Vicar on 0425 805 827.

READINGS FOR CHRISTMAS DAY AND NEXT SUNDAY

Friday 25 th	Isaiah 9:2-7 Ps. 96 Titus 2. 11 – 14 Luke 2. 1 – 14 (15 – 20)
SUNDAY 27 th	Isaiah 61. 10.- 62. 3 Ps 148 Gal.4. 4 – 7 Luke 2. 22 - 40



HELP ME LORD TO UNWRAP THE PRESENT OF CHRISTMAS AND FIND THE CHRIST, TO LOOK BEYOND THE MANGER TO THE BABY, TO SEE BEYOND THE BABY TO DIVINITY.