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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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EPIPHANY

OUR 'normal' WEEKLY SERVICE TIMES WILL BE:

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| SUNDAYS | 7:45 am | Holy Communion | St Peter's |
| | 9:30 am | Holy Communion | St Peter's |
| | 11:00 am | Holy Communion | All Saints' |

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| WEDNESDAYS | 10:00 am | Holy Communion | St Peter's |
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There is a camera mounted in the sanctuary during the 9:30 service to allow those who wish to continue using **Zoom** to participate at home.

SATURDAY MORNING PRAYER:

This resumes *Saturday 9th January* at the new time of 9.00am. in St. Peter's Chapel.

All are welcome.

Please feel free to come regularly, or whenever you have a need for prayer.

VICAR'S VOICE Thank you for all your Christmas cards and gifts. Your care and support are very precious to us. As we put 2020 behind us and enter this new year, we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, the revelation of God's chosen one, the Messiah, to the world. My prayer for us as a community of faith is that through us, every day will be Epiphany – that in us, the love of God, poured out for the world, will be revealed, by our words and actions. **Blessings, Jill.**

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.

TODAY'S READINGS:

Isaiah 60. 1 – 6 Psalm 72, 1 -7, 10 -14 Ephesians 3. 1 – 12 Matthew 2. 1 - 12

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.**

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.

DAILY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK STARTING 4th January

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| MONDAY 4 | Pss. 11; 12 | Isaiah 33. 17 - 24 | John 4. 1 – 14 |
| TUESDAY 5 | Pss 15; 16. | Isaiah 35 | John 4. 13 - 26 |
| WEDNESDAY 6 | Ps. 72. 1 -7, 10 -14 | Isaiah 60. 1- 6 | Matthew 2. 1 - 12 |
| THURSDAY 7 | Ps 19 | Song of Songs 1. 1 - 11 | John 4. 39 – 54 |
| FRIDAY 8 | Pss 20;21. 1-7 | Song of Songs 2. 8 - 17 | |
| SATURDAY 9 | Ps. 22. 1 - 22 | Song of songs 4. 1 - 8 | John 5. 19 - 29 |

WHAT'S ON OTHER DAYS THAN SUNDAY

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| Tuesday | Op Shop 9.30 - 1 | All Saints' |
| Wednesday | Op Shop 9.30 – 1. Jigsaw Library 10 -12 | All Saints' |
| Friday | Op Shop 9.30 – 1 <i>[Not New Year's Day]</i> | All Saints' |
| Saturday | Op Shop 9.30 – 1 Jigsaw Library 10 -12 | All Saints' |

CHURCH WARDENS Cathy Coleman (Sec.) Betty Cameron Beryl Slocombe (Vicar's Warden)

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS Bev Stephenson (Treas.) Elise Perry Felicity Rousseaux Margaret Powell

REPRESENTATIVES ON INCUMBENCY COMMITTEE George Findlay Dawn Northfield Cathy Coleman

[FOCUS FOR JANUARY.](#) Lord, At the start of each day, help us to recognize You above all else. Enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see you and notice how you're at work through our lives. Help us to trust you more, to believe that you can accomplish far more, to do far greater, than we even thought possible. Lord, open our eyes to see the power in your Word. Open our ears to know what you are saying. Fill us with your Holy Spirit and draw us close into your Presence. Speak to us and show us your ways. Help us to know your voice above all else. God, help us to remember that you will never leave us, that you're our Refuge and our Strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Lord God, help us to know you better. Amen.

**ASK GOD TO HELP OUR FRIENDS,
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, Betty Boyd, Judy Beach, David Bayne, 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, Ross Smith, and Keith & Kaye Houston.

IN THE NAME OF JESUS.

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

OUR PRAYER CHAIN provides a way for people to request prayer for particular situations. If you'd like to join the team who pray, contact Anna or Lyn Carey-Nicholson on 0418 171 787 and they'll send you a text message when they receive a prayer request.

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



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.

MISSION SUPPORT GROUP- NEWS St. Andrew's Hall, in Carlton, trains all the CMS missionaries preparing to go out to mission fields worldwide. 2020 was set aside as the year to rebuild this hall. Despite only being allowed 25% of workers on site, the project has been on track for completion at the end of December 2020.

You can watch the time-lapse videos at cos.au/sah-update to see the work done to date.

Please pray that the project will be completed on time, on budget and safely.

Please continue to pray for our link missionary Rowan, that he will be able to return to Indonesia early in 2021, to resume his face-to-face ministry there.

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.

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.*

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.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 10TH JANUARY 2021

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| Genesis 1. 1 - 5 | Psalm 29 | Acts 19. 1 - 7 | Mark 1. 4 - 11 |
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PICNIC LUNCH AT ALL SAINTS'

We are holding a "bring-your-own" picnic lunch next Friday, 8th Jan, to welcome the Scripture Union Theos Team. Unfortunately, they are obviously unable to camp at the church and run a beach programme this year, but they are visiting Barwon Heads and would love to catch up.

Join us on the front lawn at 1pm.

We will not be providing food, so you will need to bring your own lunch as we cannot share food, but please come and share love.

Queries: Cathy 52641157.

Becoming a Christian isn't the end of the road, it is only the beginning. When you became a Christian you took on Jesus as your personal saviour. He is our road to God, and our desire is to be with and in harmony with God. Recall the first and great commandment, and the second. From these we are called to be 'living' members of the Church, to study the Bible, and to seek to understand the Christian faith better... **SO, JOIN A 'LIFE' GROUP** ... aka Bible Study. If there isn't one you can attend, I'm sure that by speaking with our Vicar Jill, a way will be found for you.

If you need information changed or put into the Bridge, **email** or **message** me (Isobel Dean [Parish Directory] by 5pm. Wednesday or earlier) as then it is more likely I will print the right message.

Ring me only if you can't get a written copy to me.

Check out the Parish website if you haven't already. You may find something you didn't know.

The Sunday sermons are available on the parish website www.ogbha.org.au