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St Peter's Ocean Grove & All Saints' Barwon Heads

OUR MISSION STATEMENT -
'TO KNOW CHRIST, AND MAKE CHRIST KNOWN'

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2nd Sunday after Epiphany

OUR 'normal' WEEKLY SERVICE TIMES WILL BE:

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

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

1Sam.3. 1 - 10	Ps 139. 1 – 5, 12 - 18	1 Cor. 6. 12 – 20	John 1. 43 -51
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VICAR'S VOICE

Who's calling?

In this modern age of telemarketing and phone-based scams, more and more of us are developing a habit of only answering calls from numbers we recognise. This is an entirely reasonable approach, but it does mean that we close ourselves off from the possibility of the surprise piece of good news, the unexpected attempt at contact with the old friend we've lost touch with...

Both our Old Testament and Gospel readings this week invite us to reflect on the way God "calls" people – unexpectedly, without prior introduction. The young Samuel is guided by his mentor, Eli, to recognise God's voice and to respond in faith and obedience. Jesus calls Philip (who may well have heard about Jesus from his neighbours Andrew and Peter), and Philip brings his brother Nathanael, who also responds to God's call.

I find myself wondering – how do I ensure that I remain open to God's call in my own life? How do I ensure that I'm not so busy managing my world that I might ignore or dismiss God's voice? How can I prevent my expectations about God from making me 'hard of hearing' when God speaks unexpectedly? Blessings, Jill.

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.

PLEASE READ

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.

FINDING THE PRESENCE OF GOD. (from Stehanie Dowrick's book Heaven on Earth)

Have you tried contemplative thinking? Try going into silence after prayer and rest on the words in your heart. To go beyond words via the catalyst of silence, pinpoints a way to authentic experience, opening our own heart in trust and friendship to our God.

Daily prayer does not always have to be asking, praising or begging, but can become more of a way of daily support by quietening your mind, and to be a way of living, of healing, and joy.

Heartfelt communication with God, not just words, creates a genuine relationship, and that is when we find the presence of God is with us.

WHAT'S ON		
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	All Saints'
Saturday	Op Shop 9.30 - 1 Jigsaw Library 10 -12	All Saints'

'Help me Lord to grow through all seasons of my life.'

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.

SATURDAY MORNING PRAYER: *on Saturdays at 9.00am. in St. Peter's Chapel. All are welcome. Please feel free to come regularly, or whenever you have a need for prayer.*

MISSION SUPPORT GROUP NEWS. The Bush Church Aid supported **Parish of Katherine**, in the Northern Territory, is currently vacant. Rev. Kristian and Kathryn Slack and their 4 children have moved to Alice Springs. Steve and Lyn Davis have gone up from Adelaide to serve as locum at Katherine. Please pray that:

- they can adjust quickly to the heat of the wet season, and make good connections with the parishioners and the wider community.
- God will quickly raise up a new shepherd for the parish.
- The bishop of NT and BCA will work together well, to recognise and appoint that new shepherd.
- More people in Katherine will come to know Jesus, as there are many people in the town and 10,000 are Christians.



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.

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 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.

DAILY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK STARTING 18th January			
MONDAY 18	Pss. 41; 44. 1 - 9	Gen 6	John 7. 37 – 52
TUESDAY 19	Ps 45	Gen 7	John 8. 1 - 11
WEDNESDAY 20	Ps 48	Gen 8	John 8. 12 -20
THURSDAY 21	Ps 50	Gen 9	John 8. 21 - 30
FRIDAY 22	Ps 51	Gen 10. 32 – 11. 9, 27-32	John 8. 31 - 47
SATURDAY 3	Pss. 54; 55. 1 - 12	Gen 12	John 8. 48 - 59

"The most helpful discovery of today has been that right in the midst of my sorrows there is always room for joy. Joy and sorrow are sisters; they live in the same house". Macrina Wiederkehr – Benedictine monastic.

'You will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy'. Jn 16; 20

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 24th JANUARY 2021			
Jonah 3. 1 - 10	Ps.62. 5 - 12	1 Cor. 7. 29 - 31	Mark 1. 14 -20

Jars for jam and preserves.

Those who make jam etc for the fair are getting very busy because it is fruit season. If you have any jars with lids, 200- 350-gram variety we would love to have them, especially the small ones. We can't use anything over 350 gm. If you could remove the labels that would be really appreciated. Ring Frasers (0427552376) or just leave them on their front veranda if that is easier. If you have any spare fruit or tomatoes, we can turn them into saleable items. Contact us so we can collect