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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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**JANUARY 24th 2021**

**3rd Sunday after Epiphany**

### OUR 'normal' 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

You may continue to use ZOOM at home to participate in the 9.30 service.

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

Jonah 3. 1 - 10	Ps. 62. 5 - 12	1Cor. 7.29- 31	Mark 1. 14 - 20
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**Sad news:** We give thanks for the life of **Lexie Buchanan**, who died on Tuesday. Lexie and her late husband, Don, were valued members of the St Peter's community for many years. Her funeral service will be at St Peter's on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 2:00 pm. Please pray for Lexie's daughter, Sue and her husband Graeme, and for all who mourn at this time.

**JILL'S JOTTINGS** It's always a privilege to lead worship, and as I reflect on last Sunday's 9:30 service I am deeply encouraged by the joy that pervaded the service. There was a real spirit of unity and purpose as we glorified God together. I know others also felt this, from the comments I heard from people at the door, and over morning tea.

Each week we see a few more people returning to our in-person services. If you haven't yet done so, I encourage you to join us. Zoom is a great gift for us in the times when we are unable to be physically present, but there is something very special about being together in the presence of our Lord. Blessings, Jill Poole"

'I am pleased to announce that Eden Joseph has accepted my invitation to join Parish Council.' Jill McCoy.

## 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.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.

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'

*Just to be a blessing.....*

*God of compassion, when I hesitate to be with another, strengthen me.*

*When I question the quality of my presence, assure me.*

*When I want to show my worth through action, humble me.*

*When I miss the needs of the one who suffers, awaken me.*

*When I forget the beauty of a loving presence, remind me.*

*When I run away from the call to be there, bring me back.*

*Just to be a blessing.....*

Lord, fill my mouth with worthwhile stuff, and stop me when I've said enough.

**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, 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 Leprosy Mission Australia has published a prayer which we encourage you to use regularly in your own prayers:

"Almighty Father, the giver of life and health, look mercifully on those who suffer from leprosy:

Stretch out your hand to touch and heal them as Jesus did during his earthly life;

Grant wisdom and insight to those who are seeking the prevention and cure of the disease;

Give skill and sympathy to those who minister to the patients;

Reunite the separated with their families and friends;

and inspire your people with the task set before The Leprosy Mission, that it may never lack the staff or the means to carry out its healing work,

in accordance with your will, and to the glory of your holy name.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen"



**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.*

#### DAILY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK STARTING 25th January

MONDAY 25	Pss. 62; 63	Genesis 13	Luke 1. 1 - 12
TUESDAY 26	Pss. 65; 70	Gen. 14. 8 - 24	Luke 1. 13 - 25
WEDNESDAY 27	Ps. 68. 1 - 20	Gen. 15	Luke 1. 26 - 38
THURSDAY 28	Ps. 71	Gen. 16	Luke 1. 39 - 56
FRIDAY 29	Ps. 69. 1 - 16	Gen. 17	Luke 1. 57 - 66
SATURDAY 30	Ps. 72	Gen. 18 1 - 22	Luke 1. 67 - 80

**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.

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](http://www.ogbha.org.au)

#### Next Sunday's Readings 31 January

Deut. 18. 15 - 20	Ps 111	1 Cor. 8. 1 - 13	Mark 1. 21 - 8
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We all, like sheep, have gone astray. We wander in all directions, straying into fear, doubt, and despair; clinging to self-sufficiency, achievement, and numbing distractions. But you, Lord, are the Great Shepherd. Bring us back, we pray. Would you teach us again, or for the first time, to hear your voice? Grant us the grace not only to follow you, but to more fully trust you for the sustenance you offer us each day. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.