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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 31st 2021

4th 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.

VICAR'S VOICE

Over the past few years I have been increasingly aware of the debate about when and how we celebrate our shared identity as Australians. I don't need to rehearse the dimensions of that debate here – you are all familiar both with the arguments for retaining the national public holiday established in the 1990s, and those asking that, out of respect for those who paid the price of invasion and exploitation, the celebration of citizenship and Australian culture and ethos be moved to a different date.

This year, I've found myself wondering what this debate can tell us about the way we conduct ourselves as the Church. We have much to celebrate, and we have established (some long-established) ways of sharing our stories in our life together as a Church. But there are others for whom what we do doesn't make a lot of sense. Some who have been badly hurt by the church in the past. They want to explore the things of faith, but find it difficult make a connection. How do we respond? Will we hold on tenaciously to the way it's 'always' been? Or will we acknowledge the needs of others, and seek to adapt to change that is helpful to them?

Blessings, Jill.

TODAY'S READINGS

Deut. 18. 15 - 20	Ps. 111	1 Cor. 8. 1 - 13	Mark 1. 21 - 28
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DAILY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK STARTING 1st February

MONDAY 1	Ps 74	Genesis 18. 22 -19. 11	Luke 2. 1 - 7
TUESDAY 2	Ps 77	Genesis 19. 12 - 29	Luke 2. 8 - 21
WEDNESDAY 3	Ps 78. 16 - 38	Genesis 20	Luke 2. 41 - 52
THURSDAY 4	Ps 80	Genesis 21. 1 -21	Luke 3. 1 - 14
FRIDAY 5	Pss. 82, 84.	Genesis 22. 1 – 19	Luke 3. 15 - 22
SATURDAY 6	Ps. 86	Genesis 23	Luke 3. 23 - 38

Next Sunday's Readings 7th February

Isaiah 40. 21 -31	Ps. 147. 1 - 11	1 Cor. 9. 16 - 23	Mark 1. 29 - 39
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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'

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.



Tuesday Morning Prayer will begin again on **Feb 9th**. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to have a quiet, personal prayer for yourself or a loved one, with John and Dawn. **Time 10 - 12 at St. Peter's.**

MISSION SUPPORT GROUP NEWS. The Bible Society has released a new Pitjantjatjara Bible app. which enables listeners to pass on Bible stories in their heart language - as well as strengthening literacy levels among communities which use it.

The app features a dramatized audio recording of the New Testament in the Pitjantjatjara language. It also allows users to search for and play verses and chapters.

In addition, the app includes links to the Pitjantjatjara hymn book, other devotional materials and to Christian YouTube channels.

Thank God for the great innovative work of Bible Society Australia, and pray that this app will be widely used to spread the Good News of Jesus.

FOCUS FOR FEBRUARY - Those who have been devastated by so many recent tragedies.

Remember those who have lost their lives so suddenly and, hold in our hearts the families forever changed by grief and loss, asking for consolation and comfort. Pray for those who have survived, and healing of their memories of trauma and devastation, giving them the courage to face the days ahead. Keep our hearts focused on the needs of all who need help because of natural disasters, accidents, pandemics and all tragic circumstances. Pray for ourselves to respond with generosity in prayer, in assistance, and in comfort to the best of our abilities



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.

ZOOMING 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.*

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

'LIFE EVERY DAY' BOOKLETS WRITTEN BY JEFF LUCAS

These by-monthly booklets written by Jeff Lucas are to help you apply the Bible to everyday life. Through his customary wit and wisdom, he helps you to gain insight, understanding and practical application from God's Word. For many years St. Peter's has obtained copies of these booklets at \$8.00 each (a discount of 20%) for parishioners. If you would like to be added to the purchase list please contact Betty Cameron.

If anyone has old issues of Life Every Day or any other daily devotional booklets. which you no longer want, would you please give them to Gayee Minotti. She sends such booklets to Malawi, where they are distributed widely by Robyn Casey of the Mphatso Mission which is an outreach originating from the Ocean Grove Baptist Church.

We will be circulating another update of the PARISH DIRECTORY next month.
If you haven't checked your entry yet, please do so now,
and let the office know of any corrections or additions

Geelong Interfaith Network A "Zoom" discussion on the topic

"Global racial discrimination and racial prejudice" will be held on Thursday 4th February, 7.30pm to 9pm, sponsored by the Geelong Interfaith Network.

A number of speakers from different faiths will present, and there will be an opportunity for the texting-in of questions, or for emailing them in beforehand.

If you would like to join this event, please contact the Rev'd Tim Gibson on 0412191971 or tgibson.1@bigpond.com by Tuesday 2nd February and the zoom code will be sent to you, plus the mobile number for texting questions.