

# THE BRIDGE

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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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**February 21st 2021 Lent 1.**

## 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.

## VICAR'S VOICE

*As I was preparing our Ash Wednesday service this year, I came across the liturgy written by the Uniting Church. It includes these words, which I incorporated into the introduction in our service: "We are aware of the harsh reality of bushfires on the Australian landscape; reducing all before it to ash; reminding us that we are dust. Bushfires also have a cleansing and purifying action where the land is stripped and broken open that new life may emerge.*

*The sign of ash signifies our need for self-examination and penitence during this holy season of Lent that we may be broken open and prepared for new life as the baptised people of God."*

*This is such a powerful image, and reminds us not only of the destruction that brings ashes, but the hope that lies, hidden and dormant, in the ash. There is a reason we receive the ashes in the sign of the cross – a symbol both of death and despair, and of life and hope.*

*I invite you to enter into your Lenten discipline with the deliberate intention of asking God's Spirit to break you open and prepare you for new life. For me, this is a scary thought, and I'm sure I will pray it with some fear and trepidation. But I will also pray it with confidence in the God described in Joel 2:12 as "gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love." Blessings, Jill*

**LENTEN STUDIES** "It's all about hope". It's not too late to join a Lenten study group. Please contact the Vicar if you would like to join a group, or add your name to the list at the back of the church. If you would prefer to take a copy of the studies to use in personal reflection, you are very welcome to do so. A donation of \$8.00 to cover the cost would be appreciated. If you are unable to come to the church but would like to participate in the Lenten studies either at home or in a group meeting on Zoom, please contact the Vicar.

**TODAY'S READINGS** Gen 9. 8 -17. Ps. 25. 1 – 10 1Peter 3. 18 – 22 Mark 1. 9 – 15

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS.** Gen 17.1 –7,15 – 16. Ps. 22. 24 – 32. Rom. 4. 13 -25 Mk.8. 31 -38

**DAILY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK STARTING 22nd February**

MONDAY 22	Ps.118. 1 -8 or Ps.25	Gen. 39	Luke 11. 14 -28
TUESDAY 23	Pss. 124.125.126	Gen. 40	Luke 11. 29 -44
WEDNESDAY 24	Pss. 130.131. 133	Gen. 41. 1 - 36	Luke 11. 45 – 12. 7
THURSDAY 25	Ps 135 or Ps 39	Gen. 41. 37 - 57	Luke 12. 8 – 21
FRIDAY 26	Pss. 137.1-6; 138	Gen 42. 1 - 17	Luke 12. 22 -34
SATURDAY 27	Ps 140. Or Ps.88	Gen. 42. 18 - 38	LUKE 12. 35-48

We all know that water is necessary for life. Did you know that there are apparently 722 references to water in the Holy Bible? The first is found in *Genesis 1:2* and the last mention is found in *Revelation 22:17*. In between those two books water flows right through the pages of scripture. This should teach us that there is a great spiritual significance to water and our lives.

Rev 22. 17 The Spirit and the bride say 'Come!' And let him who hears say, 'Come!' Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.

**WHAT'S ON**

Monday	Hearts and Crafts 10 - 1 (byo cup & lunch)	St Peter's
Tuesday	Prayers – personal- with Dawn & John 10 - 12	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'
Saturday	Prayers in the chapel 9am	St Peter's

**JIGSAW SALE** We need the space to shelve lovely new donations (people have been buying up big in the lockdown) so we're getting rid of some excess stock **on Sat 27th Feb and Sat 6th March**. Please tell your friends, and if you know any (other) Op Shops that need stock we'd love to donate. contact Cathy 52641157.

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, Dawn White 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, COMFORT & JOY  
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 9.00 am.** 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** is a wonderful opportunity for you to have quiet, personal  
prayers for yourself or a loved one, with Dawn and John. **10 - 12 at St. Peter's.**

### MISSION SUPPORT GROUP NEWS

The next Mission Bottle opening will be the 2 Sundays after Easter - 11th and 18th April.  
If you are a person who gives up something for Lent, such as alcohol, chocolate, or ice cream,  
you might consider putting some of the money you save into your Mission Bottle, to boost  
the amount we can give to missions this year. Thank you for all who have bottles and are  
filling them. If you don't have a bottle and would like one, please contact Betty Cameron,  
George Findlay, Tom Wells or John Minotti, and we will get one for you.

**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, pandemic and all tragic circumstances. Pray for ourselves to  
respond with generosity in prayer, in assistance, and in comfort to the best of our abilities

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.

- The Sunday sermons are available on the parish website [www.ogbha.org.au](http://www.ogbha.org.au)
- 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
- **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.
- **ZOOMING** - Still available for 9.30 services –refer to earlier pew sheets for instructions
  - If you need information changed, or added to 'The Bridge', please **email** or **message** me (details for Isobel Dean in the Parish Directory) by 5 pm Wednesday, as then it is more likely you will get the right outcome. If you can't do this a phone call is fine.

### **PLEASE READ THIS**

**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.**

Throughout the Bible and ancient practices, ashes have often been the symbol of deep repentance and grief. We all experience grief and trouble in our lives. But Jesus reminds us in **John 16:33**, "*In this world you will have trouble, but take courage, for I have overcome the world.*" And that's the key to the ashes that cover **our** days in this life.

*"To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them **beauty for ashes**, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified."* Isaiah 61:3 .