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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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March 14th 2021 Lent 4.

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.

TODAY'S READINGS

2 Chronicles 36:22-23 Ps. 107.1 -3, 17-22. Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3. 14 -21

WHAT'S ON

Monday	Hearts and Crafts 10 - 1 (b.y.o. 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

We worship on the traditional land of the Wathaurong People of the Kulin Nation, and we acknowledge and pay our respect to their Elders past and present.

ALPHA We will be running Alpha for 6 weeks beginning after the Easter School Holidays. There will be sessions on Monday afternoon and Tuesday evening. Please make a note in your diary, and encourage others to come as well. We will be using the recently updated video material, combined with informal discussion time

VICAR'S VOICE. I have noticed a theme in many of the things I've been reading recently from leaders in the church. How do we respond as we emerge from the COVID19 crisis and have greater freedoms and opportunities? There is a natural tendency for many of us to look to return to the comfortable patterns and routines of the past. But some of us are also re-assessing the ways we spend our time, and the things we consider important. 2020 taught us some important lessons, and we don't want to lose sight of them.

These are issues that we as a church need to engage with. There are many things we were forced to do without last year. Are there things we longed for, and were ready to embrace again eagerly? Are there other things we were happy to let go? Were there things we were "forced into" during this past year, and can't wait to let go of (e.g., mask wearing) or that we are pleased we were pushed into, and want to continue to have as part of our lives (e.g., Zoom for "Virtual Church" that enables people to participate even when they can't come along in person.

I encourage you to take some time to reflect on these questions, and to discuss your ideas with other people, and particularly with those on Parish Council.

Blessings, Jill.

Browsing in preparation for reading 'Vanishing Grace' by Philip Yancey ,I came across chapter and section headings, and thought about what I presumed would be written.

I thought it a good exercise, and so will share some of them here that you might also ponder on their meaning in our world today.

The great divide. Good news squandered. Signs of thirst. Cultured despisers. Beauty and pain. Pilgrims progressing. Wordless hope. Scribbles in the sand. Is it really good news? Clues but not proof. It's all about me. Mutual fear. A modern parable. Now to read-----

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Christ has no body on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours; yours are the eyes through which he is to look with compassion on the world; yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good; and yours re the hands with which he is to bless us now.

[St Theresa of Avila]

Thanks be to thee, our Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which thou hast given us, for all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for us. O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and brother, may we see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly day by day. Amen [St Richard of Chichester].

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, Janet Paisley, Hazel Ford, Beryl Slocombe 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, WE ASK.

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

Mission Support Group News –

Our link missionary Rowan has sent these prayer points in his March newsletter. Please include them in your daily prayers:

Give thanks for: the ongoing rollout of the covid vaccine across Indonesia.

: good progress with the translation of the lay leadership training booklets.

Please pray for: marriages and families of pastors and church members that are under pressure because of pandemic-related stresses.

: good time management as he works across time zones and juggles sermon preparation, preaching, the translation project, mentoring and other demands on his time.

Our Prayer Chain provides a way for people to request prayer for 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.**

PRAYER FOCUS FOR MARCH

It is God who brings more people into His Church, and so it is to Him we should be talking about the future of our churches. If we do not plead for our churches regularly in our daily prayers, we will see very little in the way of answers to our constant concerns for this problem...if you see it as a problem. Pray daily and ask for guidance, for a way to prepare [even if it entails change]and go forward to engage those whom God is calling right now. Please pray for this every day... not just in March.

- **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.

Taken from 'Creation Waits' by Agnes Sanford.

"My son's comment did cause me to wonder about this wandering of mind toward the past, and it came to me that it would be more sensible to look forward toward the future. After all, it is always best to look where we are going, rather than going forward while trying to look backward!"

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.**

DAILY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK STARTING 15th March

MONDAY 15	Ps. 37. 1-17 or Ps 25.	Exodus 1	Luke 18. 1 – 14
TUESDAY 16	Ps 38. or Pss. 3; 6.	Exodus 2.	Luke 18. 15 -30.
WEDNESDAY 17	Ps.40 or Ps. 90	Exodus 3.	Luke 18. 31-43
THURSDAY 18	Pss. 41; 44.1-9 or Ps.39	Exodus 4. 1-3,24-26	Luke 19. 1 -10
FRIDAY 19	Ps 45. or Ps 69	Exodus 4. 27 – 6. 1	Luke 19. 11 -27
SATURDAY 20	Ps 48 or Ps 69	Exodus 6.2-13; 6.8- 7.7	Luke 19. 28 -48

SUNDAY 21st MARCH READINGS

5th Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31. 31-34. Ps. 119. 9-6. Hebrews 5. 5-14. John 12. 20 -33