

# THE BRIDGE

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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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**March 21st 2021 Lent 5**

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 Jeremiah 31.31-34. Ps.119.9-16. Hebrews 5. 5-14. John 12. 20-33

WHAT'S ON-weekly.		
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

- All Saints' March **fundraiser stall** will have papercraft and Easter items.  
Next Saturday 27th from 10. Visit us on your way to the market!

**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

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATION** Are you able to work in Church office for a few hours a week, or know someone we could employ? This a part time paid employment position.

If you could help, either talk to Jill Mc Coy or Cathy Coleman Thank you, Beryl Slocombe.

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.

**VICAR'S VOICE.** This year we will have two special opportunities to reflect on the meaning of Easter

**The Messiah in the Passover** The Gospels tell us that on the night before he died, Jesus celebrated the Passover with his friends. For the people of Israel, the Passover was the annual festival in which they remembered their liberation by God from slavery in Egypt, and celebrated the peace and security God had given them in the promised land. We usually remember these events by gathering on the Thursday before Easter (known as Maundy Thursday) to share in Holy Communion and to remember that, according to John's Gospel, Jesus washed his disciples' feet.

This year, we have the opportunity to do something different. We have invited Celebrate Messiah, an organisation that seeks to bring the Gospel alive in its Jewish context, to lead us in a Passover Banquet. This will include a meal, an explanation of the traditional Passover foods and symbols (and an opportunity to taste them), and sharing bread and wine together, as Jesus did. Numbers are limited because of COVID19 restrictions, but I hope there will be room for all who want to participate.

**When ?** 6:00 – 8:30 pm, Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April      **Where?** St Peter's Hall  
Please contact me if you would like to come.  
Donations to cover the cost of the event are warmly welcomed.

**Easter Day** I will be leading the combined churches Dawn service this year. If you are able, please consider joining us at 6:00 am on Easter Day at the Ocean Grove lookout. This service is a wonderful way to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord with our brothers and sisters from other churches, and I would greatly appreciate your support.

Blessings, Jill.

*Many thanks to Gayee for making the delicious Simnel Cake for our morning tea last Sunday, to celebrate Mothering Sunday.  
Your cooking abilities and willingness are much appreciated.*

## **'TO KNOW CHRIST, AND MAKE CHRIST KNOWN'**

**"To Know" ----- DICTIONARY SAYS**

1. 'Be aware of through observation, inquiry or information.'
2. 'To develop a relationship with someone through meeting and spending time with them, to be familiar or friendly with'.

- Which one of these explanations best describes the way YOU "know Christ"?
  - How do we make "Christ known"? By 1 or 2?

This is the Mission Statement for our church, and it should inspire us to action.  
So perhaps we need a Vision Statement as well to inspire us first to dream!

**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, Cath, 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.

Thank you to my church family for prayers and good wishes. I am progressing slowly.  
Beryl Slocombe

**MISSION SUPPORT GROUP NEWS –** Bush Church Aid (BCA) has made a number of new appointments  
of field and administrative staff. Please pray for them:

- \* Mike Upton - the new Queensland/ Northern NSW Regional Officer. With his wife Sandra and son David, he lives on the Gold Coast where he was the rector of the Surfers Paradise Parish.
- \* Ruth Walton - the new Anglican Dean at Nungalinya College Darwin.
- \* David Pohlmann - the new Schools Ministry Co-ordinator with Scripture Union Northern Territory. He and his wife Margaret have come from Townsville where he was Lead Pastor at Mt Louisa Community Church.
- \* Simon and Alison Roberts have come to lead the Exmouth Community Church WA.
- \* Naomi Ireland is the new Children's Ministry Officer for the Diocese of Northern Territory.
- \* David and Lauren Horne have come to lead the Southern Beaches church plant in Tasmania.
- \* Steven and Caitlin Klouth have come to lead the Anglican church at Kelso NSW

**Our Prayer Chain** 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.

## 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.**

**THE OLD WELL.** - a precis from part of the introduction of John Sanford's book "The Kingdom Within".

The house was at least 150 years old, serviced by a well probably as old, and which had provided sweet, free water to the families who had lived there. Remarkably it never ran dry even in the severest droughts. Eventually there was modernisation, and the well was sealed over in favour of the more convenient tap water throughout the home. Years later the well cover was removed to test whether the water was still sweet, however there was some shock on discovering that the well was bone dry. It seems that a well like this one is fed by hundreds of tiny underground rivulets, keeping any apertures clear and open. But when the well became unused and the water not regularly drawn, the little rivulets closed up. So, the well which had provided water for so many, many, years was dry because it was not being used.

What happened to the old well can happen to us if the Living Water of God does not, for one reason or another, flow through us. It is not that God is dead, but we become spiritually dead if we close ourselves up from receiving and passing on the living water which God has provided us through His Word, His Love and His Grace and Faithfulness.

**So, don't ever stop searching for, listening to, asking, trying to hear, speaking to, sitting in silence with, laughing with, praising, worshipping, singing to, reading about, pouring it all out to our Almighty God, so you can drink in His Living Water to wash over your soul, and stop you from drying out.**

### DAILY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK STARTING 22nd March

MONDAY 22	Ps.51. or Ps.25	Exodus 7. 8 - 24	Luke 20. 1-18
TUESDAY 23	Pss.54;55.1-12	Exodus 7. 25- 8. 19	Luke 20. 19-26
WEDNESDAY 24	Pss. 56; 57	Exodus 8.20 - 9.12	Luke 20. 27 -47
THURSDAY 25	Pss. 62 63 or 39	Exodus 9. 13- 35	Luke 21. 1 – 19
FRIDAY 26	Pss.65; 70 or 69	Exodus 10. 1 - 20	Luke 21. 20 – 28
SATURDAY 27	Ps.68. 1 – 20 or Ps. 88	Exodus 10. 21 – 11.10	Luke 21. 29 – 22. 6

### Palm Sunday READINGS - SUNDAY 28th MARCH

Isaiah 50.4-9a Ps.118:1-2, 19-29 Phil. 2. 5-11 Mark 11:1-11