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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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March 28th 2021 PALM SUNDAY

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

What's on regularly.		
MONDAY	Hearts and Crafts 10 – 1 BYO cup and lunch	St. Peter's hall O. G
TUESDAY	Prayers-personal – with Dawn and John – 10 - 12	St. Peter's O. G
WEDNESDAY	Op shop 9.30 - 1 Jigsaw Library 10 - 12	All Saints' hall B.H
WEDNESDAY	Holy Communion 10 am	St. Peter's O. G
FRIDAY	Op Shop 9.30 - 1	All Saints' hall B.H
SATURDAY	Op Shop 9.30 – 1 Jigsaw Library 10 -12	All Saints' hall B.H
SATURDAY	Prayers in the Chapel from 9 am	St Peter's O. G
SUNDAY	7.45am Holy Communion & 9.30am Holy Communion	St. Peter's O. G
SUNDAY	11 am Holy Communion	All Saints' B.H

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. Text or email or phone Jill with your booking preference.

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 McCoy or Cathy Coleman Thank you, Beryl Slocombe.

ST. PETER'S SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES: Sides people, Readers, and Intercessors, are urgently needed to fulfill these roles at both Sunday Services at St. Peter's, **AFTER EASTER**. If you aren't already on the lists, please contact Beryl Slocombe or Betty Cameron.

EASTER SERVICES

HOLY WEEK Time for private prayer & meditation- open churches.

Monday – Wednesday St Peter’s 10.00am till noon.

Monday – Thursday All Saints’ 1.00 pm.– 3.00 pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY: Passover meal with Celebrate Messiah 6:00 – 8:30 pm

Please contact Jill McCoy (phone or text 0425805827 or email jillm@ogbha.org.au) if you would like to come.

GOOD FRIDAY

9:00 am St Peter’s Traditional Good Friday liturgy

11:00 am All Saints’ Reflections on the Passion of Christ

3:00 pm St Peter’s Informal reflection

EASTER SUNDAY

6:00 am Ocean Grove Lookout - Ecumenical Dawn Service (Jill McCoy leading)

9:00 am St Peter’s Holy Communion

9:30 am All Saints’ Holy Communion

FLOWERS FOR EASTER SERVICES: Do you have flowers in your garden that would be suitable for the Easter Services? If so, please ring Kathy Donaghey on 0448 434 110.

VICAR’S VOICE. Hosanna! Hosanna! So, the cry rang out on that first Palm Sunday, as Jesus entered Jerusalem, with crowds gathering and spreading their garments in his path, making an impromptu “red carpet”. So much in this scene (and the way Hosanna is used in some of the songs we sing), can make us think that this is a shout of praise. But that’s not what we are seeing here. The words of the assembled throng who escort Jesus into Jerusalem echo the words of Psalm 118:25-26, “Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!” Hosanna means “save us”. We are watching a crowd of oppressed and impoverished people, desperate for liberation from the Roman Empire, pleading with Jesus to take on the role of Messiah as political saviour. Jesus’ response, demonstrated in his actions on Good Friday, was an answer to their request for salvation, but not in the way they expected, or wanted. In his death and resurrection Jesus frees all who believe from the oppression guilt and the fear of death. But He does not release us from our connections to the society in which we live, and the challenges those connections bring. We are not saved from this world, but saved for this world, that we might live as beacons of light and hope for those around us.

Blessings, Jill

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS NEXT SUNDAY 4TH APRIL.

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.

ASK THE LORD OUR 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
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 REMINDERS:

- 1. Anglican Board of Missions (ABM) Lenten and Easter envelopes:** Envelopes are in both churches for anyone who wishes to support the missionary and humanitarian work of ABM. They can be left, with your donations, in the offertory plates of either church.
- 2. Mission bottle opening:** The next opening of the mission bottles will be on the 2 Sundays after Easter - 11th and 18th of April. Buckets will be available in each church, so that you can empty your bottle and then take it home to start collecting again for the next opening later in the year. Remember that the donations from the bottles are in addition to the mission allocation set aside by the Parish Council.

Prayer Chain If you'd like to join the team who pray, contact Anna or Lyn Carey-Nicholson 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.

EARLY SERVICE AT ST.PETER'S WILL REVERT TO 8AM ON APRIL 11TH.

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 are no longer required to be worn in church buildings under most circumstances, but it is strongly recommended that we wear a mask while singing.
- 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.

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 8.00 and 9:30 am congregations. **Please observe the signs on the ends of the pews.**

DAILY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK STARTING 29 TH March			
MONDAY 29	Ps 21	Lamentations 1.1-12	John 14
TUESDAY 30	Ps 27	Lamentations 3.1-18	John 15.1 -16.4a
WEDNESDAY 31	Ps 88.	Jeremiah 11.18- 20	John 16.4b -33
THURSDAY 1	Ps 55	Exodus 24. 1-11	John 17
FRIDAY 2	Ps 40	Genesis 22. 1-18	Matthew 27. 32-54
SATURDAY 3	Ps 30	Genesis 2. 1 -3	John 19. 38 -42

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 4TH EASTER DAY

Acts 10.34-43 Hymn to the Risen Christ [page 6 APBA] **1 Corinthians** 15. 1-11 Mark 16. 1-8

The Resurrection: - in the art of the eastern Church, the Resurrection is often painted of Christ leaving the tomb with Adam, hand in hand. Adam of course represents all humanity. Between life and resurrection lies our death. Yet death need hold no fear for us if we can see that death is the call of love from the risen Christ, calling us from this life into the life promised, from our earthly journey to the glory of resurrection. There **will** be a day when we will all go home, when all the ravages of age, pain, and death will disappear, and when all that by faith we have sought in this life **will be real**.

["Walking the Way of the Cross" by John Elliston and published by Kevin Mayhew 2005, is the book from which these thoughts came. I.D.]

The Bridge: if you want anything added or changed, please text or email me [so that I get the message right]. Isobel Dean - ref. Parish Directory (ring if necessary)