

# THE BRIDGE

THE ANGLICAN

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 28<sup>th</sup> 2021 Lent 2.**

## OUR 'normal' WEEKLY SERVICE TIMES WILL BE:

SUNDAY	7:45 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's	You may continue to use ZOOM at home to participate in the 9.30 service.
	9:30 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's	
	11:00 am	Holy Communion	All Saints'	
WEDNESDAY	10:00 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's	

## TODAY'S READINGS

**Gen 17.1 –7,15 – 16. Ps. 22. 24 – 32. Rom. 8: 31 - 39 Mk.8. 31 -38**

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS.

Exodus 20.1 – 17. Ps. 19. 1 Cor. 1.18-25. John 2. 13 -22

Pss. 1;2 or 25	Gen.43. 1 - 15	Luke 12. 49 - 59
Pss. 5; 6 or Pss.3;6	Gen. 43.15 - 34	Luke 13. 1 – 9
Ps.9. or Ps.90	Gen.44.1 - 17	Luke 13. 10 -21
Pss.11;12 or 39	Gen. 44. 18 - 34	Luke 13. 22 – 35
Pss. 15; 16 or Ps.69	Gen. 45.1 -15	Luke 14. 1 – 14
Ps.18.1-31 or Ps.88	Gen. 45. 16 - 46. 7	Luke 14. 15 - 34

The Gospel, calls us to die to ourselves—to lose ourselves for the sake of Christ.

What does this mean for us and our church?

I particularly love the sign on the front entry door of St. Peter's which tells us in large bold letters to "HOLD ON" when we enter.

<b>WHAT'S ON</b>		
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

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICES WILL BE PRAYING FOR VANUATU THIS YEAR.**

Barwon Heads Service - Friday 5th March 2pm at the Uniting Church.

Ocean Grove Service - Friday 5th of March at 10.00am at the Catholic Church

Online church will continue to be a great experience for those who simply have no other access to church, or on a particular day are unable to attend a church. Most of us have experienced it, and are grateful. But there is something about human relationship that requires presence. Think of it like meeting someone online. You can have a fantastic relationship. But if you fall in love, you ultimately want to meet and spend your life together. So it is with Jesus, people and the church.

*All things bright and beautiful,  
 All creatures great and small  
 All things wise and wonderful  
 The Lord God made them all.  
 He gave us eyes to see them,  
 And lips that we might tell  
 How Great is God Almighty,  
 who has made all things well...*

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  
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, 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

### Mission Support Group News - Anglican Board of Mission Lent Appeal:

This year the Anglican Board of Mission has sent the parish its annual Lenten envelopes.  
The difference is that donors can nominate any of 5 projects ABM has put forward, and  
there are different envelopes for each project. The projects are:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Mission Grant
  - Philippines Asset Based Community Development Project
    - Supporting St. John's Theological Seminary Zambia
    - Supporting the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf
  - Supporting the Coming of the Light Mission and Ministry in the Torres Strait
- If you would like to support any, or all, of these projects, you can pick up the appropriate envelopes from either church, or go online and donate directly.

For more information, contact John Minotti

**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.**

**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.

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)
- **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.**

As despairing or as cynical as some might be (sometimes understandably) over the church's future, we have to remind ourselves that the Church was Jesus' idea, not ours. It will survive our missteps and whatever cultural trends happen around us. We certainly don't always get things right, but Christ has an incredible history of pulling together Christians in every generation to share his love for a broken world. As a result, the reports of the Church's death are greatly exaggerated. [ these thoughts are from a piece by Carey Nieuwhof about the future church and shifting attendance patterns]