

# 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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**March 7th 2021 Lent 3.**

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

### 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



*Ladies' Coffee Morning Thursday 11th March at BT's 10.30am  
Please put your name on the sheet in St. Peter's foyer  
or ring Gayee.*



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** Some friends of mine have just published a book entitled "Grounded in the Body, in Time and Place, in Scripture." I'm looking forward to exploring the 18 essays it contains and have also ordered a copy for our parish library. It's not an "easy read", as many of the chapters started as papers presented at an academic conference. But in my initial skim through I have found it very engaging. The simple idea of being "grounded" is a reminder that we live our lives of faith as three-dimensional physical beings, not as purely spiritual entities. It invites us to think about the way our faith connects with, and connects us to, every area of our lives. Whether digging deep into the meaning of scripture or seeking for better understanding of profound ethical questions, the writers are consistently looking to stand firm in their faith and inviting us to look again at the foundations of our own lives.

As I reflect on what I'm reading, I find the words of the old hymn by Edward Mote playing in my mind:

"My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand,*

*All other ground is sinking sand;*

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May we know what it is to be grounded in Jesus always.

Blessings, Jill.

**JULIAN OF NORWICH** born 1342 and died sometime after 1416.

Her optimistic theology speaks of God's love in terms of joy and compassion as opposed to law and duty. Suffering is not a punishment inflicted by God, but God loves and saves everyone.

Her great saying, "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well," reflects this theology. It is one of the most individually famous lines in all theological writing and is one of the most well-known phrases of the literature of her era.

Julian asked: "Ah, good Lord, how could all things be well, because of the great harm which has come through sin to your creatures?"

'And so our good Lord answered all the questions and doubts which I could raise, saying most comfortingly: "I make all things well, and I can make all things well, and I shall make all things well, and I will make all things well; and you will see for yourself that every kind of thing will be well". And in these words God wishes us to be enclosed in rest and peace.'

Despite OUR present problems be sure God wishes us to be enclosed in love and rest and peace, and that we will see for ourselves that every kind of thing will be 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, Beryl Slocombe, Hazel Ford.

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 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.

**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.**

**SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH READINGS**

Numbers 21. 4 – 9. Ps. 107.1 -3, 17-22. Ephesians 2. 1 -10. John 3. 14 -21.

**DAILY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK STARTING 8th March**

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MONDAY 8	Pss.20;21.1-7 or Ps25	Gen 46.26- 47.12	Luke 15. 1-10
TUESDAY 9	Ps.22.1-22.	Genesis 47.13-31	Luke 15. 11-32
WEDNESDAY 10	Ps 25. or 90	Gen.48	Luke 16. 1-13
THURSDAY 11	Pss.28;29 or 39	Gen.49. 1 -21	Luke 16.14 -31
FRIDAY 12	Ps.33 or 69	Gen.49. 22- 50. 6	Luke 17. 1 – 19
SATURDAY 13	Ps.35. 1- 17 or 88	Gen. 50. 7 -26	Luke 17.20 - 37

