

# 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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April 11<sup>th</sup>. 2021 Second Sunday of Easter

## READINGS FOR TODAY

Acts 4. 32 – 37

Ps 133

1 John 1.1 – 22

John 20. 19 - 31

## 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	<b>8am.</b> Holy Communion & <b>9.30am</b> Holy Communion	St. Peter's O. G
SUNDAY	<b>11 am</b> Holy Communion	All Saints' B.H

**NOTE:** from Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April the early service at St Peter's will return to an 8:00 am start.

*Disturbing the peace is a crime. When you rant and rave and stomp  
and fret over life's petty grievances, arrest yourself!*

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.

THANK YOU to all those who helped make our Easter worship the very special experience it was. Both those who were visible, and those who worked in the background in preparation, made a wonderful contribution, for which we are very grateful.

## **ALPHA – Don't miss out! ALPHA – Don't miss out!**

We will be running Alpha in term 2. There will be 6 weekly sessions, beginning on 19<sup>th</sup> April. You can choose to come on Mondays from 1:30 – 3:00 or Tuesdays from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. The program will conclude with a combined full day session on Saturday May 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **What is Alpha?**

Alpha originated in Holy Trinity Church, Brompton, UK under the leadership of a Church of England priest, Rev. Nicky Gumble. It has grown into a world-wide not-for-profit program designed to help people grow in their understanding of the Christian faith. There is no charge, no admission criteria, and no follow-up.

### **What does it involve?**

Participants are gathered around tables to facilitate easy conversation. Each session involves sharing light refreshments and watching a video presentation. The most recent video series, which we are using, includes input from Nicky Gumble, interspersed with comments from other presenters. It is filmed in a variety of locations, including several places in Israel. In addition to the video, there is opportunity for discussion with others around your table. How much you contribute to the discussion is up to you.

### **What should I expect to get out of Alpha?**

Everyone is different, and there are no guarantees. However, I've never spoken to anyone who regretted having participated in Alpha, and I've heard many very positive responses. Here are comments from a couple of folks from our parish about their previous experience of Alpha:

"This is how I'd summarise my Alpha Experience:

You think you know Jesus? ...You'll know him better.

You think you love him? ... You'll love him more.

You think our parish could do with some changes? ... Jesus can point the way.

You're a bit scared? ... Jesus says – come!"

David Clarkson

"Alpha transformed my faith. I'd be very happy to talk personally to anyone who wants to know more." – Beryl Slocombe

Please plan to participate, and feel free to invite others to join in as well. For more information contact the Vicar.

Mother's Day flowers give away will happen this year, so I will need people to help by preparing and distributing on Saturday, May the 8<sup>th</sup>@9:30. It is always a fun and lovely thing to do, with positive feedback. You can also help by giving a donation and/or bringing in foliage on the Friday or Saturday. If you have any queries, please contact Dawn Northfield on 0421129324. Please let me know if you are coming. Please also bring baskets, and secateurs[labelled].



## **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 REMINDER:** This Sunday and next Sunday the buckets are ready to receive the contents of your Mission Bottles. If it is not convenient to bring them to either church on one of the 2 Sundays, please ring John Minotti and he can collect them, and then return them for further contributions.

Your contribution to this mission support endeavour is greatly appreciated. It is hoped that the first distribution of mission money will take place in May.

Thank you to those who contributed to the ABM Lenten and Easter envelope collections for struggling Christian communities throughout the world, including those in the Holy Land.

**Our 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 APRIL** Holy Spirit, pour out your gifts and fruits on all **those who provide care for others.**

Grant them time and rest to rejuvenate, courage and fortitude to face the day-to-day challenges and wisdom and trust to know when to ask for help. Give them patience and strength when tiredness overwhelms and turns legs to lead; and remain calm when biting back the tears. And when the caring ends, help them to be kind, in their weariness, to themselves.

Inspire and awaken us to be a Church community that is actively seeking to provide assistance and support to people who care for our brothers and sisters, who are witnesses of your gifts to our world. Amen.

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATION** Are you able to work in Church office for a few hours a week, or know someone we could employ? This is a part time paid employment position. If you could help, either talk to Jill Mc Coy 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.

**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)

**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 WHEN SINGING.**

3.Whenever you enter the church building you must register your attendance and sanitize your hands.

**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 8am and 9:30 am congregations. **Please observe the signs on the ends of the pews.**

*You can't choose not to suffer, for we'll all surely suffer. But you can choose not to let suffering make you embittered or less loving. The question is not "How can I avoid suffering in my life?" but "How can I choose -even in suffering -to be more alive and loving?"*

<b>DAILY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK STARTING 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>			
MONDAY 12	Pss. 99; 100	Exodus 15. 1 - 18	Matthew 28. 1 - 10
TUESDAY 13	Pss. 101;102.1-11	Exodus 15. 19 -27	Matthew 28.11-20
WEDNESDAY 14	Pss.108;109.20 -30	Exodus 16. 1 - 21	Luke 24. 1 -12
THURSDAY 15	Ps. 104. 1 -25	Exodus 16. 22 - 17.7	Luke 24, 13 - 27
FRIDAY 16	Ps 105. 1 - 22	Exodus 17.8 – 18.-9	Luke 24. 28 - 35
SATURDAY 17	Ps. 106. 1-24	Exodus 18. 10 -27	Luke 24. 36 - 53

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup>  
 ACTS 3. 12-20. PS. 4. 1 JOHN2. 15 – 17;3. 1-6. LUKE 24. 36b-48

*You are quite literally God's gift to the world. Thank God for the gift of you by being yourself every moment of the day.  
 You are created in love, guided by love, sustained by love. Give glory to your Creator: love yourself!*