

# 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 EASTER DAY

Acts 10.34 – 43 Hymn to the Risen Christ 1 Cor. 15. 1-11 Mark 16. 1 - 8



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

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.

**NB. THE EARLY SERVICE AT ST. PETER'S WILL REVERT TO 8AM. ON APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>**

## VICAR'S VOICE

The Easter big dipper!

The Easter story offers some extraordinary contrasts. Maundy Thursday invites us to celebrate the joys of friendship and service, as Jesus calls His disciples His friends, and shows his love for them by washing their feet. But it also confronts us with the pain of betrayal, as Judas hands Him over to the authorities, and the disciples fall away in the face of the growing horror of the night.

Good Friday takes us further into that pain, as we are immersed in the agony of the cross, and all that Jesus death meant for Him, for the Godhead, and for humanity. But even in that dark place, there is a tiny chink of light, like a fissure in the rock, reminding us that God's promises take us beyond the tomb.

Then on Easter Sunday we walk out of that darkness into the brilliance of a new day, the rising of the Son heralded by the dawn, death conquered, fear dispelled, God's glory revealed. He is Risen, we are redeemed. Alleluia!

For some of us, there is a temptation to linger in the place of pain and darkness. For others, we tend to want to rush quickly into the light, declaring "Christ is Risen!" before the stone has properly settled against the mouth of the tomb. To fully understand the depth and richness of God's love for us, we need to experience both the highs and the lows of this journey. It may feel a little overwhelming, and may even leave us feeling a little shaken, but it is in the darkness that we see the light most clearly, and in the full light of day that we fully comprehend the depths of the shadows.

Blessings, Jill.

**St. Augustine said, "Love, then do what you please." For when you have learned to love, you will not even desire to do those things that might offend the One you love.**

### **How to Overcome Your Fears**

Millennials (those born between 1981 and 2000) are sometimes known as '*generation fear*'. In one of her most popular songs, Lily Allen sings about 'being taken over by the fear'.

'Fear' carries two meanings in the Bible – one healthy, one unhealthy. In the good sense of the word, it is usually used in the context of respect for God and sometimes of respect for people (especially those in authority).

In the bad sense, it means to be frightened. We are supposed to fear God (in the good sense) and not be frightened of anyone or anything else. Many people today live with the opposite. They do not fear God but their lives are full of the wrong kinds of fear.

How can you overcome your fears?

**THIS IS AN EXTRACT TAKEN FROM** Nicky Gumbel's ---

[of Alpha fame] daily readings which you can have sent daily to your email address—

totally free—[bibleinoneyear@htb.org.uk](mailto:bibleinoneyear@htb.org.uk) This does not replace coming to the Alpha Course, but is an added daily resource for you.

## PRAYER PAGE

### 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 NEWS:

1. Easter is a time which brings greater persecution for Christians who are under verbal, spiritual, physical and legislative attack in many countries around the world. Please pray for those Christians - that they will be kept safe and grow in their faith despite their persecution; and that their persecutors will come to faith in Christ.
2. Mission bottle opening - will be held on the next 2 Sundays. Please bring your bottle to either church, empty it into the bucket, and take it home to begin saving again. Some of the money raised will go to help Christians in the persecuted church

**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.

**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>.

Alpha is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about what we believe, and to be refreshed and encouraged in your faith.

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

**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.

**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.

4.You are required to maintain a respectful distance of 1.5 metres from others at all times.

**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.**

**DAILY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK STARTING 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

MONDAY 5	Ps.2	Exodus 12.1 -20	John 20. 1 – 18
TUESDAY 6	Ps.112	Exodus 12. 21 - 36	John 20. 19 – 31
WEDNESDAY 7	Ps 114.	Exodus 12. 37 - 51	John 21. 1 – 14
THURSDAY 8	Ps 116.	Exodus 13. 1 - 16	John 21. 15 -25
FRIDAY 9	Ps. 118. 1 -18	Exodus 13.17 – 14. 14	Mark 16. 1 – 8
SATURDAY 10	Ps 136. 1 -12	Exodus 14. 15 - 30	Mark 16. 9 -20

**READINGS FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 11 APRIL**

Acts 4. 32 – 37      Ps 133      1 John 1.1 – 22      John 20. 19 - 31