

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 25th, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Easter

READINGS FOR TODAY

Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 51:14-19 Romans 5:1-8 John 10:1-21

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

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. IT IS ADVISABLE THAT MASKS BE WORN WHEN SINGING.

3. Whenever you enter the church building you must register your attendance and sanitize your hands. **4. 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.**

VICAR'S VOICE –

This year Anzac Day falls on a Sunday. While much of Victoria bemoans that this means they don't get an Anzac Day Public Holiday, we face a different challenge. How do we maintain a focus on Sunday as the weekly celebration of the joy of the Resurrection, and at the same time make proper acknowledgement of the sacrifice of so many men and women who have died in uniform to secure the peace and stability of our country and our world? The Anzac Day Bible readings are, appropriately, primarily about Jesus, and His extraordinary sacrifice of Himself for the sake of the whole world. As we give thanks for God's great gift of life, not just in this world but for all eternity, we rejoice in the hope we share.

At the same time, Anzac Day invites us to reflect on the cost of peace and freedom in a more temporal sense. We give thanks for all who have paid a high price for the sake of others. As I reflect on this Anzac Day, I am deeply aware of all those who have died in the line of duty. But the Royal Commission into military suicides announced this week reminds me of the less visible costs. Those who return from military service carrying deep wounds, physical and psychological. Those who find the burden too heavy to bear, and take their own lives. Those who suffer ongoing trauma that bruises their families and their loved ones.

This Anzac Day, may we give thanks for all who, in their self-sacrifice, have given us a glimpse of Christ's great self-sacrifice. May we rejoice that God has conquered the power of death, and that His victory opens the gates of heaven to all who believe. And may we pray that those who mourn, the wounded and traumatised, may know God's abiding peace.

Blessings, Jill.

ALPHA. There are 5 weekly sessions left.

You can 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 29th.

Please participate- IT'S NOT TOO LATE - and feel free to invite others to join in as well.

For more information or if you want to join in, contact the Vicar.

[PS. You just might pick up something that you didn't know, and that little bit of knowledge could change your life forever. It has been known to happen, and has happened to some of the people in these congregations.]

Jesus died that we might live – in forgiveness:

A Bishop went to visit a saintly lady who saw visions to see if she was genuine. He said to her: "Ask Jesus to tell you the sins I confessed and repented of this morning"? The lady said: "Jesus has already told me". The astonished Bishop said, "What did He say"? The lady replied: "Bishop, these are the exact words the Lord Jesus said: *"I CAN'T REMEMBER"*.

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, Doris Loewy, 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 Thank you to all brought their mission bottles in over the last 2 Sundays. We will be able to tell you next Sunday, how much was collected for mission in this opening. The next opening will be in July.

The Leprosy Mission (TLM) has been supporting Preeti Maharjan, while in Australia furthering her studies in Adelaide. Preeti is from Nepal and works at the Mycobacterial Research Laboratories run by TLM Nepal. During her time in Australia, she travelled across Australia speaking to raise awareness of the Mission. We pray that what she has learnt in Australia will assist in the efforts of the Research Laboratories to make more discoveries in combatting leprosy.

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.

*Hazel wishes to thank you all for your prayers,
and to let you know she is doing fine now.*

It was good to see Beryl back with us last Sunday.

- **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 8th@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 [between 10:am &12:pm] or Saturday before 10: am. 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].
- **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)



We worship on the land of the Bengalat clan of the Wathaurong people and we acknowledge and pay our respect to their Elders past and present.

God only wills for us what we would will for ourselves if we knew as much as He knows.
 A religion that is small enough for our understanding would not be large enough for our needs.

If I wonder why something trying is allowed, and press for prayer that it be removed, if I cannot be trusted with any disappointment, and cannot go in peace under any mystery, then I know nothing of Calvary love. [Amy Carmichael].

In prayer it is better to have a heart without words, than words without a heart.
[John Bunyan.]

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 2ND MAY FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS 8.26-40.

PSALM 2:26-42

1 JOHN 4.7-21.

JOHN 15.1-8

DAILY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK STARTING APRIL26			
MONDAY 26	Pss.137.1 -6.; Ps 138	Exodus 24.	John 11. 1 - 16
TUESDAY 27	Ps 140	Exodus 25. 1 -22	John 11. 17 – 37
WEDNESDAY 28	Pss. 143; 146	Ex. 25. 31-40; 27. 20-21	John 11. 38 -44
THURSDAY 29	Ps.145	Ex. 28. 1-6; 29. 1-9	John 11. 45 - 54
FRIDAY 30	Pss. 148; 149	Ex 29. 38 -30. 8	John 11. 55- 12. 8
SATURDAY 1	Pss. 1; 2	Ex. 30. 11-25, 3- 38	John 12. 9 - 19

“IF you are asking me about getting alone and spending long periods of time on my knees, then I would have to say that I am relatively a prayerless man. But if you accept praying without ceasing as a continual, humble communion with God, day and night, under all circumstances, the pouring out of my heart to God in continual, unbroken fellowship—then I can say that I pray without ceasing.” Max Reich

MAX ISAAC REICH was born of Jewish parents in Berlin, on March 17, 1867. He was educated in Pennsylvania and in London, and was later apprenticed to a printer. Through a fellow-worker, influenced by D.L. Moody, Max Reich decided to become a Christian.