

*Welcome to*

# ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

*Diocese of Melbourne - Anglican Church of Australia*  
*Parish Church of the City since 1846*



'The Light of the World' (Detail) William Holman Hunt (1851-53)

## ADVENT SUNDAY

# 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020

Eternal God, through long generations you prepared a way for the coming of your Son, and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths: renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be glory for ever and ever. *Amen*

# VICAR'S MUSINGS

I'm not sure that the Premier planned it this way (perhaps that was organised by someone with more divine credentials) but what a blessing it is on this Advent Sunday, the first Sunday of the new Christian year, that we are able to gather together in numbers approaching those we used to experience before the pandemic. Under the current density quotient rules (4m<sup>2</sup> per person) St Peter's Church is able to accommodate up to 87 people in total, so long as everyone wears a mask and observes spatial distancing at all times of 1.5m (marriage partners and members of the same family are exempt from this rule of course). This limit of 87 people comprises of: 55 congregants in the Pews; 12 Clergy and Servers in the Sanctuary; a Choir of up to five people, in addition to our Musical Director and Organist, in the Gallery; 5 in the Handfield Chapel; and a further overflow of up to 6 people at the back of church with the 2 Sidespeople.

We will probably be unlikely to go over this limit of 87 people at most celebrations of the Mass, on a regular Sunday or Feast Day at least, but I would hate us to ever have to turn away congregant number 88, so for the time being we will keep the Book-a-pew system in place. To make things run more smoothly, however, and to assist our Parish Administrator, we will refine the system a little. There will now be three ways you can Book-a-pew:

- Through TryBooking (preferred). There will be a new link each week, which will be printed in the pew sheet, and also e-mailed to all parishioners in either the Monday or the Friday newsletters (if you don't receive these newsletters please let Kosta know in the Parish Office). The link for the 10.30am Mass this week, on Advent Sunday, 29th November is:  
[www.trybooking.com/BNFSY](http://www.trybooking.com/BNFSY)
- By e-mail. If you are not comfortable with TryBooking, or have lost the link for the Mass you wish to attend, don't worry, you can still e-mail Kosta in the Parish Office ([sphoffice@stpeters.org.au](mailto:sphoffice@stpeters.org.au)) and let him know the service that you would like to attend; he will add your name to the list.
- By phone. I am aware that there are some parishioners who do not have a computer, so please be assured that you can easily book a pew by phone still, by calling Kosta on (03) 9662 2391.

Over the lock-down our 10.30am Sunday Mass became a sort of amalgam of the former 8am, 9.30am and 11am Masses. For the time being, as we rebuild our Sunday congregation, we will keep with just the one Sunday Mass at 10.30am. For those who have children, please do join us at this 10.30am Mass, and we will provide children's

activities. In due course, however, as parishioners return to church, we will look at introducing at least one other Sunday service. One of the strictures here, however, is that State Government restrictions require at least one full hour between services, so that the church can be thoroughly cleaned. This means that our former pattern of Sunday worship (8am, 9.30am and 11am) will not be feasible until this restriction is eased.

For those who are unwell, or do not feel confident yet returning to face-to-face worship, we will keep live-streaming Sunday Mass on FaceBook and YouTube (for the links see [www.stpeters.org.au](http://www.stpeters.org.au)).

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# ADVENT EVENTS

<i>Today</i>	<p>“Holding the Light” remembering victims of domestic violence, 2:30pm in Church &amp; on-line (click <a href="#">here</a> to book).</p> <p>A service of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction, 6:00pm in the Church.</p>
<i>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November</i>	<p>World Aids Day Mass, 6:15pm in the Church. We pray for the souls of people in our community and beyond who have died of AIDS-related illnesses, and stand in solidarity with people living with AIDS. Please book a pew <a href="mailto:sphoffice@stpeters.org.au">sphoffice@stpeters.org.au</a> or join us on-line</p>
<i>Tuesday 1st December</i>	<p>Advent <i>Lectio Divina</i> group, 12:00pm in Church and on Zoom. An Advent course led by Fr Hugh, Fr Greg and Roland Ashby (for details contact <a href="mailto:vicar@stpeters.org.au">vicar@stpeters.org.au</a>)</p> <p>Advent Study Group on Christina Rossetti with Carol O’Connor, 5:00pm on-line (for details contact <a href="mailto:bookroom@stpeters.org.au">bookroom@stpeters.org.au</a>).</p> <p>On-line Advent Webinar with Bp Kate Prowd and Rev’d Dr Wendy Crouch, 7:00pm (<a href="http://www.trybooking.com/BMRVK">www.trybooking.com/BMRVK</a>)</p>

# SUNDAY MASS READINGS

**First Reading:** Isaiah 63.16b-17; 64.1, 3-8

You, O Lord, are our father; “Our Redeemer from of old” is your name. Why, O Lord, do you make us stray from your ways and harden our heart, so that we do not fear you? Turn back for the sake of your servants, for the sake of the tribes that are your heritage. O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence. When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

**Psalm** 80.1ab+2, 14-15, 17-18

Plainsong New - G. Cox



Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

Stir up your might,  
and come to save us.

R.

Turn again, O God of hosts,  
look down from heaven and see;  
have regard for this vine,

the stock that your right hand has planted.

R.

Let your hand be upon the one at your right,  
the one whom you have made strong for yourself.

Then we will never turn back from you;  
give us life, and we will call on your name.

R.

## **Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1.3-9

My brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Gospel:** Mark 13.31-37

Jesus said to his disciples: "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with a particular task, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake - in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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## **PARISH SUPPORT FOR SAME-SEX BLESSINGS**

At our parish AGM on Sunday, 22/11, the parish of St Peter's unanimously passed its response to the recent opinion of the Appellate Tribunal on the service of blessing for persons in civil marriages, as proposed by the Diocese of Wangaratta.

You can read the proposed resolution on our Website by following the link below:

<https://bit.ly/3md6330>

In short, we welcome the opinion of the Appellate Tribunal, which has enabled a forward-looking, theologically sound and pastorally sensitive response to the increasing number of people who choose to get married in a civil context.

We also see it is an important step towards inclusion for LGTBIQ+ people, not only in this parish but in the wider Church.

As always, we send our love, prayers and affirmation to our friends in Diocese of Wangaratta as we welcome the outcome of the Appellate Tribunal's opinion.

# PRAYERS

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## FOR THE SICK:

Mary Grima, Babu Mathew, Alice McCraith, Jack Mulready, Lyn Nicholas, Liz Prideaux, John Small, John Stewart BISHOP, Annette Wood, Paul Wheelton, George, Charles, Jan and Victoria

## AS WELL AS:

Jenny Allen, Chris Bennie, Michael Boyle PRIEST, Tania Burdick, Joe Butscher PRIEST, John Crocker, Cheryl Duff, Gail Edwards, Siew-Hung, Grace James, Lynn James, Gwen Joyce, Bronwyn Large, Margaret Lea, William Lees, Margaret Lugg, Sr Lyn CHN, Joyce Newton, Tim Peake, Pat Slump, Margaret Sutherland, Evelina Thornton, Joan Waldren-Small, Barbara Ure-Smith

## FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

## FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK:

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Sun	29	Christine Buchanan, Len Bairstowe
Mon	30	Jessie Veronica Hamilton, Peta Ann Hearne-Loveday, Rodney Cheverton Wyatt
Tue	1	Thomas Aubrey Arnold, Emma Bryson, Caroline Conabere, David Penman BISHOP, Grant Stocker, William Henry Sutton
Wed	2	Mattie Howell
Thu	3	James Cheong PRIEST, Robert Shanks Craigie, George Gracewood, Una Eastwood, Sister Ida CHN, Daisy Vines, Peter Charles West, Patricia Wingrove
Fri	4	Barrie Draper, Margery Hayward, William Hunter PRIEST, Jack Kitchener Luckins, William Fellows Robbins
Sat	5	William Harold Irwin, Thomas Naughton, Noel Joseph Ryan

# THE DAILY OFFICE AT HOME

In these days of pandemic we are not currently able to gather in worship community as we used to. Many parishioners, however, are finding it a comfort to worship and pray at home. It is a long-held tradition for Christians, Lay and Ordained, to pray the Daily Office. All you need is a Bible and A Prayer Book. If you only have one or neither of these at home, call Carol in the Bookroom, or online at :

<http://www.bookroom.stpeters.org.au/>

## MORNING PRAYER

## EVENING PRAYER

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*Andrew, Apostle and Martyr*

Monday	Ps 147 Isaiah 49.1-9a John 1.35-42	Ps 48 Zechariah 8.20-23 John 12.20-32
Tuesday	Ps 74 Isaiah 2(1-5)6-18 Mark 4.21-41	Pss 75 & 76 Isaiah 40.18-31 1 Thessalonians 2.1-12

*Frances Perry, Founder of the Royal Women's Hospital, Melbourne (d. 1892)*

Wednesday	Ps 77 Isaiah 2.19 - 3.12 Mark 5.1-20	Ps 78.1-15 Isaiah 41.1-16 1 Thessalonians 2.13-20
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*Francis Xavier, priest and missionary (d.1552)*

Thursday	Ps 78.16-38 Isaiah 3.13-4.6 Mark 5.21-43	Ps 10 Isaiah 41.17-29, 1 Thessalonians 3
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*Nicholas Ferrar, deacon, man of prayer (d. 1637)*

Friday	Ps 80 Isaiah 5.1-17 Mark 6.1-13	Ps 81 Isaiah 42.1-17 1 Thessalonians 4.1-12
Saturday	Pss 82 & 84 Isaiah 5.18-30 Mark 6.14-29	Pss 85 & 87 Isaiah 42.18-43.13 1 Thessalonians 4.13-5.11

# HOLDING THE LIGHT

## AN ECUMENICAL SERVICE REMEMBERING VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF FAMILY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



**TODAY At 2.30pm**

You are warmly invited to this time of remembering victims and survivors of family domestic violence.

to be held at

**ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL  
15 GISBORNE STREET, EAST MELBOURNE, VIC 3002**

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the numbers allowed to gather in person may be restricted, so please register your interest with TryBooking, and we will let you know more details nearer the time: [click here](#)

The service will also be live-streamed and recorded on the St Peter's Facebook page and St Peter's YouTube Channel, if you would like to join us in this way: [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#)



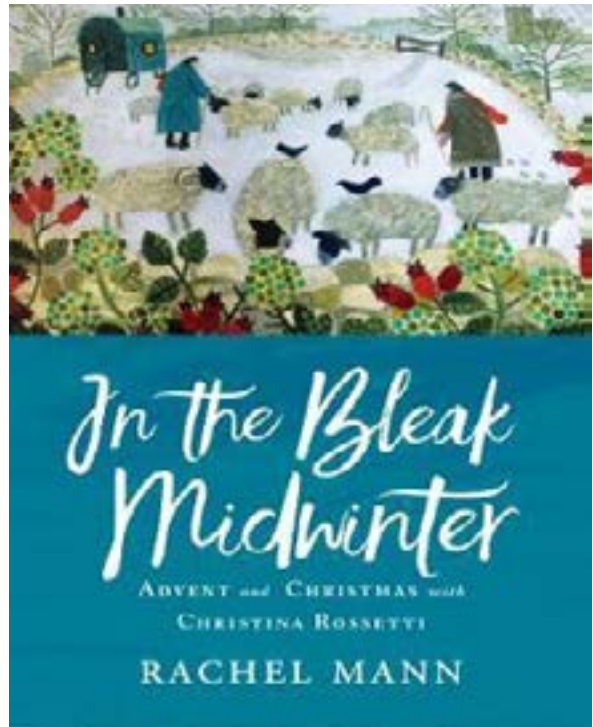
## ADVENT GROUP AT ST PETER'S

In the Bleak Midwinter: Advent and Christmas with Christina Rossetti, Ed by Rachel Mann. (\$34.95)

Carol O'Connor, our Bookroom manager, is offering an Advent Group based on this book by Rachel Mann on Zoom. The Group will meet first on Tuesday 1st December at 5.00pm, and subsequent Tuesdays during Advent at 7:30pm.

Rossetti's rich and wondrous faith provides an inspiring seasonal companion particularly for this 2020 Advent period during a world pandemic. How can we celebrate the joy of Christmas this year?

These 50 choice poems, one for each day of the Advent and Christmas season, are there, as Church of England priest and poet Rachel Mann says, for anyone who wants to 'peel back the pages of a book and think: How can I encounter God during this season.'



'Come. Look. See. Taste these poems and be prepared to be surprised. Rossetti wants us to go through her words and encounter God, the very centre of our being, our reality and life's core.'

Please email the Bookroom [bookroom@stpeters.org.au](mailto:bookroom@stpeters.org.au) or phone Carol directly (mob: 0400 334 882) if you would like to be part of this group. We are currently holding some copies of the book, but extra copies will take a week to 10 days to come in.

# St Peter's Eastern Hill Webinar



***ADVENT: LIMINALITY & HOPE***  
**TUESDAY 1ST DEC AT 7:00 PM**

As we commence Advent, at the end of an extraordinary year in the collective liminal space of the global pandemic, **Bishop Kate Prowd** and **Rev'd Dr Wendy Crouch** will be reflecting with us on our journey through the 'betwixt and between' of liminal spaces with their gifts as well as challenges.

**Bishop Kate Prowd** was ordained deacon (1986) and priest (1992) during years of intense debate over the ordination of women. Her consecration as bishop took place in October 2018. Kate's clerical appointments have all been in the Melbourne Diocese, in both parish and school chaplaincy. Kate is also a Clinical Psychologist. She has a particular vocational and professional interest in clergy wellbeing, mission, and exploring the connections between spirituality and psychology.

**The Reverend Dr Wendy Crouch** is a priest in the Melbourne Anglican Diocese, currently ministering in the Richmond Anglican parishes. With a background as a clinical psychologist, she is passionate about using an integrative approach to applying insights from both psychology and spirituality to promote emotional and faith development

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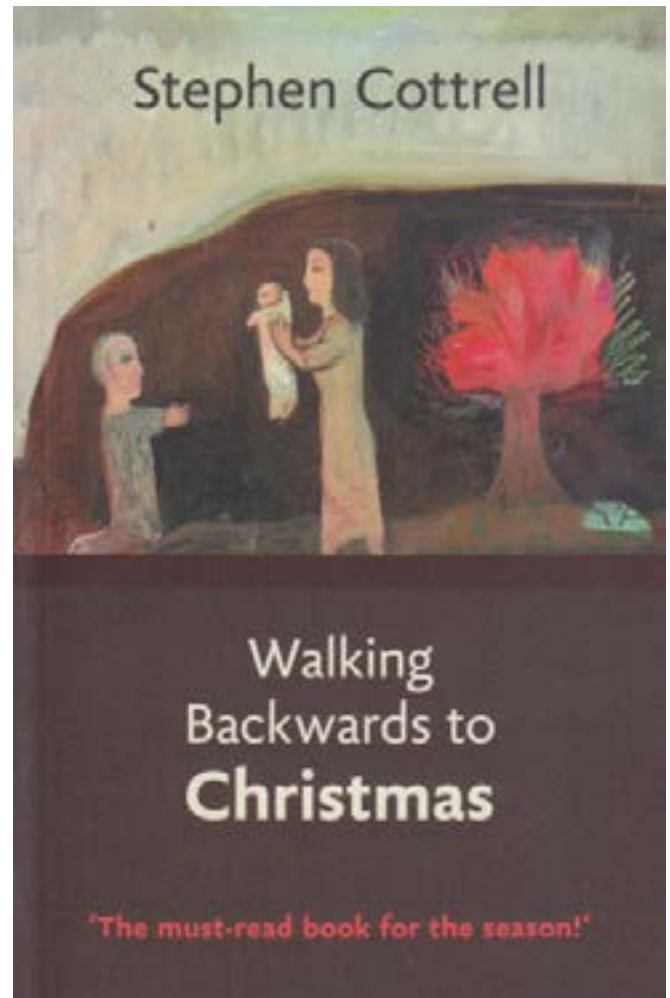
# ST PETER'S BOOKROOM & CHURCH SUPPLIES

*A POPULAR ADVENT SELLER THIS YEAR!*

**Walking Backwards to Christmas** by  
Stephen Cottrell

Using the brilliant, deceptively simple device of telling the Christmas story backwards, Stephen Cottrell helps us encounter it as if for the first time.

Though the Christmas story is well known, most of us have learnt it from school nativity plays and carols. On the whole, this familiar version is more concerned with light than darkness. The backwards approach taken here allows the movement to be in the opposite direction, enabling us to get under the skin of a complex narrative.



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## Sunday Services

10.30 am Parish Mass - online and in person (limited due to the pandemic restrictions)  
YouTube: [www.youtube.com/StPetersEasternHill](http://www.youtube.com/StPetersEasternHill)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/stpeterseasternhill/](http://www.facebook.com/stpeterseasternhill/)

## Weekday Services

Mon – Fri: Mass at 7.15am (9am on Public Holidays)  
Feast Day High Mass, as advertised: 6.15pm  
Also online only, due to the pandemic restrictions  
YouTube: [www.youtube.com/c/StPetersEasternHill](http://www.youtube.com/c/StPetersEasternHill)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/stpeterseasternhill/](http://www.facebook.com/stpeterseasternhill/)

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## Clergy and Lay Ministers

Vicar:	Fr Hugh Kempster	0488 960 022
ASLM:	Alae Taule'alo	0409 802 892
Clergy:	Fr Greg Davies	0417 992 976
	Fr Philip Gill	0480 101 711
	Fr Ken Letts	03 9662 2391
	Fr David Peake	0412 299 839
	Fr Roger Prowd	0417 323 112
Klingner Scholar:	Eugene Chin	03 9662 2391
	Xeverie Swee	03 9662 2391

## Other Parish Ministries and Programs

Bookroom:	Carol O'Connor	03 9663 7487
Cell of O.L.O.W:	Eleanor Newton	03 9662 2391
Charitable Foundation:	Krystyna Campbell-Pretty	03 9662 2391
Children:	Katherine Barnett	03 9387 4089
COVID Safe & Child Safety Officer:	Rachel Ellyard	0419 335 793
Churchwardens:	Stephen Duckett (Vicar)	0447 837 741
	Rachel Ellyard (People)	0419 335 793
	Daniel Ferguson (People)	03 9662 2391-
Director of Music:	Andrew Raiskums	0439 556 627
Flowers:	Helen Drummond	0419 897 973
Guild of St Benedict	Daniel Ferguson	0419 572 033
Head Server:	Anthony Schepis	0400 578 952
Music Administrator:	Sue Wuttke	0422 866 286
Organist:	Rhys Arvidson	0405 277 853
Parish Administrator:	Konstantine Soteriou	03 9662 2391
Pastoral Care:	Di Clark	0407 354 987
Prayer Link	Fr Roger Prowd	0417 323 112
RMIT Chaplaincy:	Alae Taule'alo	0409 802 892
Sacristan	Eugene Chin	03 9662 2391

## Parish Council Membership:

Helen Drummond  
Stephen Duckett (Chair)  
Rachel Ellyard  
Daniel Ferguson  
Peter Griffin (Treasurer)  
Stuart Hibberd  
Fr Hugh Kempster (President)  
Daniel Mitterdorfer (Secretary)  
Terry Porter  
William Southey  
Peter Wild  
Sue Wuttke

*We are an inclusive  
and welcoming Church,  
built on the lands of the  
Wurundjeri people.  
We are committed to  
social justice, equality and  
diversity. Our mission  
is: "Catholic Evangelism:  
Growing in God's love".*