

Welcome to
ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



CHRIST THE KING

26TH NOVEMBER 2022

WORSHIP AT ST PETER'S

SUNDAY

8.00am Low Mass (Traditional Language)

9.30am FAMILY MASS

11.00am HIGH MASS

6.00pm Evensong & Benediction (2nd & 4th Sundays)

6.00pm Low Mass (1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays)

WEEKDAYS

Daily Low Mass – 8.00am Monday to Friday (Live streamed on Facebook and YouTube)

Wednesday – 1.15pm & Saturday 12noon Low Mass in the Handfield Chapel.

DAILY INTERCESSIONS

FOR THE SICK: Bp Peter Hollingworth, Malcolm Delbridge, Frances O'Neil, Julie-Anne Bird, Janine Harris, Athol Leach, Susanne Marsden, Col Robinson, Lena Sheridan, Nelson Rufatt, Sue Tan, Robert Saliba, Janine Stewart, Bp John Stewart, Bp John Parkes.

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED Barbara Ure-Smith, Sophia Errey, Michael Malady, Margaret Ong, Ginny Anderson.

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK

- November 26 John Beard, Lila Buckley, Claude Reginald Heden, Viola Klingner, John Edmond Perugia, Thomas Joseph Savage
BISHOP
- 27 Sarah Armstrong, Emily Ruth Cameron, Maria Dening, Evelyn Mary Richmond
- 28 Stuart Winston Hall
- 29 Dorothy Hall, Richard Andrew Scott Roberts, Max Teichmann
- 30 Grahame Henry Murphy, Rupert Tilly
- December 1 Joyce Norma Crockett
- 2 Joan A'Beckett, Emma Francis Hill, John McEntree, James Stevenson, Michael Wuttke

Please contact the Parish Office or email office@stpeters.org.au to have names added to the sick list. They will remain on our prayer list for one month unless requested to be extended.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Please stand for the beginning of the Mass. The people's responses are printed in bold.

Mass setting:

T. Tertius Noble (1859-1953) Communion Service in B minor

Processional Hymn: NEH 614 Hail Redeemer, King divine!

Hail, Redeemer, King Divine!
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine:
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.

*Angels, Saints and Nations sing:
'Praised be Jesus Christ, our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary.'*

King whose name creation thrills,
rule our minds, our hearts our wills,
till in peace each nation rings
with thy praises, King of kings.

King most holy, King of truth,
guide the lowly, guide the youth;
Christ, thou King of glory bright,
Be to us eternal light!

Shepherd-King o'er mountains steep,
Homeward bring the wandering sheep;
shelter in one royal fold
states and kingdoms, new and old.

Eucharistic King, what love
Draws thee daily from above.
Clad in signs of bread and wine;
Feed us, lead us, keep us thine.

Crimson streams, O King of grace,
 drenched thy thorn-crowned head and face;
 Floods of love's redeeming tide
 tore thy hands, thy feet, thy side.

*Sing all tongues, let none be dumb:
 Sacred Heart, thy kingdom come!
 To the King of ages then
 Honour, glory, love. Amen.*

At 11.00am the sanctuary party enters the chancel to prepare for the Asperges.

The musical score is written on ten staves in G major (one sharp). It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are in Latin and English, with some words in italics. The score is divided into parts for the Cantor and the All. The lyrics are: "Pu - ri - fy - me, O Lord, with hys - sop and I shall be clean: wash me, O Lord, and I shall be whi - ter - than snow. Have mer - cy on me, O God, in your en - du - ring good - ness: ac - cor - ding to the fulness of your compassion blot out my of - fen - ces. Wash me tho - rough - ly from my wick - ed - ness: and cleanse me from my sin. Glo - ry to God: Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Spi - rit: as in the be - gin - ning so now, and for e - ver. A - men." The score ends with the instruction "Repeat antiphon".

Cantor
 All
 Pu - ri - fy - me, O Lord, with hys - sop and I shall be clean:
 wash me, O Lord, and I shall be whi - ter - than snow. *Fine*
 Cantor
 Have mer - cy on me, O God, in your en - du - ring good - ness:
 All
 ac - cor - ding to the fulness of your compassion blot out my of - fen - ces.
 Wash me tho - rough - ly from my wick - ed - ness:
 Cantor
 and cleanse me from my sin. Glo - ry to God:
 All
 Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Spi - rit: as in the be - gin - ning so now,
 and for e - ver. A - men. Repeat antiphon

The sanctuary party re-enters the chancel. The celebrant intones the responsory.

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Please kneel

The Deacon introduces the Confession:

Merciful God: **Our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The celebrant pronounces the Absolution.

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Kyries are sung by the choir at 11.00am

Kyrie eleison	<i>Lord have mercy</i>
Christe eleison	<i>Christ have mercy</i>
Kyrie eleison	<i>Lord have mercy</i>

Please then stand for the Gloria which is sung by the choir.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:**

have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand
of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
+ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Celebrant prays the Collect.

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Please sit for the readings.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhab-

ited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

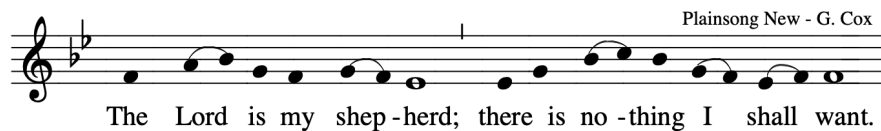
Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23



The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul. **R.**

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil; for you are with me;

your rod and your staff—they comfort me. **R.**

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows. **R.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long. **R.**

THE EPISTLE: Ephesians 1.15-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Blessed is the one who inherits the kingdom of David our father;
blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Deacon:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew 25.31-end**

✠ Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Please sit for the Homily by Mthr Kathryn Bellhouse

Please stand for the Creed.

[A copy of the music for the Sung Creed is available at the back of the church.]

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please kneel. After each petition:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

And at the end:

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.
And let light ☩ perpetual shine upon them.

Celebrant:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand for the Greeting of Peace. Celebrant:

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON

Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for an inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession.

Offertory hymn NEH 295 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Celebrant:

Blessed are you, Lord God... **Blessed be God forever.**

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Holy Church.

The Celebrant prays the Prayer over the Offerings. People respond with Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Please kneel. The celebrant continues the prayer.

At 11.00am the choir sings the Sanctus.

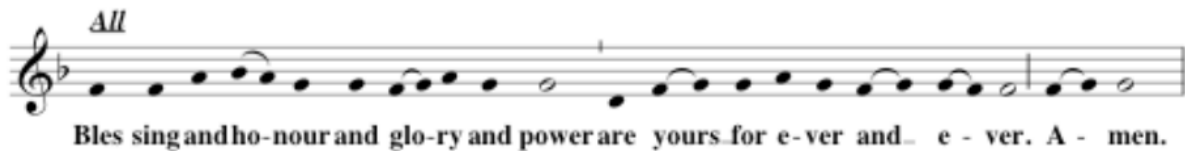
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
+ Blessed is he that comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The celebrant continues the prayer, leading to:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith

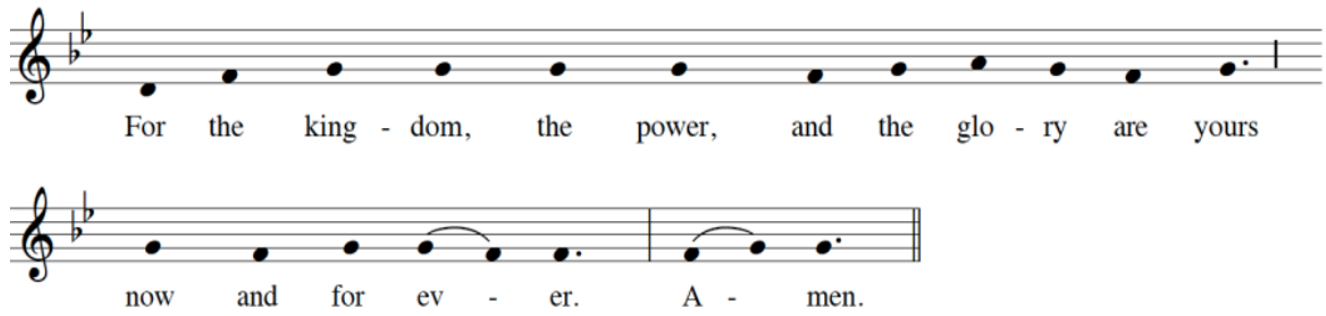


The celebrant continues the prayer, ending with:



Celebrant

As our Sav - iour Christ has taught us, we are con - fi - dent to pray,
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins
as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us
from the time of tri - al and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



Celebrant:

We who are many are one body.
For we all share in the one bread.

All remaining kneeling as the Agnus Dei is sung by the choir.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.**

Celebrant:

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*Communicant members of any Christian church are invited to receive the sacrament.
All others are very welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

COMMUNION MOTET *Sung by the Choir*

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759) Lift up your heads, O ye gates
Please stand for the Post-Communion hymn.

NEH 352 Crown him with many crowns

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Celebrant sings the final prayer, leading to:

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

Notices are given here.

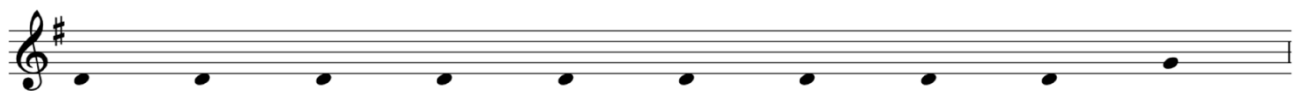
The Celebrant offers the blessing and the Deacon dismisses the congregation:

Go in the peace of Christ
Thanks be to God.


THE ANGELUS



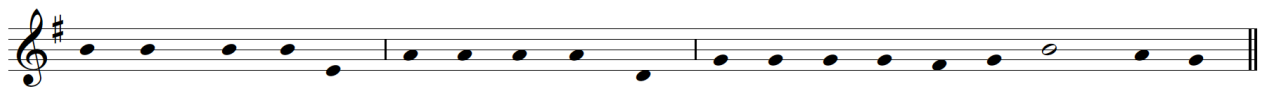
The Angel of the Lord brought ti - dings to Mary: **And she conceived by the Ho - ly Ghost.**




Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,



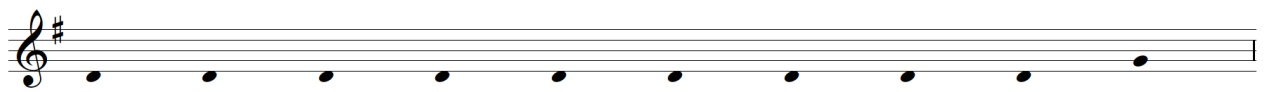
Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Je - sus:



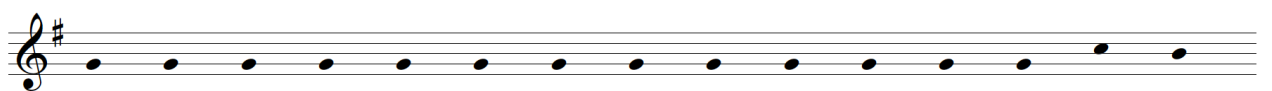
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. A - men.



Behold the handmaid of the Lord: **Be it unto me ac - cord - ing to thy word.**



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,



Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Je - sus:



Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. A - men.

And the Word was made flesh: And dwelt a - mong us.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,

Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Je - sus:

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. A - men.

Pray for us O Holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. We beseech thee O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that as we have known the incarnation of thy son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Sanctuary party processes to the West door for the final prayers and dismissal.

Postlude: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) Fantasia in G (BWV 572)

If you are a new parishioner, or a visitor to St Peter's, please introduce yourself to the clergy at the door as you leave the church. All are welcome for refreshments after the Mass in the Parish Hall.

Readings for December 3rd

Isaiah 64.1–9; 1 Corinthians 1.3–9; Mark 13.24–end

NOTICES

For your Diary

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 26 November 2023 at 12.30pm in the Parish Hall, as required by the regulations of the *Parish Governance Act 2013*. For all queries and apologies to the AGM, please notify myself either on 0414 648 837 or email danielm@arty.com.au

Daniel Mitterdorfer
HON. SECRETARY

Advent Study Group: *The Meaning is in the Waiting* by Paula Gooder

With Carol O'Connor, Wednesday, 2.15pm (after the 1.15pm Mass). In the Vicarage. Wednesdays: 29th November; 6th 13th & 20th December, 2023.

'One of the oddest features of Advent is that it requires us to wait for something that has already happened, as well as something that has not.'

What does it mean to mark time for an event that happened two thousand years ago? To wait for the birth of Christ that we experience year after year? More awkwardly, how does the anticipation of 'end times' fit into this double vision of Advent?

Come along this Advent and join us to engage with a biblical view of time reflected upon by Paula Gooder. Each candle on the Advent wreath represents a biblical character or characters in the long run-up to Jesus' life. In her book, *The Meaning is in the Waiting*, Paula Gooder explores who they are and why they matter.

Please let Carol in the Bookroom know if you are interested in coming along and order a copy of Paula Gooder's book.

Collection for Fr Philip

If you would like to contribute to Fr Philip's farewell gift, please pass it on to Fr Michael or Mthr Kathryn, or make an electronic transfer to BSB 703-122, ACC 05004666 with the description: 'Fr Philip gift' or you can contact the parish office.

Nov 26th - Christ The King & Annual Parish Meeting
Dec 24th – Christmas Eve

Dec 25th – Christmas Day

Dec 31st – Holy Family & Nine Lessons & Carols

Jan 1st – Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Weekly Reflections

Crime novelist, Dorothy Sayers (you may remember her for the inimitable English gentleman sleuth, Lord Peter Wimsey), was also a religious essayist, translator of Dante, and writer of broadcast plays. Recently I dipped into **The Man Born to be King**, a series of radio plays on the life of Christ which Sayers wrote during the World War II. I was struck by Sayer's conclusion of her first play, *Kings in Judaea*. Herod commands his right-hand man Proclus to put to death all children two years old and under, in Jerusalem 'the brood of adders.Let none escape. Kill them all.' Proclus refuses to carry out the command. So Herod effortlessly finds another bid-dable subordinate.

We know this event as 'Massacre of the Innocents,' part of our nativity story from the Gospel of Matthew. In *Kings in Judaea*, Herod justifies his command with these words:

..... which is worse? To kill a score or so of peasant children or to plunge a whole kingdom into war? The Jews cry out for a Messiah. Shall I tell you Messiah's name? Fire and sword. Fire and sword. I will not have it. The country shall have peace. While Herod lives, there shall be but one king in Jewry.

In other words, Herod is justifying slaughtering of as many children as necessary in the name of peace for his country. Only one king, only Herod. And peace bought at the necessary cost of slaughtering a whole generation of children. What sort of understanding of 'peace' is that? What kind of peace will it buy?

At home I have an Icon of Christ the King, written by one of our former vicars, Bp John Bayton. I have an ambivalent relationship with this icon. I'm drawn to the colours and balance, the invitation to sit at ease before our Lord. There's courtesy, gentleness and grace. But the expression on Christ's face seems stern and severe; Christ is difficult to look at in the eye. And I sometimes flinch.

In our Gospel reading this morning it seems to me that Christ is saying our own human character is a mixture of sheep and goat. Christ is also talking about His presence being found amongst our human relationships. The sheep, the good guys in this story, have to stop and ask the King: 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink.?' Human habits of interaction become patterns of behaviour over time. This is making us who we are in Christ.

When I read the end of Dorothy Sayers, *Kings in Judaea*, I realised that the stern look of Christ in Bp John Bayton's icon is sometimes very necessary. Of course, we're not all prepared to massacre children, but there's such an ease of justification in which Herod decides this action, that it points to patterns of behaviour in his life leading up to this. He has the power and now he thinks nothing of his choice in this next step, justifying it in the name of peace. Christ, here in Matthew's Gospel, is talking about is such a patterning of our personal action that it simply becomes who we are.

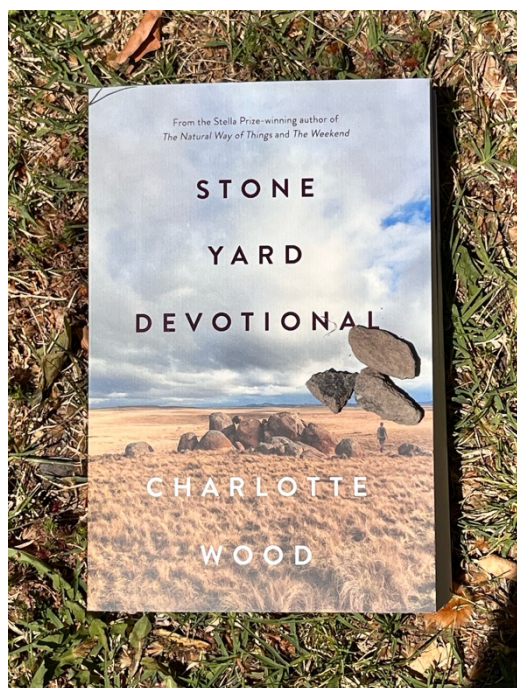
When a shepherd watches over their sheep, there are times when a stern look is needed. Rhetoric is a powerful tool and justification for acts of atrocity in a 'just' or 'unjust' war, can slip into our thinking. Paul's prayer in Ephesians is helpful. As we come to know our faith in Christ may we stay awake to receive wisdom, 'so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which (Christ) has called you...'

May we recognise the presence of Christ the King amongst us. And may His gaze: courteous, compassionate, kind, stern, patient, continue to rest upon us all.

Carol O'Connor

St Peter's Bookroom & Church Supplier

New recommendation !



Stone Yard Devotional by Charlotte Wood

Are you looking for a meditative and moving novel? Australian writer, Charlotte Wood writes a narrative exploring a woman's journey into a small religious community and evocatively explores ideas such as can a person be truly good? Is loss of hope a moral failure? Can grief ever end? A thoughtful and engaging read.

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St Peter's Bookroom Book Fair 2024 - storage space

High quality book donations are already starting to arrive for the next Book Fair in September 2024.

We are in great need for dry and safe storage spaces. Do you have an empty garage or know of a space we could use? It needs to be relatively close to the city for access.

Please let us know in the Bookroom if you can assist.

Carol O'Connor

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