

*Welcome to*

# ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

*Diocese of Melbourne - Anglican Church of Australia*

*Parish Church of the City since 1846*



“St John’s Gospel” illumination, *Book of Kells* (c. 800AD)

## SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

# 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2021

Almighty God, you have filled us with the light of the Word, who became flesh and lived among us: let the light of faith shine in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

# VICAR'S MUSINGS

“Here we go again” is the fear in many of our hearts at the moment I imagine. Let’s hope that our fears are not fulfilled this time. After the joys of a seemingly COVID-19 free Christmas in Victoria, we have been reminded this week of the brutal reality that the virus has not yet been eliminated. Our feelings of vulnerability return. As do the mandatory masks indoors (including church). As Christians, I thank God that we have our faith, our worship, our community, our scriptures, our theologians and our poets to fall back on and reassure us again of God’s promise in the Nativity we celebrate: Emmanuel ... God is with us.

A friend in New Zealand posted this beautiful and reassuring poem below, by Alfred Lord Tennyson (1809-92). They are words of poetic blessing that are just as poignant now as they no doubt were for our forebears in the early days of St Peter’s in the nineteenth century, as they read them for the first time, with all the trials and tribulations that they must have faced each year. May I add my blessing, as your Vicar, to you and yours for 2021, what ever it may bring. Stay strong, in faith & love!

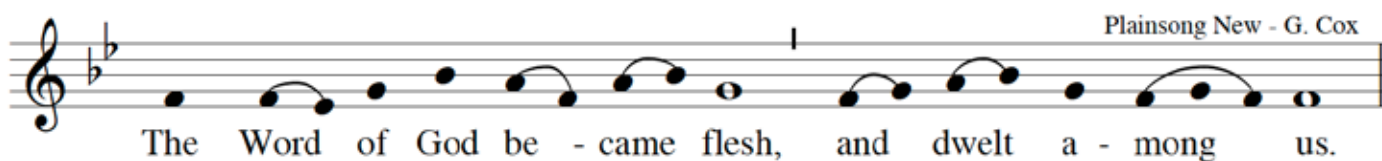
God of all time, help us enter the New Year quietly,  
thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others,  
mindful that our steps make an impact  
and our words carry power.  
May we walk gently.  
May we speak only after we have listened well.  
Creator of all life,  
help us enter the New Year reverently,  
aware that you have endowed  
every creature and plant, every person and habitat  
with beauty and purpose.  
May we regard the world with tenderness.  
May we honor rather than destroy.  
Lover of all souls,  
help us enter the New Year joyfully,  
willing to laugh and dance and dream,  
remembering our many gifts with thanks  
and looking forward to blessings yet to come.  
May we welcome your lavish love.  
In this new year, may the grace and peace of Christ  
bless us now and in the days ahead.

# SUNDAY MASS READINGS

## First Reading: Sirach 24.1-4, 8-12

Wisdom praises herself, and tells of her glory in the midst of her people. In the assembly of the Most High she opens her mouth, and in the presence of his hosts she tells of her glory: "I came forth from the mouth of the Most High, and covered the earth like a mist. I dwelt in the highest heavens, and my throne was in a pillar of cloud. Then the Creator of all things gave me a command, and my Creator chose the place for my tent. He said, 'Make your dwelling in Jacob, and in Israel receive your inheritance.' Before the ages, in the beginning, he created me, and for all the ages I shall not cease to be. In the holy tent I ministered before him, and so I was established in Zion. Thus in the beloved city he gave me a resting place, and in Jerusalem was my domain. I took root in an honoured people, in the portion of the Lord, his heritage."

## Psalm: 147.12-13, 14-15, 19-20



Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!

Praise your God, O Zion!

For he strengthens the bars of your gates;

he blesses your children within you.

R.

He grants peace within your borders;

he fills you with the finest of wheat.

He sends out his command to the earth;

his word runs swiftly.

R.

He declares his word to Jacob,

his statutes and ordinances to Israel.

He has not dealt thus with any other nation;

they do not know his ordinances.

R.

## Second Reading: Ephesians 1.3-6, 15-19

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. God destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure

of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward 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.

**Second Reading:** John 1.1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. John testified to him and cried out, This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me. From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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**FLOWERS IN CHURCH**

The beautiful flowers today are given by Elizabeth Pemberton and Ian McPhee in celebration of their forty years together. Happy Anniversary to you both, from all of us at St Peter's.

# PRAYERS

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## FOR THE SICK:

Margaret Bishop, Henriette Christiansen, Michael Christiansen, John Crocker, Guia Legarda, Babu Mathew, Marion McIntosh, Alice McCraith, Judy McCraith, Lyn Nicholas, Liz Prideaux, John Small, John Stewart BISHOP, 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, Judith Ryles, Pat Slump, Margaret Sutherland, Evelina Thornton, Joan Waldren-Small and Barbara Ure-Smith

## FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED: Eleanor Langford

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

Sun

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Mon	3	Lois Hilda Callinan, Constance Violet Carleton, Arthur William Dineen, Gloria Elizabeth Fezzoli, Bradley John Harris
Tue	4	Kevin Buck, Guy Colman COX PRIEST, Bill Emberson, Elizabeth Garrett, Edith Heap
Wed	5	Frances Edith Digby Bennie, (Rick) Dick William Boerhout, Garnet Eggington, Roy Green, Florence Warde, Sister Agnes Winifred CHN
Thu	6	Marjorie Bucknell, Enid Dorothea Carr, Jennifer Joan Gibbs, Gertrude Kugelman, Sarah Ann Lumsden
Fri	7	Esther Halliday, Peter Rickards PRIEST, Alma Evelyn Seddon, Grace Steinhauser
Sat	8	Cuthbert Killick Dorman Bardsley BISHOP, Jean Margaret Gabbott, Nicola Sian Jeffcott, Arthur Francis Bennie Nickson, Charles Perry PRIEST
	9	Arthur John Dean, Ruth Eason Duckett, Helen Haisman





# 90 years of working towards an Australia free of poverty

In December we marked 90 years since Fr Gerard Kennedy Tucker, Guy Coleman Cox and Michael Clarke founded what is now the Brotherhood of St. Laurence (BSL). For 90 years, BSL's mission has been to create lasting change for a compassionate and just society where everyone can thrive and be free of poverty and disadvantage. Thank you for being a part of this movement, both collectively and individually. Your involvement helps us build a better Australia and fulfill our mission of an Australia free of poverty.

We invite you to learn more about our rich history and our vision for the future, as well as read inspirational stories of progress from our wonderful community through the following on-line video: <https://bit.ly/2Lcvap5>

Whether it takes the next ten years or a further 90 years to realise our vision, one thing is certain, the Brotherhood of St. Laurence will proudly continue to be a strong voice for people experiencing disadvantage.

*Because we believe no one should live in poverty.*

Thank you for your compassion and kindness to others through your support of BSL and all of those we work with.



**MEALS  
PROGRAM  
BY STUDENTS  
FOR STUDENTS**

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**9.30AM-11AM  
MON-FRI**





# PARISH DIRECTORY

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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 Scholars:	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
Weekday Mass	Christy Thiagarajah	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".*