

Welcome to

ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



ORDINARY SUNDAY 15

12TH JULY 2020

Bountiful God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word: by your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy, and to live according to it, that we may grow in faith and hope and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

VICAR'S MUSINGS

“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord,
plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.”
Jeremiah 29:11

As Ray Charles famously sang in 1967: “Here we go again.” Stage Three restrictions are back in town, and on Thursday morning the West Door of our church was once again closed to the public, as a small group of us live-streamed the 7.15am Mass. There is a sense of despair and frustration among the St Peter’s staff and parishioners I have been in touch with since then, but also resignation that this is the path we must take here in Melbourne to get back on top of the most recent COVID-19 outbreak. At least one advantage, although unpleasant, is that we have all been here before and know the drill.

A couple of offerings from your Vicar, which I hope will assist you in the times that lie ahead. Firstly, a reminder of the online parish ministries that we have developed over recent months to help keep us connected as a church community:

- The Sunday 10.30am Mass will continue to be live-streamed onto FaceBook (bit.ly/2ZeizN5) and for those who prefer YouTube, will be uploaded afterwards (bit.ly/2AIZiDF).
- I am enjoying the weekly after-Mass chats with parishioners, 12.30pm each Sunday, at “Morning Tea at the Vicarage” on Zoom. These will continue during the lock-down, so do drop in if you can (bit.ly/3fh0BZw).
- Although the doors are closed, our Bookroom is still trading on-line, so do drop in and order a book (bookroom.stpeters.org.au).
- Praying the Rosary, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5pm. If you would like to join our Lay Minister, Alae Taule-alo, for these devotions on Zoom send him an e-mail - alaetaulealo@gmail.com
- Christian Meditation, Wednesdays at 12 noon. Parishioner, and former editor of *The Melbourne Anglican*, Roland Ashby, leads 45 minutes of contemplative prayer each week on Jitsi (similar to Zoom). He would love to hear from you if you’d like to join - randrashby@bigpond.com
- Fr Greg Davies is the National Director for EFM, a Christian Education program for lay people as well as clergy. We are blessed to have Fr Greg on the St Peter’s team, so do e-mail him if you are interested in his theological conversation group, or various courses on offer through EFM - gregdavies121@icloud.com

- The St Peter's Telephone Tree is now up and running, with twenty-two Parish Callers touching base with 161 of our parishioners and friends. We've had some very positive feedback about the Tree, but if you would like to call me as the Coordinator for any reason, don't hesitate; I'd love to hear from you.

Secondly, a word of hope. Despite all these on-line offerings, Church is certainly not what it used to be. There is no disputing that. Life changed so suddenly for us all on 22nd March, and now it feels like we are back to square one again. I must confess to have been feeling rather despondent myself over the past week. But as I was preparing my Musings this week, the words of Jeremiah 29:11 came to mind. I first meditated deeply on this verse as a young man, while travelling on my own around India. I had run out of money, was sick, and feeling a long way from home. They were words, a mantra in fact, that gifted me with a deep assurance of Christ's presence in the midst of challenge. God does indeed have a plan for each one of us, as well as a plan for our Church and our City. As we follow the Way, and take up our Cross, we can be assured that this is a path of ultimate wellbeing and hopefulness, even if we are currently experiencing profound questioning and suffering.

In closing, a prayer of hope for these times, written by Rabbi Naomi Levy:

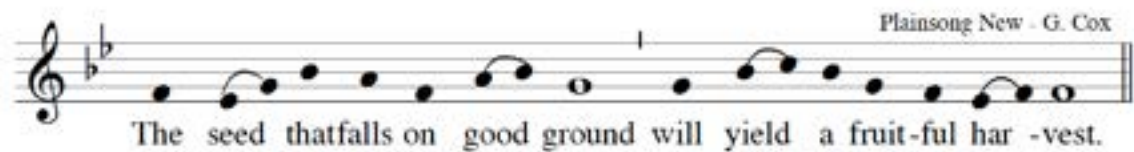
*We are frightened, God, worried for our loved ones, worried for our world.
 Helpless and confused, we turn to you seeking comfort, faith and hope.
 Teach us God, to turn our panic into patience, and our fear into acts of kindness.
 Our strong must watch out for our weak; our young must take care of our old.
 Help each one of us to do our part to halt the spread of this virus.
 Send strength and courage to the doctors and nurses in the front lines,
 Fortify them with the full force of their healing powers.
 Send wisdom and insight to the scientists working to discover healing treatments.
 Fill our leaders with the wisdom and the courage to choose wisely and act quickly.
 May we see that we are one world, one people who will rise above this pandemic together.
 Watch over us God, grace us with your love, bless us with your healing light.
 Hear us God,
 Heal us God.
 Amen.*

SUNDAY MASS READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 55.10-11

“As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”

Psalm : 65.9abcd, 9e-10, 11-12, 13



You visit the earth and water it,
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide the people with grain. R.
For so you have prepared the earth:
you water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges, softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth. R.
You crown the year with your bounty;
your pathways overflow with richness.
The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy. R.
The meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy. R.

Second Reading: Romans 8.18-23

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only

the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

Gospel: Matthew 13.1-23

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables. “Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!” Then the disciples came and asked Jesus, “Why do you speak to them in parables?” He answered, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. The reason I speak to them in parables is that ‘seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand.’ With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah that says: ‘You will indeed listen, but never understand, and you will indeed look, but never perceive. For this people’s heart has grown dull, and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes; so that they might not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and understand with their heart and turn—and I would heal them.’ But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it. Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

PRAYERS

FOR THE SICK:

David Bornstein, Margaret Brown, Adain McCann, Alice McCraith, Don Edgar PRIEST, Mary Grima, Bradley James, Grace James, Margaret Lugg, Lyn Nicholas, John Small, John Stewart BISHOP, Margaret Sutherland, Evelina Thornton, Joan Waldren-Small, Paul Wheelton, and George.

AS WELL AS:

Jenny Allen, Chris Bennie, Tania Burdick, Joe Butscher PRIEST, John Crocker, Cheryl Duff, Gail Edwards, Sr Gloria CHN, Sr Hilary CHN, Lynn James, Gwen Joyce, Bronwyn Large, Margaret Lea, Sr Lyn CHN, Joyce Newton, Tim Peake, Liz Prideaux, Judith Ryles, Barbara Ure-Smith, Annette Wood, Anne Wuttke; Andrew, Cecilia, Chad, Jan, and Peter.

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK:

Sun	12	Charles Briggs, Colin Charles Ferguson, Annie Hodges, Bartley John Hodgetts, Colin Holden Snr, Edgar Hunter, Alexander Lucas
Mon	13	Colin Peter Holden PRIEST, Elizabeth Ann Mason, Isabella Margaret Morrison
Tue	14	Wilfred Eode Agar, Emily Davies, Ken Harvey, Eileen Margaret Johnston
Wed	15	John Fletcher Connell, Henry (Harry) Lohning, Elizabeth Jane Olding, Charles Youdan
Thu	16	Gladys Bilston, Lilla Brocklebank, Geraldine Urani de Kretser, Harold Robert Fredding, Mary Eleanor Maud Hawks, Alan Pierce
Fri	17	Martha Cook, James Tilly, Leila Tulloh
Sat	18	-

THE DAILY OFFICE AT HOME

In these days of pandemic we are no longer able to gather as a worshipping 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

Sydney James Kirby, Bishop, pioneer of outback ministry & Bush Church Aid Society (d. 1935)

Monday	Ps 35.1-17 Amos 1.1-10 John 5.1-18	Pss 35.18-29 & 36 Ezekiel 20.1-17 Galatians 5.1-15
Tuesday	Ps 34 Amos 1.11-2.5 John 5.19-30	Ps 119.17-40 Ezekiel 20.18-38 Galatians 5.16-26
Wednesday	Ps 37.1-17 Amos 2.6-16 John 5.30-47	Ps 37.18-41 Ezekiel 20.39-21.7 Galatians 6.1-10
Thursday	Ps 38 Amos 3 John 6.1-15	Ps 39 Ezekiel 21.8-27 (28-32) Galatians 6.11-18
Friday	Ps 40 Amos 4 John 6.16-34	Pss 42 & 43 Ezekiel 22.1-22 (23-31) Romans 1.1-15
Saturday	Pss 41 & 44.1-9 Amos 5.1-17 John 6.35-51	Ps 44.10-27 Ezekiel 24.1-2, 15-27 Romans 1.16-25

**God Only: A 6 Day At Home Retreat With Evelyn Underhill
(Sunday 26th July – Friday 1st August 2020)**

Evelyn Underhill (1875 – 1941) is best known today for her writing on mysticism and prayer. As an Anglican, worship and the sacraments were fundamental to her faith. Abp Michael Ramsey later said it was Evelyn Underhill who kept the church going during the period between the wars.

Each day on this retreat we shall learn a little about her life, as well as read and reflect on a piece of writing from one of her books. There will be some questions, short biblical passage and a prayer. The retreat is designed to accommodate those of us who lead busy lives as well those at home during this time. It is time flexible; retreatants can devote half a hour a day or more as they prefer.

Please let Carol in the Bookroom know if you are interested in being part of this retreat and provide your email address. Material will be emailed out early morning on each day. If you would like to be part but don't have an email contact, please let Carol know and we can devise another means for the material to reach you.

Carol O'Connor: St Peter's Bookroom – 03 9663 7487

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

Flowers in Church today are given by Elizabeth Pemberton in loving memory of her parents.

DEVOTIONAL RESOURCES ON THE PARISH WEBSITE

As many of us are still not able to gather as a Parish for worship, our personal devotions will become increasingly important for nurturing our faith and our sense of God's presence in this crisis. Our Lay Minister, Alae Taule'alo, has put together a number of devotional resources that may be helpful to you over the coming weeks and months of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Link: <https://www.stpeters.org.au/devotional-resources>

ST PETER'S PRAYER LINK

AN INITIATIVE OF THE PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Our Pastoral Care Team has launched a new initiative this month: the St Peter's Prayer Link. We are inviting parishioners and others to submit prayer requests, which will trigger focused prayer support from a small group of pray-ers, for one month from the date of the request being made. Further prayer requests may be made, but the prayer focus does not automatically continue beyond a month. The St Peter's Prayer Link does not replace the weekly Prayer List that is published in the Pew Sheet, and used at Mass each day of the week. Rather, this is intended as a prayer boost, additional private prayer support for those who request it.

Prayers for the month may be requested for those who are sick, but also for particular situations or concerns that are weighing heavily on you. They say that a problem shared is a problem halved. Similarly, a prayer shared is a prayer multiplied.

Fr Roger Prowd is the St Peter's Prayer Link coordinator. The others in the Prayer Link at this inaugural stage are: Fr Hugh, Di Clark, Xeverie Swee, and Peter Yewers. We anticipate bringing one or two other members of the Pastoral Care team onto the Prayer Link in the coming weeks. Who these new members are will be communicated clearly in the weekly Pew Sheet.

Confidentiality is of course paramount to this model of prayer support, so be assured that prayer requests will be kept strictly private amongst the Prayer Link group. Prayer requests will not be made public at Mass, nor shown in the Pew Sheet.

To ensure effective, confidential and accurate communication, all prayer requests should be made to the coordinator, Fr Roger, only. Fr Roger will then pass the request to the others in the Prayer Link. If you would like additional confidentiality for your prayer request, just mention this to Fr Roger, and your petition will be circulated to the Prayer Link group anonymously.

For further information on the St Peter's Prayer Link, and to request prayer support in this way, please contact Fr Roger Prowd on: 0417 323 112 or rwprowd@bigpond.com



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ABM Pew Reflections - 1 July to 29 September, 2020

Dear Friends in Mission,

We are pleased to present to you the ABM Pew Reflections for July to September, 2020. These may be downloaded from the Resources section of our website, [click here](#).

This quarter's reflections have been written by ABM's Partnerships Coordinator, Robert McLean.

We hope you and your congregations will find these to be a useful resource.

Yours in Christ,

Michael Begaud
Marketing & Fundraising Manager

ST PETER'S BOOKROOM & CHURCH SUPPLIES

NEW RELEASE

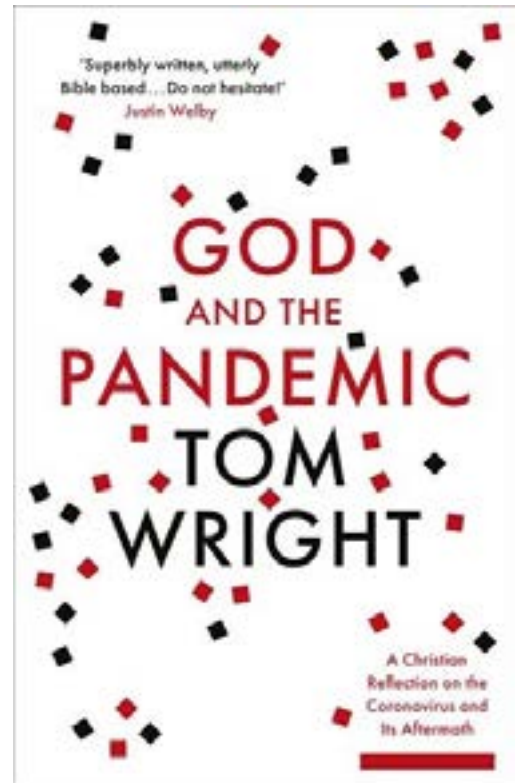
God and the Pandemic A Christian Reflection on the Coronavirus and its Aftermath by Tom Wright

What are we supposed to think about the coronavirus crisis?

Some people think they know: 'This is a sign of the End,' they say. 'It's all predicted in the book of Revelation.' Others disagree but are equally clear: 'This is a call to repent. God is judging the world and through this disease he's telling us to change.' Some join in the chorus of blame and condemnation: 'It's the fault of the Chinese, the government, the World Health Organization. . . .' Tom Wright examines these reactions to the virus and finds them wanting.

Instead, he invites you to consider a different way of seeing and responding – a way that draws on the teachings and examples of scripture, and above all on the way of living, thinking and praying revealed to us by Jesus.

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Monday – Friday 9.30am to 4.30 pm Sunday - after 9.30am & 11am Mass

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Sunday Services

8.00 am	Low Mass (BCP)
9.30 am	Family Mass
11.00 am	High Mass
6.00 pm	Low Mass (Evensong & Benediction on 4 th Sunday)

Refreshments are available in the Parish Hall after each of the Sunday morning Masses

Weekday Services

Mon – Fri:	Mass at 7.15am (9am on Public Holidays) Feast Day High Mass, as advertised: 6.15pm
Wed:	Mass at 1.15pm
Sat:	Mass at 9.00am (Cell of our Lady of Walsingham, 3 rd Saturday of the month)

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 Don Edgar	0418 967 829
	Fr Philip Gill	0480 101 711
	Fr Ken Letts	03 9662 2391
	Fr David Peake	0412 299 839
	Fr Roger Prowd	0417 323 112
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Other Parish Ministries and Programs

Acting Sacristan	Eugene Chin	03 9662 2391
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Children:	Katherine Barnett	03 9387 4089
Child Safety Officer:	Rachel Ellyard	03 9662 2391
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	Helen Drummond (People)	0419 897 973
	Rachel Ellyard (People)	0419 335 793
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
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Rachel Ellyard
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William Southey
Rwth Stuckey
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Sue Wuttke

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We are committed to
social justice, equality and
diversity. Our mission
is: "Catholic Evangelism:
Growing in God's love".*