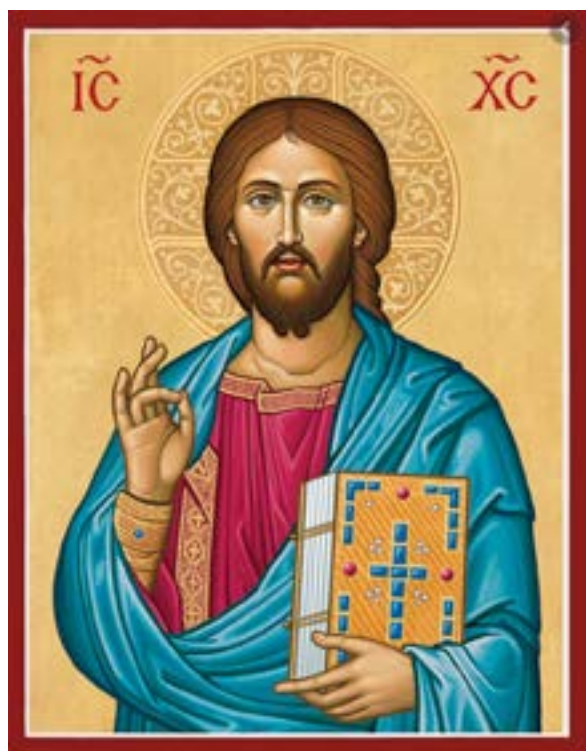


Welcome to

ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



ORDINARY SUNDAY 17

26TH JULY 2020

O God, the fount of wisdom, you have revealed to us in Christ the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price: grant us your Spirit's gift of discernment, that, in the midst of the things of this world, we may learn to value the priceless worth of your kingdom, and be ready to renounce all else for the sake of the precious gift you offer. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

VICAR'S MUSINGS

Blessings on this 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time. Below is a summary of my Vicar's report, presented on Wednesday to the Parish Council, by way of communicating with the wider parish some of the issues we are considering at a governance level. Do feel free to e-mail me, or give me a call at any time about these or other parish matters.

St Peter's COVID-19 Protocols Update. Our Archbishop has offered this week the following guidelines: "In metropolitan Melbourne, clergy, church and congregational members must wear masks for anything outside the home, including weddings, funerals, home visits, live-streaming or recording services, and any other ministry. The exception is when masks inhibit speaking or singing. For live-streaming and video, when keeping social distance of at least 1.5m, speaking or singing directly to camera without a mask is preferred. When not speaking or singing, a mask must be put back on."

Online Ministry Working Group. The St Peter's on-line working group has been working on the recent report recommendations: bit.ly/2CHJGRX. The new Archbishop of York has agreed to join us on Zoom for the launch of a new St Peter's webinar series, at a date to be announced. Work is also underway on a Zoom Children's Church gathering.

Worship and Devotions. Due to the current restrictions, worship is once again closed to the public, but the Mass is live-streamed on FaceBook, Monday to Friday at 7.15am, and on both FaceBook and YouTube on Sundays at 10.30am. Our Christian Meditation online gathering is still going strong on Wednesdays at midday, and all are invited to pray the Rosary on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5pm. There are two EFM groups still meeting online too, on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Pastoral Care. Despite lockdowns and restrictions, we welcome two new parishioners who have joined the parish over the past month: Joel and Julian. Over the past month we have also launched a new ministry, under the leadership of Fr Roger Prowd: the Prayer Link.

Social Service and Outreach. The Foundation Appeal this year raised a remarkable total of \$73,565 towards the work of the Lazarus Centre and St

Peter's Social Enterprise. A huge thanks to Chair of the Foundation, Krystyna Campbell-Pretty, and to all who gave so generously in these challenging times.

Hall Development. Plans are underway to install a folding glass partition at the back of the Parish Hall, creating a new room that can be used by the Lazarus Centre, the Social Enterprise, and other hall users. This is part of a master-plan for Hall development that was presented to the 2019 Annual Meeting bit.ly/2EfJ7iH.

Recently Departed. Over the past month, we have lost two dearly loved St Peterites: former Vicar's Warden and Foundation Chair, John Taaff; and a member of the clergy team for more than 20 years, Fr Don Edgar. Our hearts go out to Norman Missen, Judie Bainbridge, and all their families and friends. May they rest in peace ... and rise in glory.



SUNDAY MASS READINGS

First Reading: 1 Kings 3.5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this, your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

Psalm : 119.57+72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130



The Lord is my portion;
I promise to keep your words.
The law of your mouth is better to me
than thousands of gold and silver pieces. R.
Let your steadfast love become my comfort
according to your promise to your servant.
Let your mercy come to me, that I may live;
for your law is my delight. R.
Truly I love your commandments more than gold,
more than fine gold.
Truly I direct my steps by all your precepts;
I hate every false way. R.

Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.
The unfolding of your words gives light;
it imparts understanding to the simple.

R.

Second Reading: Romans 8.28-30

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those whom God predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Gospel: Matthew 13.44-52

Jesus spoke to his disciples: “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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>

PRAYERS

FOR THE SICK:

Kingsley Armstrong, David Bornstein, Adain McCann, Alice McCraith, Sandrine Ficet, Mary Grima, Bradley James, Grace James, Christine Jounet, 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: Don Edgar PRIEST

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK:

Sun	26	Arthur Blakson, Elsie Louise Brooks, Basil Cooper, Edwyn Hall, Laura Harrison, Albert Hearn, Donald Murray, Olive Plunkett
Mon	27	Fred Carlisle Armstrong, Elfreda Moira Housden, Charles Prior, William Rayment, Amy Ward
Tue	28	Felix Arnott BISHOP, Lucy Garlick, Reginald Miller
Wed	29	Richard Garton, Philip Jenkins, Myrtle Liversidge
Thu	30	James Hall, Thelma Paxton
Fri	31	Ethel Rust
Sat	1	Harriet Crowle, Leonard Harwood

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

Monday	Ps 68.1-20 Hosea 1 John 8.31-47	Ps 68 (21-23), 24-35 Ezekiel 36 (1-21) 22-38 Romans 4.1-12
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Tuesday	Ps 71 Hosea 2.1-13 John 8.48-59	Ps 119.65-88 Ezekiel 37-1.14 Romans 4.13-25
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Mary & Martha of Bethany

Wednesday	Ps 69.1-16 Hosea 2.14-3.5 John 9.1-17	Ps 69.1-23 (24-30) 31-38 Ezekiel 37.15-28 Romans 5.1-11
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William Wilberforce, social reformer (d. 1883)

Thursday	Ps 72 Hosea 4.1-9 John 9.18-38	Ps 73 Ezekiel 38.14-23; 39-21.29 Romans 5.12-21
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Joseph of Arimathea & Ignatius of Loyola, priest and founder of the Society of Jesus (d. 1556)

Friday	Ps 59 Hosea 4.10-5.4 John 9.39-10.18	Pss 144 & 150 Ezekiel 40.1-5; 42.15-43.12 Romans 6.1-11
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Saturday	Ps 74 Hosea 5.5-6.3 John 10.19-39	Pss 75 & 76 Ezekiel 47.1-12; 48.30-35 Romans 6.12-23
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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

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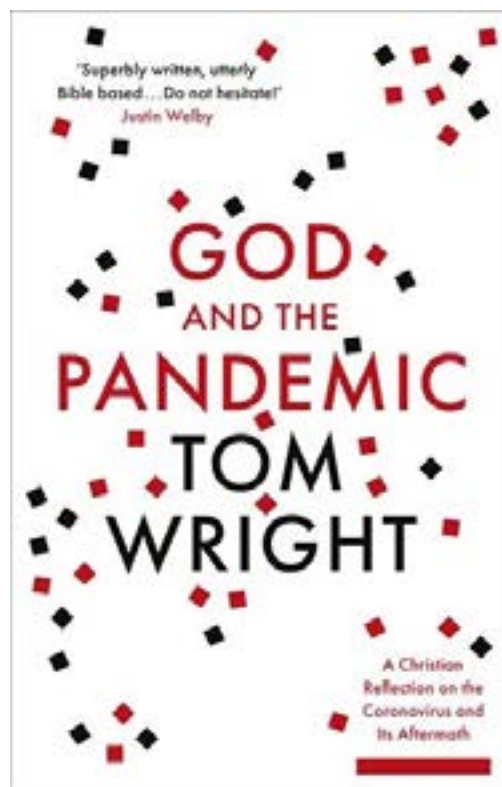
A POPULAR NEW RELEASE

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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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)

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Vicar:	Fr Hugh Kempster	0488 960 022
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	Fr Don Edgar	0418 967 829
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	Fr David Peake	0412 299 839
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	Rachel Ellyard (People)	0419 335 793
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Guild of St Benedict	Daniel Ferguson	0419 572 033
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