

Welcome to

ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



ORDINARY SUNDAY 30

25TH OCTOBER 2020

O God, whose Son has taught us that love is the fulfilment of your law: stir up within us the fire of your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts your greatest gift of love, so that we may love you with our whole being, and our neighbours as ourselves; 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

For this week's musings I have invited our Bookroom Manager, Carol O'Connor to reflect on pandemic life from the perspective of the Bookroom. Carol has been faithfully managing the Bookroom on-line throughout the pandemic. If you haven't visited the Bookroom website recently do drop in:

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

‘I get up, I walk, I fall down. Meanwhile I keep dancing.’ - Rabbi Hillel

My sense is that Rabbi Hillel's words will resonate for a many parishes, as well as small businesses, since COVID-19 has come into our neighbourhood. In March 2020, one of our own Churchwardens wrote in an email: ‘The virus inches ever closer!’ And the challenges and vastly changed landscape of these last 8 months due to this virus has meant some businesses falling down, struggling to get up. Some are still walking. But the real secret, as Rabbi Hillel suggests, is not to grieve for what was to be (which for the Bookroom included nearly 20 offsite opportunities for sales) nor long for what we wish to be (a COVID free 2021) but learn to dance, even albeit with unexpected steps, with the opportunities we are given now.



The first State of Emergency and lockdown declared in Melbourne in March felt dramatic and surreal. The second lockdown at the beginning of July was met with a mixture of reactions. Both lockdowns meant the Bookroom could be open and operational online and behind closed doors. Car drops offs of merchandise to customers was frequent in the first, but had to stop in the second.

Since the second lockdown my lounge room has been a working offsite Bookroom with some 20 boxes of books on the go. Being confined to 5km radius, with access to the Bookroom premises restricted to one day a week, meant even the possibilities given in the first were no longer possible. Our dining table is my desk by day. The eftpos machine sits on it at the ready for sales, the bookshop emails are accessible on my laptop and my mobile is the shop's main phone line. I find myself taking customer calls on my daily exercise around the block or scribbling notes talking to customers in supermarkets. All suppliers redirect stock to my home address. Here I unpack boxes of books, Christmas Cards, Candles.... Merchandise is sorted, customer requests are packaged and sent off. No church will miss out on lectionaries this year! No order will slip through. New merchandise is photographed

in a Lightbox and uploaded onto the website. All this, and the reports and accounts have kept me well occupied and focused on learning these new dance steps.

Both lockdowns has meant our online and social media presence is essential. Here has been creative potential to grow our Bookroom ministry in new ways. Website and email orders come in every day. According to Analytics Overview traffic on the website is up 64% in the last 12 months with 3,197 unique visitors. Online sales have increased by 187%. Whilst most visitors have been from Victoria and NSW, there has also been great international interest. Our Bookroom has attracted attention from many in the US and UK, but a significant number from places such as Bucharest to Oman, Cape Town to Dongguan. There is a 77% increase in new customers and 22% returning.

Marketing the Bookroom has been the main focus of these last months. Nothing is better than face to face contact onsite, but each week our Facebook presence and e-list marketing campaigns has channelled a constant flow of customers.

And here's where the dance this year has also become very exciting. Parishioner, Gordon Campbell, is a lecturer at Swinburne University. He has enabled us to link up with two graduating groups of students. One group of 5 students are upgrading and refurbishing our website with extra features and a higher profile on Google. Another group of over 30 students are working on ways we can further market our marvellous bookshop and church supplier out into the world. Recently we have created a presence on Instagram and Twitter. This week we have taken out an account with zoom so book groups are another strong possibility for 2021, with or without the beast of COVID. Both Swinburne groups are to present their reports via zoom in these next two weeks, and all the volunteers and Bookroom committee are warmly invited to attend.

St Peter's Bookroom and it's value in the world is a ministry the parish can continue to be proud of. Our profile picture on Social Media now has adapted the logo of St Peter's drawing in new people to discover the wider parish of St Peter's Eastern Hill.

Yes, due to the effects of Covid our takings like all bookshops and parish ministries are right down. Yes, please look up our beautiful cards and gifts to purchase for your friends and family this Christmas. Please tell all your friends about us. This year Christmas gifts and card giving will mean even more to our loved ones. And your Bookroom is available in all sorts of ways to help you make these choices. Soon, the volunteers will be back and we will fling wide the doors, albeit masked and socially distanced. But none the less as passionate and excited as ever. We will continue to keep the dance of our ministry alive even through this pandemic.

Carol O'Connor - Bookroom Manager

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2020, 2.00 TO 3.30PM

By Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88588473785>

By Phone: (03) 7018 2005

Due to the pandemic this year's Annual Meeting will be held on Zoom. For those of you who are not confident with this technology, you can easily phone into the meeting (03 7018 2005) or contact the Parish Office (03 9662 2391) and we will organise help to get you connected to Zoom. Below is information concerning the Electoral Roll, Nominations to Office and other details ahead of the Annual Meeting.

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll is updated each year by a Parish Council sub-committee for tabling at the upcoming Annual Meeting, as required by the regulations of the Parish Governance Act 2013. To fulfil the requirements of the Act, and with respect to the Privacy Act, please contact Kosta, in the Parish Office, to check your details on the current Roll (sphoffice@stpeters.org.au). If you are not on the Roll and would like to be, you must fill out an Application for Enrolment form on the Parish website (bit.ly/2SVEkqI) and return it to the Parish Office on or before Monday 2nd November (ideally by e-mail, but you may also deliver or mail a hard copy to 15 Gisborne Street, East Melbourne 3002).

Nominations to Office

Nomination forms for the election of two (2) Churchwardens, up to nine (9) Parish Council members, and two (2) Incumbency Committee members are also available from the parish website: bit.ly/353x3e3. These forms must be returned to the Parish Office by Monday 2nd November (by e-mail sphoffice@stpeters.org.au ideally, or by post). All nominations to office will be published in the Parish Pew Sheet on Friday 8th November.

Other Matters

The 2020 Annual Report will be published on the Parish website on Friday 6th November, to give parishioners plenty of time to read the papers ahead of the Annual Meeting. If you have any questions and/or apologies to the Annual Meeting, please contact the Parish Council Secretary, Daniel Mitterdorfer (danielm@arty.com.au).

Fr Hugh Kempster
Vicar and Chair of the Annual Meeting

SUNDAY MASS READINGS

First Reading: Exodus 22.21-27

The Lord said to Moses: “Thus shall you say to the Israelites, these are the ordinances that you shall set before them. You shall not wrong or oppress a resident alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt. You shall not abuse any widow or orphan. If you do abuse them, when they cry out to me, I will surely heed their cry; my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children orphans. If you lend money to my people, to the poor among you, you shall not deal with them as a creditor; you shall not exact interest from them. If you take your neighbour’s cloak in pawn, you shall restore it before the sun goes down; for it may be your neighbour’s only clothing to use as cover; in what else shall that person sleep? And if your neighbour cries out to me, I will listen, for I am compassionate.”

Psalm 18.1-2, 3+6b, 46+50ab



I love you, O Lord, my strength.

The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer.

My God, my rock in whom I take refuge,

my shield, and the source of my salvation, my stronghold. R.

I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,

so I shall be saved from my enemies.

From his temple he heard my voice,

and my cry to him reached his ears. R.

The Lord lives! Blessed be my rock,

and exalted be the God of my salvation.

Great triumphs he gives to his king,

and shows steadfast love to his anointed. R.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1.5c-10

You know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead - Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Gospel: Matthew 22.34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”



PRAYERS

FOR THE SICK:

Michael Boyle PRIEST, Mary Grima, Siew-Hung, Bradley James, Babu Mathew, Adain McCann, Alice McCraith, Jack Mulready, Lyn Nicholas, John Small, John Stewart BISHOP, Paul Wheelton, Jack Wilcox, George and Charles.

AS WELL AS:

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

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED: Florence Levy

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK:

Sun 25 Ian Stuckey, Joyce Williams

Mon 26 -

Tue 27 Alfred Cox, John Charles McColl Elden, Gertrude Kugelman,
Amy Alice Williams

Wed 28 Peter Allen PRIEST, Zilpah Bradshaw, Joy Lake, Sam Scinto,
Albert Ernest Saxon PRIEST, Clara Treacy

Thu 29 Margaret Béchervaise, George Henry Carter, Margaret Gow, David Lee,
Henry Nam, Naomi Jean Plunkett, Albert John Williams,
Merna Florence Wilson

Fri 30 Agnes Barker, Helen Louise Edwards, Jonathan Lugg,
Helen Watson

Sat 31 William Auncey Keysey A'Beckett, John Lawrence Bignell,
Joseph John Booth BISHOP, Don Cubit, Herbert Kelly PRIEST,
Mary Widdows, Wystan Widdows

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 Pss 137.1-6(7-9) & 138
Nehemiah 2.9-20
Matthew 18.1-14

Ps 139
Daniel 6.14-28
2. Peter 1.1-11

Tuesday Ps 140
Nehemiah 4
Matthew 18.15-35

Pss 141 & 142
Daniel 7.1-14
2 Peter 1.12-21

Simon & Jude, Apostles and Martyrs

Wednesday Pss 125 & 136
Jeremiah 3.11-18
Ephesians 2.11-22

Ps 116
1 Maccabees 2.42-66
John 14.15-26

Thursday Ps 145
Nehemiah 5.14-6.9
Matthew 19.16-30

Ps 147
Daniel 8.1-14
2 Peter 2.12-3.2

Friday Pss 148 & 149
Nehemiah 6.10-7.4
Matthew 20.1-16

Pss 144 & 150
Daniel 8.15-27
2 Peter 3.3-10

Martin Luther (d. 1546)

Saturday Ps 83.1-8 (9-18)
Nehemiah 7.73-8.12
Matthew 20.17-34

Ps 150
Isaiah 40.21-26
Hebrews 11.32-12.2

Terry Swann

Kimberley to the Pilbara



Terry Swann

5 – 30 October 2020

In the first solo exhibition of fortyfivedownstairs' Fragments series, artist Terry Swann – one of Australia's foremost contemporary landscape watercolourists – takes us on a journey from Kimberley to the Pilbara.

Since living in the Yarrabah Aboriginal Community, Far North Queensland during the early years of her career, Terry's love for the land has continually drawn her back to the Australian wilderness, where she captures the diversity of the Australian landscape through her expressive and spontaneous style.

In Terry's words, "While I draw in a sketchbook and do note-taking, my passion is to paint in situ where I can use my emotional response to capture the essence of the landscape. During lockdown, I have used sketchbooks and memories of recent trips to the Kimberley and Pilbara to do this body of work."

Kimberley to the Pilbara explores the process of creating work that captures the ever-changing sounds and moods of the bush when there's no option but to stay at home.

You can join Terry for Kimberley to the Pilbara on Instagram at @fortyfivedownstairs, where a new stage of the journey will be released every Monday and Friday during the exhibition. For further details, visit: bit.ly/2GMmDHi

We hope you enjoy the journey!





BREAKING NEW GROUND: GROWING THE CHURCH

Saturday 31 October 2020 | 1.30–4.00pm

By Zoom conference

\$25 | \$20 concession

Fresh expressions of church and pioneer ministry have been commended to the church as crucial for handing on Christian faith in contemporary culture, and for securing an intergenerational future for Anglicanism. This discussion session welcomes the minister of Merri Creek Anglican, the Rev'd Dr Peter Carolane, to share the story of its growth, introduce the convictions that have formed it, and identify the challenges of pioneer ministry in Melbourne. Joining him in discussion is Bishop Lindsay Urwin, the Vicar of Christ Church Brunswick. The discussion will be moderated by Bishop Kate Prowd, the bishop of the Oodthenong area of episcopal care in the Diocese of Melbourne.

[Click here for more information and to register.](#)

Alternatively, email theologyevents@trinity.edu.au or call 03 9348 7127.



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ST PETER'S BOOKROOM & CHURCH SUPPLIES

Our Christmas card range is slowly coming in - lots now online.

Also, check out our beautiful range of calendars online. You can order through the website or online (see under Cards - Calendars 2021.)

Our range includes calendars featuring The Angels, Mary and the Saints, and many by Australian Artists from the popular Blue Island Press range. All the depictions on these high quality calendars are frameable and will make beautiful gifts and promises of 2021 to be a year of hope, health and wellbeing for all your friends and family.



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Office Hours. 9.30am – 2.00pm Monday-Thursday

Sunday Services

10.30 am Parish Mass - online only, due to the pandemic restrictions
YouTube: www.youtube.com/c/StPetersEasternHill
Facebook: 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
Facebook: www.facebook.com/stpeterseasternhill/

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:	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
	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
Parish Administrator:	Konstantine Soteriou	03 9662 2391
Pastoral Care:	Di Clark	0407 354 987
Prayer Link	Fr Roger Prowd	03 9662 2391
RMIT Chaplaincy:	Alae Taule'alo	0409 802 892
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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
Rwth Stuckey
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".*