

Welcome to

ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



James Tissot, "Repas de Notre-Seigneur et des apôtres" (c. 1890)

OCTAVE OF ST PETER

4TH JULY 2021 - PEW SHEET

Almighty God, who by your Son Jesus Christ gave your apostle Peter many excellent gifts and commanded him earnestly to feed your flock: enable, we pray, all bishops and pastors diligently to preach your holy word, and your people faithfully to follow it, that they may receive the crown of everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

VICAR'S MUSINGS

There is a well known short story about a church at a cross-roads. The church in question was divided as to whether a certain sort of person should be welcomed into full membership. Some church members said that this certain sort of person did not belong, and had to change before being fully included. This person had to first adopt all the rules of the church. These rules were as old as the hills, and it was held that if this certain sort of person did not accept the rules, and change accordingly, they could not be a full member of that church. It was that simple. Others took a different approach. They said that God was already at work in such person's lives. If you got to know them you could see for yourself; by their fruits you shall know them. And if the Holy Spirit has accepted these people as they are, who are we to say that God is wrong? Perhaps it is us, not them, who need to change.

I expect that you know this story well. It is one of the many stories about our Patron Saint. Peter goes up onto the roof of his home to pray. He becomes hungry and asks for something to eat. While it is being prepared, Peter falls into a trance. The heavens open, and something like a large sheet comes down, being lowered to the ground by its four corners. In it are all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air. Then he hears a voice saying, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But Peter is mortified, "by no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean." The voice says to him again, a second time, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." (from Acts 10.9-15)

Through this vision, and the faith of a Gentile Christian, Cornelius, Peter finally comes to understand what his vision meant. It was a vision of grace, a vision of inclusion, a vision of God doing a new thing. Through St Peter's vision the early church took a massive and painful step beyond traditional Judaism, and into a future that is laid out in the *Acts of the Apostles*, and in the annals of church history to this day.

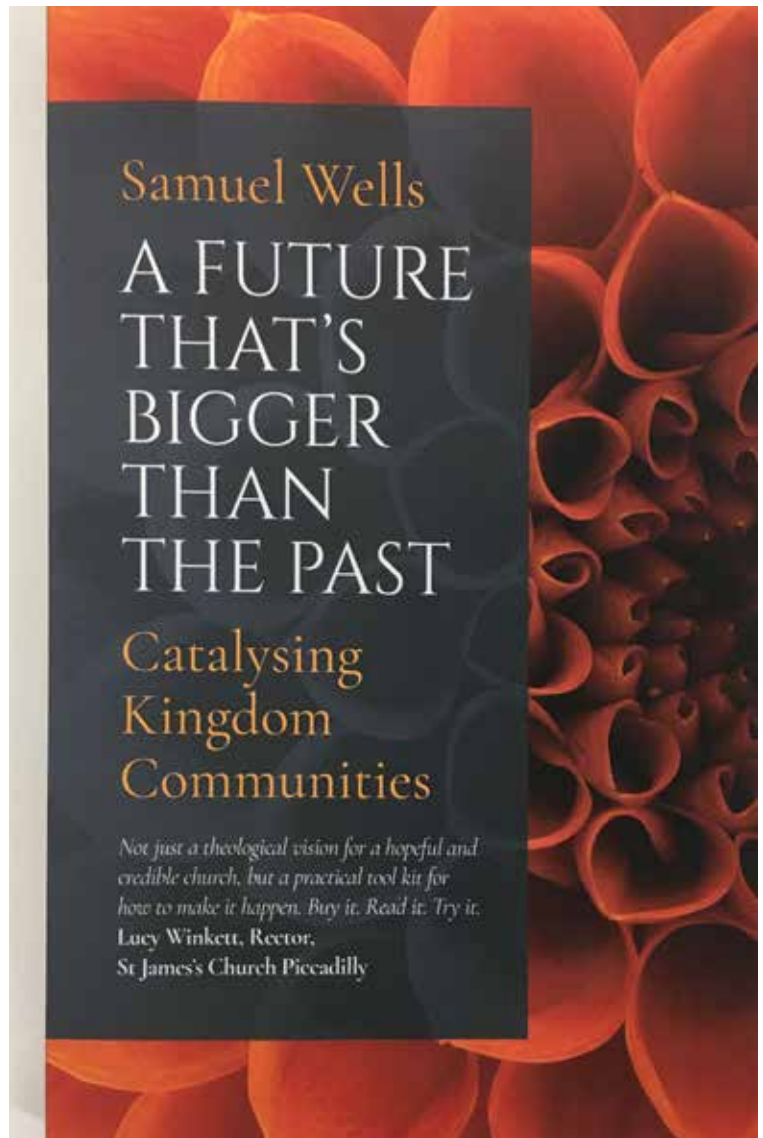
Ours is a world, and a church, that is still in such great need of the visionary spirit and the reforming courage of our patron saint. I think we are all aware that business as usual is quite literally impossible in today's pandemic-ravaged world. However much we might long for a return to the way things were, that is simply not going to happen. Just as Cardinal Newman, our own Canon Hughes and Mother Esther, and the myriad of Tractarian reformers, all drew from the Biblical Saints and the Church Fathers and Mothers for their inspiration in times of reformation and change, so should we. May St Peter the visionary inspire us and grant us a glimpse of what God's future is for St Peter's Eastern Hill, that we may each faithfully participate in its fulfillment.

WINTER STUDY GROUP THURSDAYS ON ZOOM, 6.30PM JULY 15TH - AUGUST 26TH

Imagine this, 7 days a week, day and night: an internationally renowned concert program, a busy and profitable social enterprise café and restaurant, a long-standing homelessness ministry and advocacy, a thriving book shop ... all vital ministry programs of a vibrant inner city worshipping church community.

The seeds of such a vision have long been growing at St Peter's Eastern Hill; but that doesn't mean we have arrived, or should rest on our laurels. There is still much to do.

Since the days of Fr Geoffrey Taylor, St Peterites have been looking to our "big sister" in London, St Martins in the Fields for inspiration and ideas.



This year's winter study group at St Peter's will be a seven-week on-line study group, reading together *A Future that's Bigger than the Past: Catalysing Kingdom Communities* by the Rev'd Dr Sam Wells, Vicar of St Martin's in the Fields, London.

Fr Hugh has copies of the book on sale after Sunday Mass. Carol also has copies in the Bookroom. E-mail: vicar@stpeters.org.au for further information.

When? Thursdays 15th July to 26th August, 6.30 to 7.30pm

Who? Led by Fr Hugh, with guest speakers

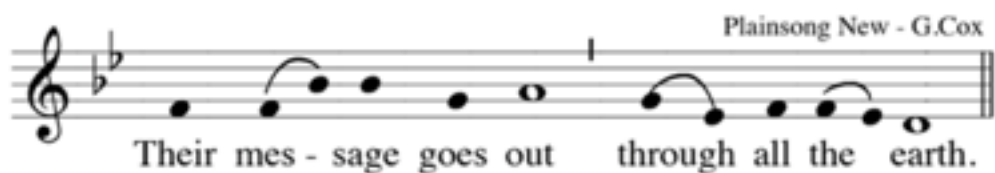
Zoom link? <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81398091138>

SUNDAY MASS READINGS

First Reading: Acts 3.1-10

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. A man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." He fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk." And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. Jumping up, the man stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising God, and they recognised him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Psalm 19



The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge. R.

There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world. R.

Second Reading: Galatians 1.11-20

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was

trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. Then God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles. I did not confer with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days; but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother. In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!

Gospel: John 21.15-19

For the third time after he was raised from the dead, Jesus appeared to the disciples. Just after daybreak, he stood on the beach and said to them, "Come and eat." When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. "Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God.) After this Jesus said to Peter, "Follow me."

"FAITH FORUM" - EVERY FOURTH SUNDAY, 12.30 TO 1.30PM

Every fourth Sunday, Fr Greg will be facilitating a new study group: "Faith Forum". The first meeting last week was very well attended, making good use of the new Henderson-Newton Room (the new glass room off the Hall). The Forum is an opportunity to explore and discuss matters and issues of faith and spirituality. It is open to all, not just parishioners, so do feel free to invite others you know who may be interested. Participants are invited to suggest topics, questions or issues for discussion. Please contact Fr Greg to express your interest, and with your ideas:
ph. 0417 992 976 or e-mail - gregdavies121@icloud.com

DAILY INTERCESSIONS

FOR THE SICK:

Helen Barnard, Margaret Bishop, Kate Castle, Wendy Hancock, Russell Kennedy, Lyn Nicholas, Noleen Nicholls, Gary Robertson, Alex Robins, Jenny Sasse, John Small, Ian Thornton, Paul Wheelton, and Peter.

AS WELL AS:

Jenny Allen, David Bornstein, David Curtis, Cheryl Duff, Gail Edwards, Siew-Hung, Grace James, Lynn James, Gwen Joyce, Bronwyn Large, Margaret Lea, Alice McCraith, William Lees, Margaret Lugg, Sr Lyn CHN, Robin Page, Liz Prideaux, Graham & Judy Ryles, John Stewart BISHOP, Clive Tadgell, Barbara Ure-Smith, and Jan.

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK:

Sun	4	Peter Bethell, Peter Callinan, Stanley Crouch, Diana 'Dee' Hodgetts, Julie Hogg, Craig Maxwell, Jack Taaff
Mon	5	Albert Batchelor, Herbert Duncan, Monica Margaret Green, Elizabeth Holloway, Thomas Frame Lowrey, Harold Cook Slatterie, Evelyn Tuck
Tue	6	Mary Blackwell, Dinah Gronow, Ada Montgomery, Philip Nigel Warrington Strong BISHOP, Frederick Hamilton Thompson, Phyllis Walker
Wed	7	Leslie Wallace Bull PRIEST, Mervyn Arthur Callaghan, Roz Mary Dunlop, George Henry Lawton, Frederick Vines
Thu	8	Alice Armstrong, Eliza Cheasley, Elizabeth Edwell, Isabell Hughes, Annette Mastrowicz, Nancy McHugh, Phyllis McIver, Denis Tiencken
Fri	9	Gerald Hibberd, Edith Thompson
Sat	10	Eric Loveday PRIEST, Alexandra Mary Pierce, Hugh Webb, Elizabeth Wills

ST PETER'S DAY FLOWERS - THANK YOU SARAH

The beautiful flower arrangements on St Peter's Day were gifted by Sarah Dowe, in loving memory of her first husband Ron Thompson.

ST PETER'S BOOKROOM & CHURCH SUPPLIER

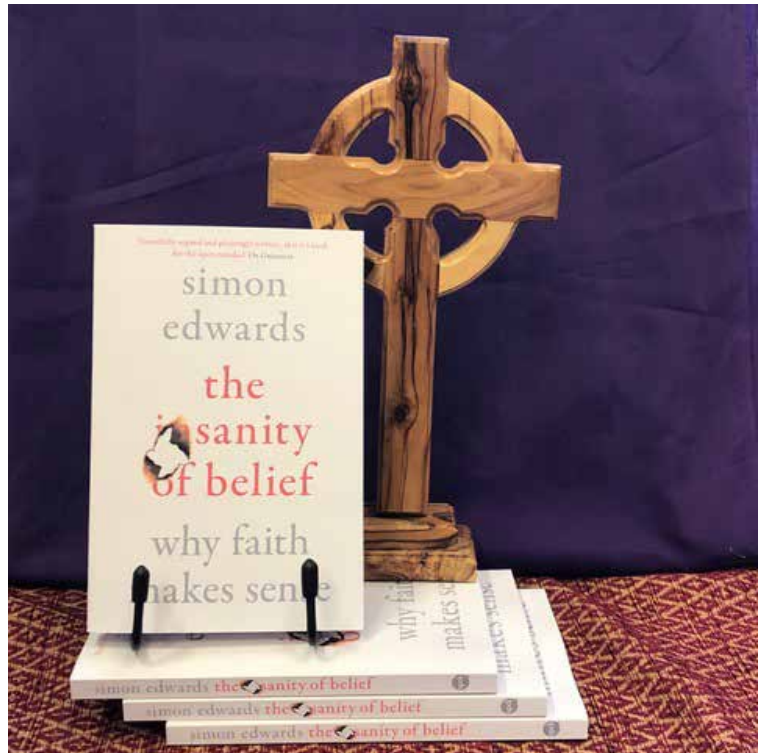
NEW RELEASE!

The Sanity of Belief: why faith makes sense

by Simon Edwards

In this thoughtful, engaging book, Simon Edwards challenges the assumptions that may lead us to reject a faith, and doubt something that we've never really had the chance to understand in the first place. From our need for meaning and significance, to our desires for truth, goodness, love and hope, he explores the things that matter to us as human beings and shows us why the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ might just make sense of them all. *The Sanity of Belief* is a fresh take on apologetics, faith and doubt, that will leave you with a stronger understanding of Christian belief and how it relates to

today's world. It is ideal for anyone looking for a clear, down-to-earth introduction to Christianity, or for those wanting to reaffirm the foundations on which their faith is based. **\$32.95**



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Office Hours. 9.30am – 2.00pm Monday-Thursday

Sunday Services

9:00 am	Mass (Book of Common Prayer)
10.30 am	High Mass with Children's Church
6:00 pm	Mass (Evensong replaces the Mass every 4th Sunday of the month)

Weekday Services

Mon – Fri:	Mass at 7.15am (9am on Public Holidays)
	Wednesday Mass at 1:15 pm
	Feast Day High Mass, as advertised: 6.15pm

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	M. Pirrial Clift	0407 453 306
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	Fr Philip Gill	0480 101 711
	Fr Ken Letts	03 9662 2391
	Fr Roger Prowd	0417 323 112
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	Xeverie Swee	03 9662 2391

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Rachel Ellyard
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Stuart Hibberd
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Daniel Mitterdorfer (Secretary)
Terry Porter
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Peter Wild
Sue Wuttke

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Director of Music:	Andrew Raiskums	0439 556 627
Flowers:	Michael Upson	0492 964 984
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:	<i>position currently vacant</i>	
Pastoral Care:	Di Clark	0407 354 987
Prayer Link & Pastoral	Fr Roger Prowd	0417 323 112
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and welcoming Church,
built on the lands of the
Wurundjeri people.
Our mission is: "Catholic
Evangelism: Growing in
God's love".*

