

*Welcome to*  
**ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL**

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



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**TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023**

# WORSHIP AT ST PETER'S

## SUNDAY

8.00am Low Mass (Traditional Language)

9.30am FAMILY MASS

11.00am HIGH MASS

6.00pm Evensong & Benediction (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays)

**6.00pm Low Mass (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays)**

## WEEKDAYS

Daily Low Mass – 8.00am Monday to Friday (Live streamed on Facebook and YouTube)

Wednesday – 1.15pm & Saturday 12noon Low Mass in the Handfield Chapel.

## DAILY INTERCESSIONS

**FOR THE SICK:** Bp Peter Hollingworth, Malcolm Delbridge, Frances O'Neil, Julie-Anne Bird, Janine Harris, Athol Leach, Susanne Marsden, Col Robinson, Lena Sheridan, Nelson Rufatt, Sue Tan, Robert Saliba, Janine Stewart, Bp John Stewart, Bp John Parkes.

**FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED** Barbara Ure-Smith, Sophia Errey, Michael Malady, Margaret Ong, Ginny Anderson, Jennifer Lamont.

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

- November 19 John Mann, Florence Roberts, Victoria Youdan  
20 Mary Newham, Gertrude Selina Rogers  
21 Joseph Blackson, Percy Frost, Florence Myrtle Mater  
22 Lois Beggs, Susan Margaret Bryce  
23 Brett Armour, Lyla Crouch, Elizabeth Anne Lacey, Derek Loveday  
24 Alec Ewen, Eric Jenkins, Emily Reader  
25 Richard Guy Berry, Sister Winifred Muriel CHN

*Please contact the Parish Office or email [office@stpeters.org.au](mailto:office@stpeters.org.au) to have names added to the sick list. They will remain on our prayer list for one month unless requested to be extended.*

# THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*Please stand for the beginning of the Mass. The people's responses are printed in bold.*

Mass setting: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-94) Missa Aeterna Christi munera

Introit Hymn: NEH 360 Firmly I believe, and truly

*At 11.00am the sanctuary party enters the chancel to prepare for the Asperges.*

Cantor

All

Pu - ri - fy me, O Lord, with hys - sop and I shall be clean:

Fine

wash me, O Lord, and I shall be whi - ter than snow.

Cantor

Have mer - cy on me, O God, in your en - du - ring good - ness:

All

ac - cor - ding to the fulness of your compassion blot out my of - fen - ces:

Wash me tho - rough - ly from my wick - ed - ness:

Cantor

and cleanse me from my sin. Glo - ry to God:

All

Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Spi - rit: as in the be - gin - ning so now,

Repeat antiphon

and for e - ver. A - men.

*The sanctuary party re-enters the chancel. The celebrant intones the responsory.*



The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

*Please kneel*

*The Deacon introduces the Confession:*

Merciful God: **Our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The celebrant pronounces the Absolution.*

Almighty God,  
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:  
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Kyries are sung at 9.30am and sung by the choir at 11.00am*

Kyrie eleison	<i>Lord have mercy</i>
Christe eleison	<i>Christ have mercy</i>
Kyrie eleison	<i>Lord have mercy</i>

*Please then stand for the Gloria which is sung by the choir.*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand  
of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
+ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*The Celebrant prays the Collect.*

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil  
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:  
grant that we, having this hope,  
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;  
that when he shall appear in power and great glory  
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;  
where he is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*Please sit for the readings.*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end**

A reading from the book of Zephaniah

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest

complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

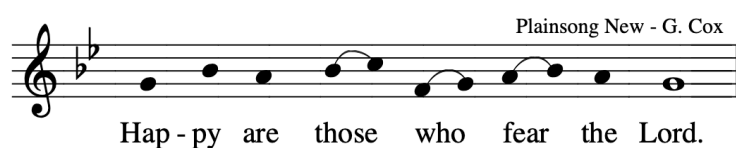
I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.

Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 128



Happy is the one who fears the Lord,  
who walks in his ways.

You shall eat the fruit of the labour of your hands;  
you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you. **R.**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine  
within your house;  
your children will be like olive shoots  
around your table. **R.**

Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.  
The Lord bless you from Zion.  
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem  
all the days of your life. **R.**

## THE EPISTLE: 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, ‘There is peace and security’, then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit.

*Deacon:*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**



## The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew 25.14-30**

### ✠ **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all 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. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Please sit for the Homily by Fr Michael Bowie*

*Please stand for the Creed.*

*[A copy of the music for the Sung Creed is available at the back of the church.]*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit  
and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please kneel. After each petition:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*And at the end:*

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.  
**And let light ☩ perpetual shine upon them.**

*Celebrant:*

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.  
**Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Please stand for the Greeting of Peace. Celebrant:*

We are the body of Christ.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

**OFFERTORY ANTIPHON** [*Sung by the choir*]

Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice. Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord.

*Offertory hymn* NEH 294 Just as I am, without one plea

# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*Celebrant:*

Blessed are you, Lord God... **Blessed be God forever.**

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Holy Church.**

*The Celebrant prays the Prayer over the Offerings. People respond with Amen.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Please kneel. The celebrant continues the prayer.*

*At 11.00am the choir sings the Sanctus.*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
+ Blessed is he that comes in the name of the  
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**


*The celebrant continues the prayer, leading to:*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith



*The celebrant continues the prayer, ending with:*

*All*



Bles sing and ho-nour and glo-ry and power are yours for e-ver and e - ver. A - men.

*Celebrant*



As our Sav - iour Christ has taught us, we are con - fi - dent to pray,  
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins  
as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us  
from the time of tri - al and de - liv - er us from e - vil.  
For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours  
now and for ev - er. A - men.

*Celebrant:*

We who are many are one body.

**For we all share in the one bread.**

*All remaining kneeling as the Agnus Dei is sung by the choir.*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
grant us peace.**

*Celebrant:*

Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*Communicant members of any Christian church are invited to receive the sacrament.  
All others are very welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

**COMMUNION MOTET** *Sung by the choir.*

Herbert Howells (1892-1983) A hymn for St Cecilia

*Please stand for the Post-Communion hymn.*

NEH                    388 Jesus shall reign, where'er the sun

## **THE CONCLUDING RITES**

*The Celebrant sings the final prayer, leading to:*

**Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and  
work to your praise and glory.**

*The Celebrant offers the blessing and the Deacon dismisses the congregation:*

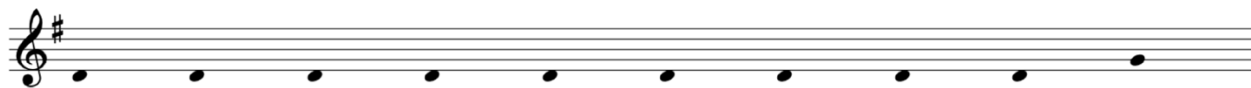
Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

# THE ANGELUS



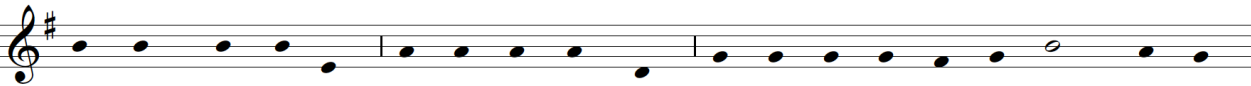
The Angel of the Lord brought ti - dings to Mary: **And she conceived by the Ho - ly Ghost.**



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,



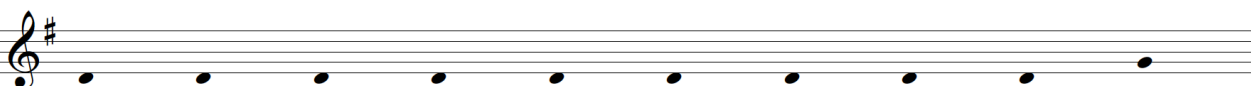
Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Je - sus:



Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. **A - men.**



Behold the handmaid of the Lord: **Be it unto me ac - cord - ing to thy word.**



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,



Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Je - sus:



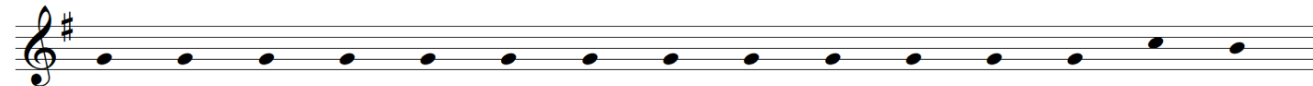
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. **A - men.**



And the Word was made flesh: **And dwelt a - mong us.**



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,



Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Je - sus:



Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. **A - men.**



Pray for us O Holy Mother of God. **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray. We beseech thee O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that as we have known the incarnation of thy son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*The Sanctuary party processes to the West door for the final prayers and dismissal.*

Postlude: Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988) Paean

*If you are a new parishioner, or a visitor to St Peter's, please introduce yourself to the clergy at the door as you leave the church. All are welcome for refreshments after the Mass in the Parish Hall.*

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## **Readings for November 26<sup>th</sup>**

Ezekiel 34.11–16, 20–24; Ephesians 1.15–end; Matthew 25.31–end

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# NOTICES

## **For your Diary**

### **Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 26 November 2023 at 12.30pm in the Parish Hall, as required by the regulations of the *Parish Governance Act 2013* For all queries and apologies to the AGM, please notify myself either on 0414 648 837 or email [danielm@arty.com.au](mailto:danielm@arty.com.au)

Daniel Mitterdorfer  
HON. SECRETARY

### **Funeral of Barbare Helen Ure-Smith**

A funeral service for Barbare will be held on Monday, November 20th 2023 at 2:30 PM at 177 Union Rd, Surrey Hills VIC 3127, Australia.



## **Advent Study Group: *The Meaning is in the Waiting* by Paula Gooder**

With Carol O'Connor, Wednesday, 2.15pm (after the 1.15pm Mass). In the Vicarage. Wednesdays: 29<sup>th</sup> November; 6<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2023.

'One of the oddest features of Advent is that it requires us to wait for something that has already happened, as well as something that has not.'

What does it mean to mark time for an event that happened two thousand years ago? To wait for the birth of Christ that we experience year after year? More awkwardly, how does the anticipation of 'end times' fit into this double vision of Advent?

Come along this Advent and join us to engage with a biblical view of time reflected upon by Paula Gooder. Each candle on the Advent wreath represents a biblical character or characters in the long run-up to Jesus' life. In her book, *The Meaning is the Waiting*, Paula Gooder explores who they are and why they matter.

Please let Carol in the Bookroom know if you are interested in coming along and order a copy of Paula Gooder's book.

### **Revised Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham Mass Times**

The Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham is now on the **First Saturday** of each month at 12.00pm

### **Thank you, Fr Philip**

We thank Fr Philip for his long and significant ministry here at St Peter's. From the breakfast programme to the thoughtful homilies and presence during the weekday Mass and Sunday's. We wish him all the best, and will have the opportunity to say farewell and express our thanks on his last Sunday with us, Advent 3, 17<sup>th</sup> December.

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### **Nov 26th - Christ The King & Annual Parish Meeting**

#### **Dec 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve**

**6pm Vigil Mass for Families and Children**

**10.30pm Procession and High Mass of the Night**

#### **Dec 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day**

**10am Procession and High Mass of the Day**

**Dec 31<sup>st</sup> – Holy Family & Nine Lessons & Carols**  
**Jan 1<sup>st</sup> – Feast of Mary, Mother of God**

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## Weekly Reflections

2nd Sunday before Advent

Sunday's Parable of the Talents (referencing the macro-currency of the day rather than the human skill, but the shift of meaning in English is endlessly helpful to preachers) helps to answer questions about how each of our small and sometimes apparently insignificant lives contributes to God's plan. It is an answer to Trumpism, which calls us 'losers' unless we draw a similar-sized crowd to his.

The parable highlights the contribution the servants (who've been entrusted with substantial sums of their master's money) are expected to make to his business while he is away. It is not their money but his; they are busy on his behalf, not their own. Each one is given an amount 'according to his ability' (each vocation is unique). The master knows the ability of his servants, but does not impose any conditions on them, any levels of achievement that must be attained. There are no articulated *targets* (Church take note). They are entrusted with the money and asked to do what they are capable of doing.

The first two servants use their God-given resources, taking risks with and making decisions about something that is not their own. They are 'successful'. We might consider implicit in this that they 'succeed' as long as they are using the Talents in the service of their master, though the parable doesn't go there. The story leaves open how it is to be applied, but one could reasonably assume that 'success' equals the increase of God's community of believers and the spread of God's Kingdom. When the master returns, the faithful servants who put their lives in the service of their master's property get a share. This property turns out to be nothing less than a share in the life of the master himself – 'your master's happiness'.

In contrast the third servant does nothing. Worse, he tries to blame the master: he excuses his own inaction as motivated by fear of the master's fierce business reputation. This attempt at self-justification by taking control of the conversation and putting the master on trial, seeks to reverse their roles. The master, who put complete faith in his servant according to his ability, is accused of being untrustworthy.

The inadequacy of this claim (compare the freedom of initiative shown by the other servants) has to be exposed and the true order of things re-established. We

are God's trusted agents in going about God's business. If we don't trust God in return or if we try to go about God's business on our own terms, the parable implies, we will make a mess of it.

The connection between this parable and last week's (of the ready and unready bridesmaids) is caught by Nicholas Lash:

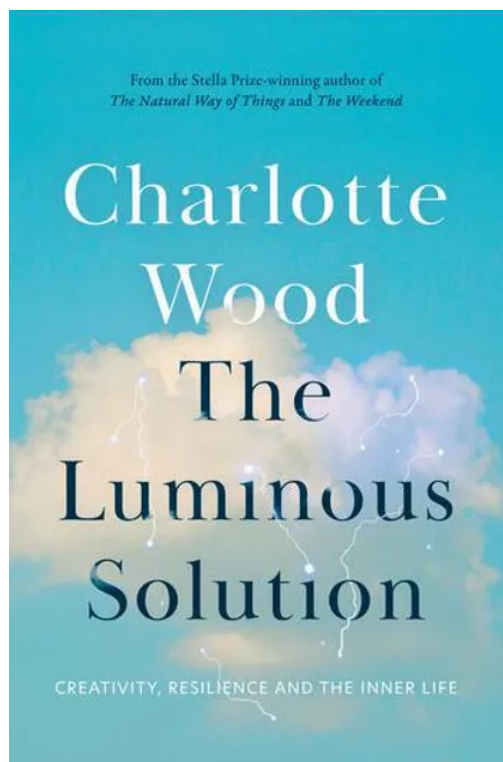
The distinction to be drawn lies not ... between action and passion, between "doing things" and having things done to one, but rather between behaving as if we were the centre of the world and learning that we are not.

Fr Michael Bowie

## **St Peter's Bookroom & Church Supplier**

Lots of beautiful Christmas Cards, 2024 Calendars and Advent Calendars now available. Come in and explore the shop - or check us out and order via our website. We have a wide range of Spiritual, Anglican and non-religious books.

### **New Recommendation:**



**A book for your inspiration!**

**The Luminous Solution: Creativity, Resilience and the Inner Life**

**by Charlotte Webb**

'A rich inner life is not just the preserve of the arts. The joys, fears and profound self-discoveries of creativity - through making or building anything that wasn't there before, any imaginative exploration or attempt to invent - I believe to be the birthright of every person on this earth. If you live your life with curiosity and intention - or would like to - this book is for you.' Charlotte Wood, from the Preface to *The Luminous Solution*

In this essential, illuminating book, award-winning writer Charlotte Wood shares the insights she has gained over a career paying close attention to her own mind, to the world around her and to the way she and others work.

Drawing on research and decades of observant conversation and immersive reading, Charlotte shares what artists can teach the rest of us about inspiration and hard work, how to pursue truth in art and life, and to find courage during the difficult times: facing down what we fear and keeping going when things seem hopeless.

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## St Peter's Bookroom Book Fair 2024 - storage space

High quality book donations are already starting to arrive for the next Book Fair in September 2024.

We are in great need for dry and safe storage spaces. Do you have an empty garage or know of a space we could use? It needs to be relatively close to the city for access.

Please let us know in the Bookroom if you can assist.

Carol O'Connor

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