

THE COCK CROWS



**NEWS FROM ST PETER'S
CREMORNE
December 2019 – January 2020**

RECTOR'S CORNER

FR TIM'S ASSIGNMENT TO THE BUSH FIRE AREA

The Wardens wish to let you know that the Army called up Fr Tim in his role as Army Chaplain as part of the Army's role in supporting the victims of the ongoing terrible bush fires. It is likely Tim will be away for all of January.

For us it is also recognition of Tim's wider role in the military and in giving help to communities suffering from the fires.

We are in an area where the worst discomfort from the fires is smoke and grey skies. It is a small sacrifice to know Fr Tim is seeking to provide support to troops experiencing the horrors of the bush fire ravages and also, in all probability, providing comfort to those who have lost homes, animals, livelihood and experienced horrendous anguish and terror.

We hope you join us in wishing Tim safety and success in performing an incredibly important role.

If any of you need assistance from the Clergy during Tim's absence, please phone one of the Wardens and we will arrange for your need to be met.

The Wardens



Pray for our country in drought and fire

Our heavenly Father, creator of all things and especially the creator of this land and its original peoples, we call out to you in these desperate times as we see the first catastrophic fire warnings for New South Wales, as fires have already swept across several parts of our land. Our hearts cry out to you in desperation for those whose properties are affected by ravaging fires and whose very lives are in danger. Father we pray, in your mercy, restrain the forces of nature from creating catastrophic damage; in your mercy, protect human life. Guard those who selflessly step into the breach to fight these fires. Guide police and authorities who help evacuate and shelter those who are displaced. Bring comfort and healing to all who suffer loss. Remembering that long ago you extended your hand through your servant Moses to stop the waters and then to return the waters to their normal course, so we pray for rain. In your mercy, we pray for drenching rain. We pray that despite the forecasts, in your miraculous power you would bring forth rain to quench these fires and to bring life back into the earth, so that crops may grow and farmers may bring forth the harvest of the land again. We bring these requests before your throne, in the name of your Son, who died and rose again for our deliverance, Amen.

Archbishop Glenn Davies

Donations can be made to the Archbishop of Sydney's Bushfire Appeal. Give today at anglicanaid.org.au or phone 9284 1411



Fr Tim and Major General Kathryn Campbell AO, CSC, Commander of the Australian Army Reserve Force on a brief visit to St Peter's from the fire zone. Maj Gen Campbell is also Secretary of the Commonwealth Department of Social Services

Fr Tim addressed the 9am congregation on 19th January, before returning to duty in the fire zone:

"In the past two weeks, I've been humbled as I've sought to support dozens of people impacted by fires in the far south coast of NSW, from Cobargo and Quaama to Bega, Eden, Kiah and Wonboyn and surrounding districts and coordinating a team of ADF chaplains doing the same. (He gave stories of the challenges many face). There are many examples of hardship, fear and gratefulness; stories of generosity and compassion, stories of answered prayer and of "coincidences" whereby God has placed chaplains, or others, to provide comfort to those who need it most. The fire threat is not yet over."

A parishioner's family affected by the bushfires

"Sadly, one of my sons and his wife had their house flattened by fire. It was just outside Kangaroo Valley and built as a permanent home, not a weekender.

When I moved to Bougainvillea, I moved from a unit of 54 squares to one of 5 squares. My son, his wife and teenaged daughter moved into their house in that same week. It was ideal, as most of my possessions wouldn't fit here, but they were most appreciatively moved into "Nundora". My dear sister died a few months ago and left the contents of her large apartment to my son. All her beautiful paintings and other items chosen by her and seen by us all in her home for many years, held great sentimental value to us all.

My son had navigated a yacht in the Sydney to Hobart race and, as the skipper needed to fly home, my son skippered the yacht back to Sydney, with his very enthusiastic 16 year old daughter in the crew. After only one happy day at

sea, the news came that their house had burned to the ground. What a body blow. It was more than a week before they were back on land and allowed to return to the incinerated remains that had been their beloved home. All the trees on the five-acre garden had gone – everything. It was apparently white, indicating the heat of the fire compared to black remains. The only thing recognizable shattered into hundreds of tiny pieces when touched.

The eaves of the original house had asbestos in them, so to add to everything else, it's a contaminated site and everyone is banned from it.

They acknowledge that they are blessed not to lose their livelihoods, but it will take them some time to recover from the sadness of losing so many family treasures that can never be replaced."

Susan Upton

AROUND THE PARISH

Visiting clergy



Bishop Ian Lambert preached at St Peter's On Sunday 6 October, his last visit to a parish before retirement from this role.

He was commissioned as Anglican Bishop to the Australian Defence Force in 2013 at St Paul's Chapel, Duntroon as the chief minister and pastor within the Defence community by the Primate. The role of the Bishop to the ADF is to promote unity, discipline and the mission of the church in all Defence units and communities, at home and overseas.

Bishop Lambert said he felt blessed to have the opportunity to promote the Defence Anglican focus, to ignite and refresh the souls of Chaplains so that they in turn can help personnel and their families understand the place of God in lives.



Bishop Peter Watson and Rev Michael Kellahan, Rector of East Roseville, filling in for Fr Tim while away at the fires



Shore School Chaplain, Rev Paul Dudley, celebrated at 7am and preached at both 7 and 9am services on 19th January. His wife, Michelle and younger son Ben came to the 11am service.

Bishop's wife reunites with parishioner



Margo Watson with Susan Upton

“The Bishop’s wife (Margo) and I met early in 1956 – yes, 64 years ago!! We both did the three years’ training at Sydney Kindergarten Teachers’ College at Waverley. Our year is fortunate in having two enthusiastic women who arrange reunions every year and we all know to keep the last Friday of August free. As we’re ageing, we’re now getting together six monthly, which will be in a few weeks time. So I am very much enjoying having Margo with us while Bishop Peter is stepping in as Celebrant.”

Susan Upton

A notable worshiper at 9am, 19th January



Stephen Webber, the new Principal of Redlands School from the start of the 2020 school year. Mr Webber comes from Perth where he has been the Headmaster of Guildford Grammar School, one of Perth’s leading independent schools, for

the past nine years. He expressed keen interest in St Peter's association with Redlands (Redlands conducts chapel at St Peter's four times a week) and looks forward to participating in chapel service and visiting with St Peter's again.

Thanks to Martyn and Judy Chapman, given on Sunday 13 October 2019



Edwina Waddy acknowledging Martyn and Judy

“Today we acknowledge one of many parishioners who have given faithful service to St Peter's for a great number of years. And when I say great, I am speaking here of 28 years of weekly commitment to a role that few know about, as it doesn't take place on Sundays. Nearly all of us see the effect of this endeavour each week, though the focus is limited to few occasions each year when we congregate nearby.

You might now be wondering of whom I speak. Keep guessing. This person designed, changed the existing level, built the piers and laid the brick paving. He turned the first sod, has cultivated, planned and maintained it since 1991. The Memorial Garden is the result of love, dedication and hard work by Martyn Chapman, always supported by his dear wife Judy, who regularly waters the garden and the tubs on the terrace. The seat was given by the late Gordon Cooper, in memory of his father and in 1993 the fountain was sculpted by Anne Ferguson.

The garden is a haven for those who seek peace and a spot to contemplate, surrounded by nature's beauty. Just yesterday, I admired the beauty of the lilac bush, now in full bloom with its mauve and white flowers. The granite memorial on the southern wall was installed in 2017, and the Buxus and Hellebores underneath were donated by Martyn. He has drawn up the plan for the plaques which are fixed by John Ashworth.

At the second last working bee, I saw Martyn lying face down on the brick path attending to what - I cannot remember. I did feel this was beyond the call of duty.

I am pleased to announce that Margot and Iain McDonald have offered to take over this role – and I arranged a meeting with both couples to explain what has happened so far and what is involved in this commitment. Thank you Iain and Margot.

So I ask you to join with me to thank Martyn, aided by Judy, for his quiet, unnoticed and dedicated service patiently weeding, feeding, clipping, pruning, and sweeping week after week to the Glory of God for 28 years. Thank you Martyn and Judy”

Edwina Waddy - Warden

The new caretakers of the Memorial Garden



Margot and Iain MacDonald

“We joined St Peters in August 2018, having recently moved to Kurraba Point from Wahroonga. We have two daughters, Julia (24) and Alexandra (19), and like many, decided to “down size” when our younger daughter finished school. In the twenty years we lived in Wahroonga, we attended St James Anglican Church, Turramurra and were part of the same home group/bible study for much of that time. It was a source of much support, learning, growth and friendship for us all!

When we moved, we decided to try out a few churches in the area. On its website, St Peter's had described itself as inclusive and this very much appealed to us. In addition, we were comfortable with the high church style, having grown up with this in Africa. We were immediately struck by the warm and welcoming atmosphere at St Peter's and our minds were made up!

Iain retired from his job as Finance Director of a retail group late 2018 and we have been busy travelling and reshaping our lives ever since.

Apart from the tea roster, we were happy to undertake the memorial garden in the months between our trips. Martyn and Judy have done such a splendid job for so many years and we shall endeavour to maintain it as the lovely, peaceful haven they created”.

Margot and Iain MacDonald

Bougainvillea seeks a pianist

“I started a choir at Bougainvillea last year. Our only pianist is 93 and having trouble with her fingers. Our singers so much prefer singing when we have a pianist accompanying us, rather than when we use a CD. We thought it might be possible that a member of the St Peter's congregation might be happy to come and play for us once a month. Contact: Susan Upton, 99045171”

Stacey Yang update



Stacey, our former organ scholar and parishioner at St James King Street

Stacey writes:

“I am currently assisting the organist at St James while their organ scholar is away. I started in December last year and just had a musically and spiritually enormously rewarding Christmas. In January 2020, I will be participating in their three orchestral masses. I played part of Missa Aedis Christi by Howard Goodall on 19th January and

Beethoven's Mass in C Op.86 and last movement of Rheinberger's Organ Concerto no. 2 on 26th January.

Two more solo recitals will be on 1) Wednesday 19th Feb at 1 pm at St James' Kind Street and 2) Friday March 27th at 1pm at St Stephen's Macquarie Street featuring works by Widor, Bach and Max Reger.

Karen Carey (from Mrs Carey's concert) and I are currently organizing an Early Music Festival at Hunter Baillie Presbyterian Church, Annandale. Please find the details in the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=570417&bof=1>

I am still completing my doctoral study from Eastman School of Music while based in Sydney and will present my doctoral recital in Rochester, NY later this year.

Please pass my greetings to the congregation of St Peter's.
Kind regards,
Stacey”

Advent and Christmas season highlights



Georgina McGrath lighting the first candle in the Advent Wreath



Fr Tim leading the children's performance at Advent 4

A past parishioner ordained



Angela Peverell with St Peter's friends at her ordination



St Peter's gift on her ordination

KNOW YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS

Our highly respected ceramics restorer



Most parishioners would know Lorraine Brown (a regular 9am worshiper), but few may know of her talent as a highly regarded restorer of fine china and antiques.

Lorraine retired after 40 years in 2010 from her firm, H&S Brown Restorations in Castlereagh Street; however, she remains in demand for the occasional piece of fine restoration. Pictured above, Lorraine is holding an 80 year old terracotta Madonna, made in Italy, from St Vincent's Private Hospital Chapel. The piece was commissioned and donated by the Pellegrini religious supply store. It had suffered some damage over the years and had never been restored previously. Lorraine had undertaken other work for St Vincent's and was chosen for this delicate task by St Vincent's on the recommendation of their insurance valuer. She has recently received another such piece, about 200 years old, from a private collector. Lorraine is a very talented, modest person.

GUEST ARTICLE

The day of the Good Samaritan is not over

"There are some very good and kind people around. Just after New Year I took a trip on my mobility scooter to the service station on Spofforth St to get a new cylinder for my soda stream. Coming home I had a puncture at the lights on Rangers Rd and Murdoch St.; no trouble, I had confirmed with NRMA that they did road service for mobility scooters when I changed from car insurance to scooter insurance. Except... Problem: I had left my mobile phone at home. Fortunately, I carry a folding walking stick in the carrier bag. I walked back to Ben Boyd Rd and retrieved my phone, I knew there was no point in phoning from home, so back I walked. NRMA response to my call: they could only help if I had a spare inner tube or spare tyre. I had neither. Nor did I have a card in my bag for the firm from whom I bought the scooter.

Back home again. This time with a cup of coffee and a bus trip. Phoning the company, I discovered that I could have the scooter transported to their maintenance depot, but it would be difficult and costly, "so please try the NRMA again".. same response. In the meantime, a young fellow, Ross, had noted my poor abandoned scooter on his walk to Woolworths and was concerned, for the owner, or whether it had it been hijacked. When he saw the back tyre, he was reassured that it was a puncture as the cause of the abandonment. He was preparing to phone the police to see if they would take possession of it.

Ross arrived back just as I was contacting the store again and he kindly took all the technical details about changing the wheel and ordering a new one. In the meantime, an older man Richard, arrived to help as well, he had the necessary tools and went off to collect them. Ross went home to get his car, took me across to the store in Lane Cove to buy the prepared new wheel, and then took me back to the scooter. Richard had jacked up the scooter, removed the wheel and identified the puncture. Between the two of them the new wheel was on and secured very swiftly. Two people, whom I had never set eyes on; what wonderful kindness!

Post script: I then read the owners manual, which had arrived just before I went on holiday and had not been studied, (not that it would have helped me with a puncture), but solid tyres were stated as an option. Now on order, and I am staying close to home until they arrive!"

Esme Parker



FOR YOUR DIARY

February - March

- **Inter Church Council Dinner**
Tuesday 11th February
Waringah Bowling Club
(contact Esme Parker)
- **Short Eucharist at 8am**
Sunday 16th February
- **Combined Service with Redlands**
Sunday 16th February 9.30am
- **Transfiguration**
Sunday 23rd February
- **Ash Wednesday**
26th February at 9am and 7pm
- **Combined Service and AGM**
Sunday 15th March 9:30am

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