



ANGLICAN PARISH ST PETER'S CREMORNE

PENTECOST 23 **On-line, 8 NOVEMBER 2020** **DEFENCE FORCE SUNDAY**

WELCOME to St Peter's Church – whether you are a regular member of the church or if you have never been in person. If you are new to our church I pray you will join us when we are able to meet together again.

This service sheet is to accompany the video to be found at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1IijXcNGCFieJLoEBv5vPg>; on our Facebook page (St Peter's Anglican Church, Cremorne); or on our website (stpeterscremorne.org.au).

During this time we are seeking to provide Bible and prayer resources, and other ways to connect with one another, in order to continue to encourage each other in our faith – please contact the church office to be added to the distribution list.

Perhaps after this service, in lieu of our usual morning tea, why not consider telephoning someone else from St Peter's, or another friend, to share something you found encouraging?

If you have any needs from St Peter's you can contact the parish office on 9953 1050 or info@stpeterscremorne.org.au between 9am and midday on Tuesdays and Thursdays or contact me, the rector, Rev'd Tim St Quintin on 0401 289 919 or rector@stpeterscremorne.org.au .

Please continue to care for one another, telephone each other, and identify anyone with particular needs. Please let the rector, the pastoral care team, or the church office know if you yourself are sick or have particular needs.

With every blessing in Christ,

Tim St Quintin, Rector

Our Guest Preacher today is **Bishop Grant Dibden, Anglican Bishop to the ADF.**

Military

Grant grew up in Kariong, NSW and entered the Royal Military College (RMC), Duntroon in January 1979 graduating in 1982 and was allocated to the Royal Australian Army Ordnance Corps (RAAOC). He had a number of junior officer appointments and was awarded a Land Commander's commendation in 1996. In 1999 and 2000, as a Lieutenant Colonel, he commanded the 7th Combat Service Support Battalion and whilst in command the Unit deployed a Battalion Support Group to East Timor, briefly deploying there himself. In December 2002 he was promoted to Colonel and posted as the Commander Force Support Group. In this role he was the lead logistic planner for Australia's deployment to the Solomon Islands, where he again briefly deployed at the start to ensure the logistics plan was working.

Military Chaplaincy

He became an Army Reserve Chaplain after asking to be reduced in rank to Captain in January 2007 to enable this. He has been the Chaplain to Sydney University Regiment, Headquarters Forces Command, the Coordinating Chaplain of 8th Brigade in NSW, the Coordinating Chaplain of 5th Brigade in Holsworthy, the Senior Chaplain of 2nd Division and recently returned from the Middle East where he was the Coordinating Chaplain for the ADF in the Middle East Region. On 18 March 2020 he was consecrated as the Anglican Bishop to the Australian Defence Force.

Grant is married to Jeanette and they have three adult sons, who are all married, and four grandchildren. He is passionate about making disciples, seeing people come to faith and walking alongside them in the messiness of life so that they grow together in their walk with God.



GREETING IN GOD'S NAME

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD. *Joshua 24:15*

HYMN

Tune Recessional

God of our fathers, known of old,
Lord of our far-flung battle line,
Beneath whose awful hand we hold,
Dominion over palm and pine;
Lord God of hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget, lest we forget.

The tumult and the shouting dies;
The captains and the kings depart;
Still stands thine ancient sacrifice,
An humble and contrite heart:
Lord God of hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget, lest we forget.

Far called our navies melt away,
On dune and headland sinks the fire;
Lo, all our pomp of yesterday
Is one with Ninerva and Tyre!
Judge of the nations, spare us yet,
Lest we forget, lest we forget.

If, drunk with sight of power, we loose
Wild tongues that have not thee in awe,
Such boastings as the Gentiles use,
Or lesser breeds without the law:
Lord God of hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget, lest we forget.

For heathen heart that puts her trust
In reeking tube and iron shard;
All valiant dust that builds on dust,
And guarding calls not thee to guard:
For frantic boast and foolish word,
Thy mercy on thy people, Lord.

THE CONFESSION

The Bible tells us to approach God confidently, through our Lord Jesus Christ. As we do so, we must confess our sins, seeking forgiveness through God's boundless goodness and mercy.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have gone our own way,
not loving you as we should,
nor loving others as much as ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed
and in what we have failed to do.
Only you can save us.
Father, forgive us.**

**Help us to love you and all people,
and to live for your honour and glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

God desires that none should perish, but that all should turn to Christ, and live. In response to his call we acknowledge our sins. God pardons those who humbly repent and truly believe the gospel. Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**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.**

COLLECT FOR PEACE

Celebrant

God of the nations, whose sovereign rule brings justice and peace, have mercy on our broken and divided world. Shed abroad your peace in the hearts of all and banish from them the spirit that makes for war, that all races and peoples may learn to live as members of one family and in obedience to your law, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR THE DEFENCE FORCE

Celebrant

Eternal God, the only source of peace, we pray for all who serve in the Australian Defence Force. Give them courage and comfort in danger, patience in waiting, and discipline in the just use of force. Help us to seek for all people the freedom to serve you and each other in compassion and peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. ² Joshua said to all the people, 'This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: "Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the River Euphrates and worshipped other gods. ³ But I took your father Abraham from the land beyond the Euphrates and led him throughout Canaan and gave him many descendants.

¹⁴ 'Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshipped beyond the River Euphrates and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the

Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.’ ¹⁶ Then the people answered, ‘Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods! ¹⁷ It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we travelled.

¹⁸ And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God.’ ¹⁹ Joshua said to the people, ‘You are not able to serve the LORD. He is a holy God; he is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins. ²⁰ If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, he will turn and bring disaster on you and make an end of you, after he has been good to you.’ ²¹ But the people said to Joshua, ‘No! We will serve the LORD.’ ²² Then Joshua said, ‘You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the LORD.’ ‘Yes, we are witnesses,’ they replied. ²³ ‘Now then,’ said Joshua, ‘throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.’ ²⁴ And the people said to Joshua, ‘We will serve the LORD our God and obey him.’ ²⁵ On that day Joshua made a covenant for the people, and there at Shechem he reaffirmed for them decrees and laws.

Hear the Word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

PSALM 78:1-7

A *maskil* of Asaph.

- ¹ My people, hear my teaching;
listen to the words of my mouth.
- ² **I will open my mouth with a parable;
I will utter hidden things, things from of old –**
- ³ things we have heard and known,
things our ancestors have told us.
- ⁴ **We will not hide them from their descendants;
we will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD,
his power, and the wonders he has done.**

- 5 He decreed statutes for Jacob
and established the law in Israel,
which he commanded our ancestors
to teach their children,
- 6 **so that the next generation would know them,
even the children yet to be born,
and they in turn would tell their children.**
- 7 Then they would put their trust in God
and would not forget his deeds
but would keep his commands.

SECOND READING

A reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians 2:11-21

¹¹ When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹² For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. ¹³ The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray. ¹⁴ When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, 'You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?' ¹⁵ 'We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles ¹⁶ know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified. ¹⁷ 'But if, in seeking to be justified in Christ, we Jews find ourselves also among the sinners, doesn't that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not! ¹⁸ If I rebuild what I destroyed, then I really would be a law-breaker. ¹⁹ 'For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹ I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!'

Hear the Word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy gospel according to John 15:9-17

✠ **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

⁹ ‘As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit – fruit that will last – and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: love each other.

This is the Gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

SERMON Bishop Grant Dibden

HYMN

Tune Dam Busters March

God is our strength and refuge,
Our present help in trouble:
And we therefore will not fear,
Though the earth should change,
Though mountains shake and tremble,
Though swirling waters are raging:
God the Lord of Hosts is with us evermore.

There is a flowing river
Within God’s holy city;
God is in the midst of her,
She shall not be moved.
God’s help is swiftly given
Thrones vanish at his presence;
God the Lord of Hosts is with us evermore.
Come, see the works of our maker,

Learn of his deeds all-powerful:
Wars will cease across the world
When he shatters the spear.
Be still and know your creator,
Uplift him the nations;
God the Lord of Hosts is with us evermore.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please use the prayers listed at the end of the service sheet, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,

**hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ,

**God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

GOD'S BLESSING

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

The Prayers

For the Graces of the Holy Spirit

O merciful God,
fill our hearts with the graces of the Holy Spirit,
with love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
Teach us to love those who hate us,
to bless those who curse us,
and to pray for those who abuse us,
that we may be the children of our Father:
who makes the sun shine on the evil and the good,
and send rain on the just and the unjust.
In adversity grant us grace to be patient;
in prosperity keep us humble;
may we guard the door of our lips;
may we lightly regard the pleasures of this world,

and thirst only after heavenly things;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

St. Anselm, 1033-1109

A Prayer for Remembrance

O God, our ruler and guide,
In whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation,
We give you thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in this land
And for those who laid down their lives to defend them:
We pray that we and all the people of Australia,
Gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice,
May have the grace to live in a spirit of justice, of generosity, and of
peace;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever.

Amen

For social justice

Loving God, you have made all people in your image, and you care for the poor and distressed. Make us a just society, where the rights of all are acknowledged and upheld, where those who are oppressed are made free, and where corruption has no place. Give companies, social institutions and governments the desire to act for the good of all, rather than for the advantage of a few.
Empower Christians to model the values of your kingdom in all their relationships. Hasten the day when Jesus will return to establish justice and your eternal reign, for the glory of your name. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Australian Defence Force Chaplains

Lord God of Hosts,
We prayer for your clergy whom you have called to the ministry of uniformed chaplaincy,
and for those who proclaim your love and compassion in battle areas and defence establishments where Australian military personnel serve.

Lord, strengthen their faith as they seek to witness to you in a secular world.

Protect them from all dangers and comfort them in the long separations from families and the familiar things of church that they must endure.

Lord who blessed the peacemakers,
bless especially those chaplains serving overseas,
helping to bring peace to the nations new and old which are struggling to find their identity and place in the world.

We ask in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever.

Amen

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

To request public or private prayer, please email
prayer@stpeterscremorne.org.au

THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

We pray for the Anglican Communion, for Justin of Canterbury, Geoffrey our Primate, Glenn our Archbishop, Chris our Bishop and the Northern Region. Pray for the Church of the Province of the West Indies.

ST PETER'S PARISH AND LOCAL CHURCHES

For our Rector Rev'd Tim St Quintin. For our Wardens and Treasurer. For Rev'd Dr Max Wood and the parishioners of St Luke's, Mosman.

THE WIDER WORLD AND LOCAL COMMUNITY

For world peace and for all world leaders in their responsibility to those under their care. For our Governor General, our State Governor, Prime Minister and Premier, and all who have responsibility for government administration. For all people around the world who are once again faced with severe restrictions in an attempt to control the spread of COVID.

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

We praise God for his faithful servants in every age. We pray that we, with all who have died in the faith of Christ, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of God's eternal kingdom. We remember

the recently deceased and those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

NOVEMBER 2020

Monday 9	10.00am-11.30am	Discussion Group – DA Room
	7.30pm-8.30pm	Praying for St Peter's - Rectory
Tuesday 10	10.00am	Eucharist
Thursday 12	2.00pm	Study on Isaiah – Rectory
	7.30pm	Study on Isaiah – Rectory/Zoom
Friday 13	Rev'd Tim's day of rest	

PRAYING FOR ST PETER'S

A monthly meeting is held to pray regularly for the ministry of St Peter's. Next meeting will be held at the Rectory (29A Waters Rd) on Monday 9 November from 7:30-8:30pm. All welcome – there is no expectation for everyone to pray aloud. Just add your "Amen" to the prayers of others. For more information, contact the Rector.

MINI CAKE AND PRODUCE STALL RESULT

Even with the wet weather, we took \$145 for mission. Thanks to all who contributed. There is still plenty of fresh marmalade for sale in the David Armstrong room if you missed out.

TOYS 'N' TUCKER

St Peter's are taking part in the annual Toys'n'Tucker appeal conducted by Anglicare. Donations may be in the form of food - anything that is non-perishable; toiletries or toys. All donations will be collected **on Monday 14 December** and can be left in the David Armstrong room before then.



NEXT SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER – PENTECOST 24
7.00AM – EUCHARIST 9.00AM – EUCHARIST
10.30 AM – SERVICE WITH CHILDREN'S PROGRAM
CELEBRANT & PREACHER: REV'D TIM ST QUINTIN

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