# St Peter's Anglican Church Cremorne



come let us adore Him

## Family Christmas Service Christmas Eve 2020 5:30pm

**Rector** Rev'd Tim St Quintin

Organist Jenny Davey

Singer Glenn Amer



### We have a COVID-19 Safety Plan and are committed to keeping you safe.

Please do stay at home if you are at all unwell. Anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms, even if very mild, should get a COVID-19 test as soon as possible. We are not able to admit people who are unwell to the service.

- If you have been in contact with someone who has or suspected of having COVID-19, or have been at a COVID19 hotspot, you must not attend church until you have been cleared of the virus.
- Hand sanitizer is available on entry to the church building and your attendance and contact details will be recorded for tracing purposes. If you have a smartphone, the NSW government also recommends the COVIDSafe app to support contact tracing if required.
- 1.5m physical distancing is required during the service and **seating positions on the pews have been marked**. Please be aware of physical distancing before and after the service as well, and as you greet one

another.



#### Welcome Rev'd Tim St Quintin

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#### Carol

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare him room, *and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.* 

Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns; Let us our songs employ, While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove, the glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love, and wonders of His love, and wonders, and wonders of His love.



Christmas Talk – Part 1 What makes Christmas Christmas?

#### Reading: The Birth of Jesus Luke 2:1-7

<sup>1</sup> In those days, Caesar Augustus made a law. It required that a list be made of everyone in the whole Roman world. <sup>2</sup> It was the first time a list was made of the people while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> Everyone went to their own town to be listed. <sup>4</sup> So Joseph went also. He went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea. That is where Bethlehem, the town of David, was. Joseph went there because he belonged to the family line of David. <sup>5</sup> He went there with Mary to be listed. Mary was engaged to him. She was expecting a baby. <sup>6</sup> While Joseph and Mary were there, the time came for the child to be born. <sup>7</sup> She gave birth to her first baby. It was a boy. She wrapped him in large strips of cloth. Then she placed him in a manger. That's because there was no guest room where they could stay.



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#### Carol

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes. I love thee Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay Close by me forever, and love me I pray, Bless all the dear children in thy tender care And fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

#### Reading: The Shepherds Luke 2:8-20

<sup>8</sup> There were shepherds living out in the fields nearby. It was night, and they were taking care of their sheep. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them. And the glory of the Lord shone around them. They were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news. It will bring great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Here is how you will know I am telling you the truth. You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> Suddenly a large group of angels from heaven also appeared. They were praising God. They said, <sup>14</sup> "May glory be given to God in the highest heaven! And may peace be given to those he is pleased with on earth!" <sup>15</sup> The angels left and went into heaven. Then the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem. Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." <sup>16</sup> So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and the baby. The baby was lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> After the shepherds had seen him, they told everyone. They reported what the angel had said about this child. <sup>18</sup> All who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary kept all these things like a secret treasure in her heart. She thought about them over and over. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned. They gave glory and praise to God. Everything they had seen and heard was just as they had been told.

Christmas Talk – Part 2 Christmas Pack-up

#### Carol

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Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn king, peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled. Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies; with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem". Hark the herald angels sing glory to the new-born king.

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb: veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the Incarnate Deity, pleased in human flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel.

Hark the herald angels sing glory to the new-born king.

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings: mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more need die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.

Hark the herald angels sing glory to the new-born king.





#### **A Christmas Blessing**

And now may we be as faithful and obedient as Mary and Joseph, as full of wonder as the shepherds, and as persistent and generous as the wise men, as we celebrate the coming of Jesus the Messiah into our world, and may the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with us, with our families, our friends and neighbours, today, this Christmas, each day, and for evermore. **Amen** 



A voluntary retiring offertory will be collected for the ministry of St Peter's in Cremorne and beyond.

#### **Regular services**

#### Sundays

7am Eucharist 9am Sung Eucharist 10.30am Service with Modern Liturgy and Children's Program

#### Tuesdays

10am Eucharist

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