



ANGLICAN PARISH ST PETER'S CREMORNE

EPIPHANY **10.30am, 3 JANUARY 2021**

WELCOME to St Peter's Church today. I am delighted that we can join together in worship again.

If you are a newcomer or visiting, I especially look forward to meeting you and hope that you feel welcome. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask one of the greeters at the door, or someone in the pew next to you.

A Hearing Loop is available in all of the pews on the left hand side of the church. Toilets are available in the Lower Hall and there is a mobility access toilet in the David Armstrong Room.

Due to the threat of the Coronavirus, there are necessary restrictions on how we conduct public services. This includes restrictions on congregational singing, and mingling before, during, and after services. These elements will be reintroduced when it is safe to do so.

With every blessing in Christ,
Tim St Quintin, Rector

SERVICES TODAY

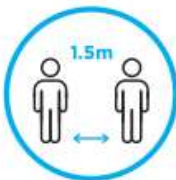
7.00AM	EUCCHARIST	
	CELEBRANT	<i>RECTOR</i>
9.00AM	SOLEMN EUCCHARIST	
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	ORGANIST	<i>GLENN AMER</i>
	CANTOR	<i>GLENN AMER</i>
10.30AM	SERVICE WITH CHILDREN'S PROGRAM	<i>RECTOR</i>
	ORGANIST, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC	<i>GLENN AMER</i>

The flowers today are given in loving memory of
Eric and Freda Avery and Anthony Avery
by Edwina and Lloyd Waddy



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.



Physical
distancing



Hygiene and
cleaning



Record
keeping

DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

WELCOME

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah 60:1-6

¹ “People of Jerusalem, get up. Shine, because your light has come. The glory of the LORD will shine on you. ² Darkness covers the earth. Thick darkness spreads over the nations. But I will rise and shine on you. My glory will appear over you. ³ Nations will come to your light. Kings will come to the brightness of your new day. ⁴ “Look up. Look all around you. All your people are getting together to come back to you. Your sons will come from far away. Your daughters will be carried on the hip like little children. ⁵ Then your face will glow with joy. Your heart will beat fast because you are so happy. Wealth from across the ocean will be brought to you. The riches of the nations will come to you. ⁶ Herds of young camels will cover your land. They will come from Midian and Ephah. They will also come from Sheba. They'll carry gold and incense. And people will shout praises to me.

CONFESSION

We are the people of God, but Scripture reminds us that we still sin. We need to confess our failures, knowing that the Lord Jesus intercedes for us with the Father, who freely forgives us, through his infinite goodness and mercy. So let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and pray together:

**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.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

God desires that no one 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.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

"Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we live at peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us."
Romans 5:1

And so, the peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

THANKSGIVING

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good:
His steadfast love endures forever!

Celebration Box

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**

HYMN

Please note: under NSW Government regulations the congregation is not permitted to sing.

THE APOSTLES CREED

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

All stand

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**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Thank you, Father, for making yourself known to us and showing us the way of salvation through faith in your Son. Teach us through your word and equip us for every good work, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14

1 Endow the king with your justice, O God,
the royal son with your righteousness.

2 **May he judge your people in righteousness,
your afflicted ones with justice.**

3 May the mountains bring prosperity to the people,
the hills the fruit of righteousness.

4 **May he defend the afflicted among the people and save the
children of the needy;
may he crush the oppressor.**

- 5 May he endure as long as the sun,
as long as the moon, through all generations.
- 6 **May he be like rain falling on a mown field,
like showers watering the earth.**
- 7 In his days may the righteous flourish
and prosperity abound till the moon is no more.
- 10 **May the kings of Tarshish and of distant shores bring tribute
to him.
May the kings of Sheba and Seba present him with gifts.**
- 11 May all kings bow down to him and all nations serve him.
- 12 **For he will deliver the needy who cry out,
the afflicted who have no one to help.**
- 13 He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy
from death.
- 14 **He will rescue them from oppression and violence,
for precious is their blood in his sight.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians 3:1-12

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles – ² Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. ⁴ In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. ⁶ This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus. ⁷ I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. ⁸ Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. ¹⁰ His intent was that now, through the church, the

manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, ¹¹ according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹² In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

This is the Word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL READING

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 2:1-12

✠ **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.' ³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ 'In Bethlehem in Judea,' they replied, 'for this is what the prophet has written: ⁶ "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." ' ⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, 'Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.' ⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

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

SERMON

HYMN

Please note: under NSW Government regulations the congregation is not permitted to sing.

PRAYING FOR GOD'S WORLD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: mercifully grant, that we, who know you now by faith, may after this life be led to the vision of your glorious Godhead; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Be exalted, Lord, above the heavens,
let your glory cover the earth.

Keep our nation under your care,
and guide us in justice and truth.

Let your way be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.

Send out your light and your truth,
that we may tell of your saving works.

Have mercy on the poor and oppressed.
Hear the cry of those in need.

Hear our prayers, O Lord,
for we put our trust in you.

PARISH PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF DISCERNMENT

Heavenly Father, pour down your Holy Spirit upon this parish family of St Peter. We give thanks that you have called us to a ministry of servanthood to all people and especially to each other. Help us, we pray, to discern your vision for us; teach us to use the gifts you have given us to build your kingdom in this place and to reach out to all those in our communities. We ask through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

ST PETER'S FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER FOR OFFERTORY

Gracious God, all things come from you, and you teach us to be generous with what we have. We pray that our gifts may be wisely used for the ministry of the gospel and the relief of those in need, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

GOING OUT TO SERVE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Eternal God and Father, by whose power we are created and by whose love we are redeemed, guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service and live this week in love to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GRACE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. 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 Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria.

ST PETER'S PARISH AND LOCAL CHURCHES

For our Rector Rev'd Tim St Quintin. For our Wardens, Treasurer and Parish Council. For Rev'd Brett Graham and the parishioners of Scots Kirk, 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 employers and employees trying to maintain business, services and employment under changing COVID restrictions.

OUR PARISHIONERS

Geoffrey, Jan and Stan, Stefan and Kerry, Howard, Thi and David, Susan, Rex, Antonia. Jonathan, Phuong and Helena.

THE SICK

The immediate sick

Susan, Barbara, Max, Dan, Roger, Peter, Janne, Pamela, Maryanne.

Those requiring on-going prayer

Peter, Penelope, Margie and Rein, Liz, Caroline, Sharon, Bobbie Dee, Inga, Joy, Elizabeth, Vatche, Richard, Di, Noel, Tom, Gigi, Frank, Judith Scott, Jenny, Sally.

Those in residential care

Peter and Patricia; Glenyth; Ros; Jeremy.

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, especially William Nesham, Eric and Freda Avery, and Anthony Avery.

Monday 4	Rev'd Tim to CMS conference	
Tuesday 5	10.00am	Eucharist and morning tea
Friday 8	Rev'd Tim's day of rest	

REV'D TIM AT CMS CONFERENCE THIS WEEK

Rev'd Tim is at the CMS Summer School at Katoomba this coming week and will be back next Sunday. He will be able to respond to emails and phone messages. Members of the Pastoral Care Team will be happy to help anyone in need – contact details on the back page of this pewsheet or you may contact one of the Wardens.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS IN 2021

A reminder that the new Memorial Flowers Calendar is now on the noticeboard in the David Armstrong Room ready for names to be added.



We thank all who contributed in every way to our Christmas services, especially our musicians, servers, flower arrangers, sanitising team, streaming operators, sidespeople and welcomers and the staff and students of Redlands.
Rev'd Tim and the Wardens

NEXT SUNDAY 10 JANUARY – THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
7.00AM – EUCHARIST 9AM – SUNG EUCHARIST
10.30AM SERVICE WITH MODERN LITURGY (CHILDREN'S PROGRAM IN RECESS)
CELEBRANT : REV'D TIM ST QUINTIN
PREACHER: MAKITO MIYASHITA

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