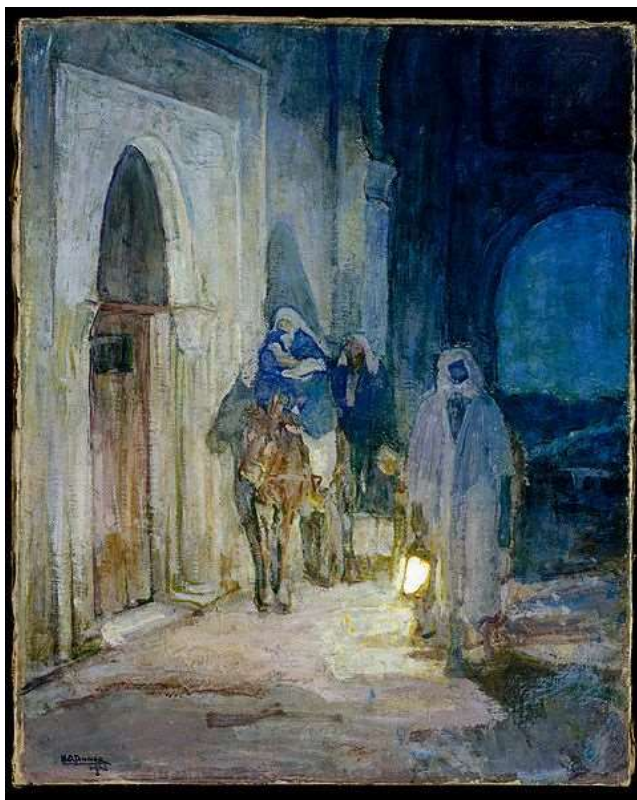




**ANGLICAN PARISH  
ST PETER'S CREMORNE**



**SOLEMN MIDNIGHT EUCHARIST**

**11pm, 24 December 2020**

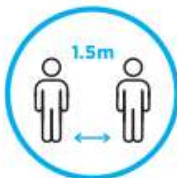
**THE FEAST OF  
THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**



## 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**

## **CELEBRANT AND PREACHER**

*Tim St Quintin, Rector*

## **ST PETER'S SINGERS**

### **Soprano**

*Karen Bruce*

### **Mezzo-Soprano**

*Susie Bishop*

### **Tenor**

*Warren Fisher*

### **Bass**

*Timothy Nunn*

## **ORGANIST, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**

*Glenn Amer*

## **COMMUNION SETTING**

*Missa Brevis No. 7 in B flat (Little Organ Mass)*

*by Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)*

**WELCOME to St Peter's Church.** I am delighted that you can join us for our Christmas Eve service tonight.

This is a joyous time of year when we, as a church, enjoy celebrating the birth of Christ with our wider community. If you are a newcomer or visiting, I especially look forward to meeting you and hope that you feel welcome. May I invite you to join us at one of our regular Sunday services during 2021.

A Hearing Loop is available in 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 Armstrong Room.

I wish you a merry and meaningful Christmas, Tim St Quintin, **Rector**

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

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*All stand for the entry procession*

### INTROIT

*St Peter's Singers*

*Noël Nouvelet*, French traditional carol,  
Words and arrangement by John Rutter

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Tune Sussex Carol*

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

On Christmas night all Christians sing  
to hear the news the angels bring;  
on Christmas night all Christians sing  
to hear the news the angels bring:  
news of great joy, news of great mirth,  
news of our merciful King's birth.

*The Sanctuary Party enters into the church*

Then why should we on earth be sad,  
since our Redeemer made us glad?  
then why should we on earth be sad,  
since our Redeemer made us glad,  
when from our sin he set us free,  
all for to gain our liberty?

*The Celebrant and Senior Server go to the Christmas Crib*

When sin departs before his grace,  
then life and health come in its place;  
when sin departs before his grace,  
then life and health come in its place;  
heaven and earth with joy may sing,  
all for to see the new-born King.

And so from darkness we have light,  
which made the angels sing this night;  
and so from darkness we have light,  
which made the angels sing this night:  
'Glory to God and peace descend  
now and for evermore. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

*The Celebrant, facing the people, says*

Tonight you will know that the Lord is coming to save us:

**And in the morning you will see his glory.**

Hear the words of the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel, that is, "God is with us."

**Thanks be to God.**

Behold, the dwelling of God is with creation.

**He will dwell with us and we shall be his people.**

God himself is with us. Alleluia.

**Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

Eternal Father, you sent your only-begotten Son to take our human nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin: Bless, we pray, this crib and all who look upon it that it may be a sign of his humble birth; and grant that we who joyfully behold his appearing may be strengthened to greet him when he comes again in glory; even the same Jesus Christ Our Lord and Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## **KYRIE ELEISON**

*Please sit*

*St Peter's Singers*

Kyrie eleison;

Christe eleison;

Kyrie eleison

*Lord have mercy*

*Christ have mercy*

*Lord have mercy*

## THE CONFESSION

*All stand*

*Senior Server*

Dear brothers and sisters, hear the words of the angel to Joseph: 'You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

*Silence*

Let us bring our weaknesses and infirmities to him, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**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 ABSOLUTION

*Celebrant*

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.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

*Please sit*

*St Peter's Singers*

Gloria in excelsis Deo  
et in terra pax hominibus  
bonae voluntatis.

*Glory be to God on high,  
and in earth peace,  
goodwill towards men.*

Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.  
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.  
Gratias agimus tibi propter  
magnam gloriam tuam.  
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite,  
Jesu Christe,  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,  
Filius Patris.  
Qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis;  
Qui tollis peccata mundi,

suscipe deprecationem  
nostrum.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
  
miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus.  
Tu solus Dominus.  
Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu  
Christe.  
Cum Sancto Spiritu,  
✠ in gloria Dei Patris.  
Amen.

*We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee  
for thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heavenly King,  
God the Father Almighty.*

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son,  
Jesu Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father,  
that takes away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takes away the sins of the  
world,  
receive our prayer.*

*Thou that sittest at the right hand of  
God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.*

*For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy  
Spirit,  
art the Most High  
✠ in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.*

## **CHRISTMAS COLLECT**

*All stand*

*Celebrant*

Good and gracious God, who gave us your Son, the Lord of the universe, wrapped in swaddling clothes, the Saviour of all, lying in a manger: on this holy night draw us into the mystery of your love. Join our voices with the heavenly host that we may sing your glory on high. Give us a place among the shepherds that we may find the one for whom we have waited, Jesus Christ, the Messiah and Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*Please sit*

### FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shone. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Hear the word of the Lord.     **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 96:1-3,11-13

*George M Garrett*

*St Peter's Singers*

- 1        Sing to the Lord a | new | song:  
          sing to the | Lord, | all the | earth.
- 2        Sing to the Lord and | bless his | name:  
          tell out his sal | vation from | day to | day.
- 3        Declare his glory a | mong the | nations:  
          and his | wonders a | mong all | peoples.
- 11       Let the heavens rejoice and let the | earth be | glad:  
          let the sea | thunder and | all • that is | in it;
- 12       Let the fields be joyful and | all • that is | in them:  
          let all the trees of the wood shout for | joy be | fore the | Lord.
- 13       For he comes, he comes to | judge the | earth:  
          with righteousness he will judge the world and the | peoples  
          | with his | truth.



## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to Titus 3:4-8

<sup>4</sup>But when the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared, <sup>5</sup>he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup>whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Saviour, <sup>7</sup>so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. <sup>8</sup>This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

Hear the word of the Lord.     **Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL HYMN

*Tune Winchester Old*

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

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
all seated on the ground,  
an angel of the Lord came down,  
and glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he for mighty dread  
had seized their troubled mind  
"glad tidings of great joy I bring  
to you and all mankind."

"To you, in David's town, this day  
is born of David's line  
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;  
and this shall be the sign:"

"The heavenly babe you there shall find  
to human view displayed,  
all simply wrapped in swaddling clothes  
and in a manger laid."

Thus spoke the angel. Suddenly,  
appeared a shining throng  
of angels praising God, who thus  
addressed their joyful song:

"All glory be to God on high,  
and to the earth be peace;  
to those on whom his favour rests  
goodwill shall never cease."

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Gospel procession moves to the nave where the Gospel is being proclaimed, all people face that place.*

*Cantor*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*St Peter's Singers*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Good news and great joy to all the world: today is born our Saviour,  
Christ the Lord.

*St Peter's Singers*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 2:1-20

**✠ Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them,

and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!' When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **SERMON**

*Please sit*

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*All stand*

*Senior Server*

Let us together affirm the faith 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.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*All sit or kneel*

*Senior Server*

Let us pray to our incarnate Lord, who has brought us out of darkness  
and into his own marvellous light.

*Periods of silence may be briefly kept for personal prayer.*

*Each petition ends with this response:*

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

**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**

## **PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION**

*All stand*

*Celebrant*

And now we praise you because you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be born for us. By the power of the Holy Spirit he was conceived of the virgin Mary his mother, being himself without sin, to make us clean from all sin.

**We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under  
your table.**

**But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have  
mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,  
that we may evermore dwell in him,  
and he in us. Amen.**

## **THE GREETING OF PEACE**

*Celebrant*

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:  
And his name is called the Prince of Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*All are invited to greet those immediately around them with the words,  
“Peace be with you” “And also with you”.*

## **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.**

*Celebrant*

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, ever-living God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

In your Word made flesh you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

## **THE SANCTUS / BENEDICTUS**

*Please sit*

*St Peter's Singers*

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,

Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt coeli et terra Gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis.

✠ Benedictus qui venit

in nomine Domini.

Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, Holy, Holy,*

*Lord God of hosts,*

*heaven and earth are full of thy glory:*

*Hosanna in the highest*

*✠ Blessed is he who comes*

*in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*All stand*

*Celebrant*

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples saying, Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

### *St Peter's Singers*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION**

### *Celebrant*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body,  
**for we all share in the one bread.**

## **AGNUS DEI**

*Please sit.*

*St Peter's Singers.*

Agnus Dei  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
Dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God,  
that takes away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God,  
that takes away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God,  
that takes away the sins of the world,  
grant us your peace.*

## **INVITATION**

*All stand*

*Celebrant*

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come, let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*Those in the sanctuary receive the Sacrament, followed by the choir and members of the congregation.*

*All communicants of other churches are invited to join us in the sharing of Holy Communion. If you are not a communicant we encourage you to come forward for a blessing. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by holding your hands behind your back.*

*As the sacrament is received the communicant responds **Amen.***

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

*The choir sings.*

*The congregation sits or kneels.*

*Silence for prayerful reflection may be kept.*

*Silent Night* arr. Dan Forrest

*In the bleak mid-winter*

Words by Christina Rossetti, Music by Gustav Holst (1872)



## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*All stand*

*Celebrant*

Let us pray,

God our Father, in this night you have made known to us again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts.

**Most loving God, you send us into the world you love. Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

## PRAYER FOR OFFERTORY

*Remain standing*

*(Baskets for financial contributions to the ongoing ministry of St Peter's are available at the entrances to the church building.)*

We praise you, Lord Jesus Christ, for your generosity: you were rich yet for our sake became poor, so that through your poverty we might become rich. With our praise, accept our gifts, and use them for the enrichment of others and the glory of your name. **Amen.**

## GOD'S BLESSING

*Celebrant*

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas; and the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

## DISMISSAL

*Senior Server*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Tune Mendelssohn*

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

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.*

## POSTLUDE

*St Peter's Singers*

*Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah by George Frederick Handel (1685-1759)*



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

## **CHRISTMAS GREETING**

May the timeless message of Christmas  
fill your hearts and homes with joy and peace  
today and throughout the coming year.



### **Regular services**

#### *Sunday*

7am Eucharist      9am Eucharist  
10.30am Service with Children's Program

#### *Tuesday*

10am Eucharist

### **St Peter's Anglican Church, Cremorne**

29 Waters Road Cremorne NSW 2090

Tel [02] 9953 1050

[info@stpeterscremorne.org.au](mailto:info@stpeterscremorne.org.au)

[www.stpeterscremorne.org.au](http://www.stpeterscremorne.org.au)

### **Rector: Rev'd Tim St Quintin**

*©1995 The Anglican Church of Australia Trust Corporation. Excerpts from the A Prayer Book for Australia are printed here with permission from Broughton Publishing Pty Ltd, the publishing arm of the Anglican Church in Australia. Bible Readings from Holy Bible, New International Version® Anglicized, NIV® Copyright © 1979, 1984, 2011 by Biblica, Inc.® Used by permission. All rights reserved worldwide. New English Hymnal (Publisher The Canterbury Press Norwich) is reproduced with permission under CAL licence No. 3551. Unauthorised copying prohibited. CAL Licence No. 3551*

