

4 January 2026 | 9am The Epiphany of Our Lord Baptism of Marlowe Warwick Fisher-Dinkha

WELCOME to St Peter's Church today. I am delighted that you can join us in worship.

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.

I hope you can stay and enjoy morning tea after the service. Bp Peter Watson.

TODAY'S SERVICE

SUNG EUCHARIST

CELEBRANT & PREACHER REV MARK WORMELL

ORGANIST GLENN AMER
CANTOR WARREN FISHER

SETTING SHALOM

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



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

INTROIT

Cantor

The Three Drovers by William G. James (1892 – 1977)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Please stand Tune: Moscow

- 1 Lord, your almighty word chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight: hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel day sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light.
- 2 Saviour, who came to give those who in darkness live healing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind, now to all humankind let there be light.
- 3 Spirit of truth and love, life-giving holy dove, speed forth your flight; move on the waters' face bearing the lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place let there be light.
- 4 Holy and blessèd Three, glorious Trinity, Wisdom, Love, Might, boundless as ocean's tide rolling in fullest pride, through the earth far and wide, let there be light.

John Marriott, 1720 - 1825

The Celebrant greets the people with a welcome.

Blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever.

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

And also with you.

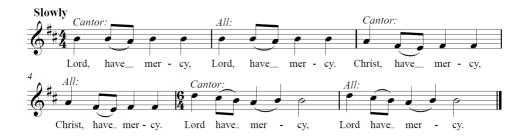
SENTENCE

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Isaiah 60.1 Let us pray.

Almighty God,

to whom all hearts are open, all desires known. and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON



THE CONFESSION

Senior Server

God shows great love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Silence

Let us then confess 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



Glo - ry to__ God in the High - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Cantor: Lord God, heavn'ly King, Almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.



Cantor: Lord Jesus Christ only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.



Cantor: 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.



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Lord God of the nations, we have seen the star of your glory rising in splendour: may the brightness of your incarnate Word pierce the night that covers the earth, signal the dawn of justice and peace, and beckon all nations to walk as one in your light. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, in the splendour of eternal light, God for ever and ever. Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 60.1-6

'Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. ² See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. ³ Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴ 'Lift up your eyes and look about you: all assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip. ⁵ Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. ⁶ Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the Lord.

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



- 1 Give the king your | judgement O |God: and your righteousness to the | son | of a | king,
- 2 That he may judge your | people | rightly: and the | poor of the | land with | equity.
- 3 Let the mountains be laden with peace be|cause of his | righteousness: and the hills also with pros|peri • ty | for his | people.
- 4 May he give justice to the poor a|mong the | people: and rescue the children of the | needy and | crush the op|pressor.
- May he live while the | sun en|dures: and while the moon gives light_through|out all | gener|ations.
- May he come down like rain upon the | new-mown | fields: and as | showers that | water the | earth.
- 7 In his time shall | righteous •ness | flourish: and abundance of peace till the | moon shall | be no | more.
- The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall | bring | tribute: the kings of Sheba and | Seba shall | offer | gifts.
- 11 All kings shall fall | down be|fore him: and all | nations | do him | service.
- He will deliver the needy | when they | cry: and the | poor man that | has no | helper.

- He will pity the helpless | and the | needy: and | save the | lives of the | poor.
- He will redeem them from op|pression and | violence: and their blood shall be | precious | in his | sight.

THE SECOND READING

A reading from the Apostle 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 aift 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.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All stand

Cantor

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East and we have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 2.1-12



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 Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

Please sit

HYMN

Please stand Tune: Dix

- As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold, as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright: so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore your glory see.
- 2 As with joyful steps they sped,
 Saviour, to your lowly bed,
 there to bend the knee before
 one whom heaven and earth adore:
 so may we with willing feet
 ever seek your mercy seat.
- As they offered gifts most rare at your cradle rough and bare: so may we with holy joy, pure, and free from sin's alloy, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to you, our heavenly King.
- 4 Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way; and, when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed lives at last where they need no star to guide, where no clouds your glory hide;
- In the heavenly country bright need they no created light; you its light, its joy, its crown, you its sun which goes not down. There for ever may we sing hallelujahs to our King.

William Chatterton Dix, 1837 - 98

BAPTISM OF MARLOWE WARICK FISHER-DINKHA

The congregation join the Rector in praying:

Heavenly Father,
we thank you that in your great love
you have called us to know you
and to trust you.
Increase this knowledge and strengthen our faith.
Grant that these children
may be born again by the Holy Spirit,
cleansed from all sin,
and inherit your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE NICENE CREED

Rector

This child has been brought here for Baptism

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 car

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.

Rector invites the congregation to move to the baptistry.

After the child has been baptised the minister and congregation addresses the child:

God has called you into his church.
We therefore receive and welcome you
as a fellow member of the body of Christ,
as a child of the same heavenly Father,
and as an inheritor with us of the kingdom of God.

The minister makes a sign of the cross on the child's forehead and says: I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are to be true to Christ crucified and that you are not to be ashamed to confess your faith in him.

Fight bravely under his banner against sin, the world and the devil, and continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant to your life's end.

The minister continues:
God has called you out of darkness into his marvellous light

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Senior Server Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

All sit/kneel

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. As Christ has taught us, we 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

Hear the words of assurance for those who truly turn to Christ:

Jesus said: Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11.28

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3.16

Celebrant

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

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

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".

OFFERTORY HYMN

Please stand

- 1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. his gifts to every nation, thanks be to God. For the ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.
- In the just reward of labour,
 God's will is done.
 In the help we give our neighbour,
 God's will is done.
 In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
 in the harvests we are sharing,
 God's will is done.
- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
 For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
 For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Frederick Pratt Green 1903 -

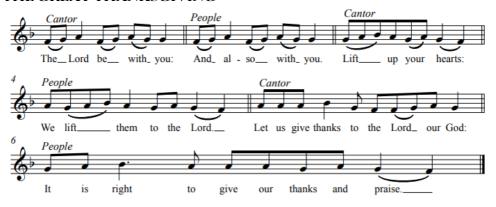
Tune: Arh yd y nos

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

Response: Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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

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

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:



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 when 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.

Cantor

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith,



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.



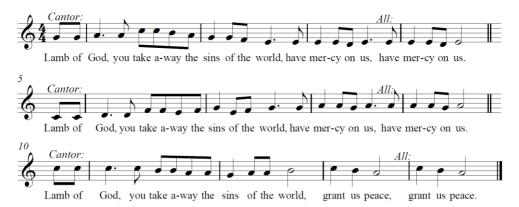
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The celebrant breaks the bread.

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



INVITATION

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.

As the sacrament is received the communicant responds. Amen.

All baptised Christians who love and serve the Lord Jesus are welcome to join in the sharing of Holy Communion. If you are not yet ready to receive Communion, we encourage you to come forward for a prayer of blessing. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by holding your hands behind your back.

Alcoholic wine is available in the Common Cup, and both alcoholic and non-alcoholic wine is available in individual cups. If you prefer an individual cup, please take one on your way to the Communion Rail.

After receiving communion, the congregation sits or kneels. Silence for prayerful reflection may be kept.

Cantor

The Three Kings (Peter Cornelius, 1824 – 1874)

SENTENCE

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. Matthew 2:11

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand

Let us pray.

Gracious God, we thank you that in this sacrament you assure us of your goodness and love. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and help us grow in love and obedience that we may serve you in the world and finally be brought to that table where all your saints feast with you for ever.

Father, we offer ourselves as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

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.**

NOTICES

Please be seated

GOD'S BLESSING

Please stand

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

Senior Server

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ, Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

- All hail the power of Jesus' name;
 let angels prostrate fall;
 bring forth the royal diadem
 to crown him Lord of all.
- 2 Crown him, you martyrs of our God, who from his altar call; praise him whose way of pain you trod, and crown him I ord of all
- 3 As heirs of Israel's chosen race and ransomed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
- 4 Sinners, whose love cannot forget the wormwood and the gall, go spread your treasures at his feet and crown him Lord of all.
- 5 Let every tribe and every tongue responsive to his call, now shout in universal song and crown him Lord of all.

Edward Perronet, 1726 - 1792

Tune: Miles Lane

ORGAN POSTLUDE

The sanctuary party leaves and the congregation sits. As a courtesy to those who remain in the church to listen to the organ postlude in its entirety, you are encouraged to enjoy conversation and fellowship outside the building.

OFFERTORY

On the table at the entrance to the church building there is a basket for financial gifts, and also an electronic card reader to accept donations by credit or debit card.

PARISH BULLETIN WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

FOR GOD'S KINGDOM

Lord our God, giver of all grace, have mercy on your Church throughout the world. Renew its life; restore its unity; sanctify its worship; empower its witness; and make it a fit instrument for the furtherance of Christ's kingdom among all people, to the glory of his great name. Amen.

THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

We pray for the Anglican Communion, Bishop Sarah Mullally as she prepares to take up the role as the new Archbishop of Canterbury, Mark Short, Primate of Australia, Kanishka our Archbishop and Bishop Chris and The Church of the Province of Central Africa.

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH AND LOCAL CHURCHES

For our Acting Rector Rev'd Mark Wormell and our Honorary Associate Minister Bishop Peter Watson. We also pray for the clergy and parishioners at Naremburn Cammeray Anglican Church.

PRAY FOR MINISTRY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Bishop Grant Dibden (Anglican Bishop to the Defence Force), Chaplain Dan Gillis, and Chaplain Tim St Quintin, serving in ADF chaplaincy.

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY

State Premier, Chris Minns and Leader of the Opposition, Kellie Sloane.

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

Persecuted Christians, especially those in the most dangerous countries for Christians: North Korea, Syria, Somalia, Yemen, Eritrea, Libya, Nigeria, Pakistan, Iran, Afghanistan, Sudan, and India.

OUR PARISHIONERS

Neil Modra, Tim Moon, Christine Morgan, Esme Parker and George & Sue Paul.

THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR ONGOING PRAYER

Janne, Pamela, Russ McLean, Bobbie Deal, Val, Giuseppe & Maria and Lynette.

THOSE IN RESIDENTIAL CARE - Fr Robert Alexander, Judy Chapman, Kathy Moss, Patricia Reuben, Stan Thomas, Anne Blake, Gill Stemp and those who attend our monthly services at Bougainvillea, Neutral Bay and BUPA Mosman.

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.

Today we remember those whose anniversary occurs at this time, and the recently deceased.



January 2026

Tues 6 Jan	10am	Eucharist & morning tea
	No bible study	Bible Study – Café Laon
	(on holiday break)	
Wed 7 Jan	No bible study	Men's Bible Study – Parish Meeting
	(on holiday break)	Room
	No bible study	Bible Study at a home in Cremorne
	(on holiday break)	•

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS ON HOLIDAY BREAK

Weekly Bible Study groups will be on break from 24 December – 9 January 2026. Groups will resume the week starting Monday 12 January 2026.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The office will be temporarily closed for the holiday season from:

Wednesday 24 December - Monday 5 January 2026 Email and voicemail will be monitored regularly during this time.



The office will reopen on Tuesday 6 January 2026 9am - 2pm.

PARISH FAREWELL TO REV MARK & KAH LIN

As previously announced, Sunday 1 February will be Rev'd Mark and Kah Lin's last day with us at St Peter's. Everyone is invited to join them for lunch at The Oaks in Neutral Bay from 12 noon.



This is a self-funded occasion. If you are able to come, may we ask you to put your name/s on the sheet at the back of the church to ensure we have enough seats together to welcome you.

Thank you. Anna, Helen and Norman, Wardens.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be in recess throughout January and will resume on Sunday 1st February 2026.



THIRTY NINE ARTICLES – ARTICLE 24

As we continue with our review of the 39 Articles of religion of the Anglican Church, here is article 24. When these were first



written 'man' included men and women. If you have any questions, please contact Father Mark.

It is a thing plainly repugnant to the Word of God, and the custom of the Primitive Church, to have publick Prayer in the Church, or to minister the Sacraments in a tongue not understanded of the people.

ROSTERS

	This Week 4 January 2026 The Epiphany of Our Lord	Next Sunday 11 January 2026 The Baptism of Our Lord
First Reading	Isaiah 60.1-6	Isaiah 42.1-9
Psalm	Psalm 72.1-7, 72.10-14	Psalm 29
Second	Ephesians 3.1-12	Acts 10.34-43
Reading		
Gospel	Matthew 2.1-12	Matthew 3.13-17
Preacher	Bp Peter Watson	Bp Peter Watson
Celebrant	Bp Peter Watson	Bp Peter Watson
Senior Server	John Halford	Gordon Heathcote
Crucifer	Margaret MacNabb	John Halford
Thurifer	Roy Bartlett	
Acolyte	Prabhu Boddu	
	Gordon Heathcote	
Welcomer	Noreen Bernie	Philip Wood
Sideperson	Sharon Boddu	Thos Hodgson
Readers	Ken Bernie	Gill Stemp
	Audrey Bradshaw	Peter Watson
Intercessor	Peter Watson	Margaret MacNabb
Chalice	Kah Lin Wormell	Stefan Trofimovs
Livestream	Enzo Macchiavelli	Taylor Mock
Morning tea	Lizzie St Quintin	Anna Reed-
	Graham St Quintin	Stephenson
		Lorrie Brown
Sacristy Linen	Audrey Bradshaw	Kerrie Trofimovs

