



ST PETER'S
ANGLICAN CHURCH
CREMORNE

1 March 2026 | 9am Second Sunday in Lent

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.
Rev Andy Bleach, Rector.

Today's Service

Sung Eucharist

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| CELEBRANT & PREACHER | <i>REV. ANDY BLEACH</i> |
| ORGANIST | <i>DR BRETT MCKERN</i> |
| CANTOR | <i>JENNY DAVEY</i> |
| SETTING | <i>JEWKES</i> |

Rejoicing Together *In Christ*

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.

*The
Season
of
Lent*



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Tune: Praise, my soul

Please stand

- 1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven.
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King!

- 2 Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same forever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

- 3 Father-like he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

- 4 Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace!

H. F. Lyte, 1793 - 1847

The Celebrant greets the people with a welcome.

✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
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

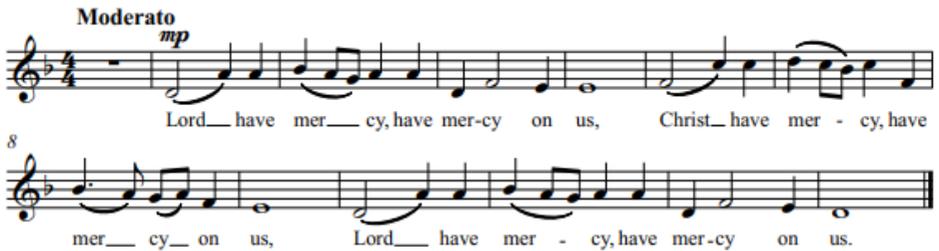
God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. John 3.16

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

Moderato
mp



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Lord__ have mer__ cy, have mer-cy on us, Christ__ have mer - cy, have
mer__ cy__ on us, Lord__ have mer - cy, have mer-cy on us.

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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

God of mercy,
you are full of tenderness and compassion,
slow to anger, rich in mercy,
and always ready to forgive:
grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ,
that in every way we may prove to be your loving children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Children will now leave for Sunday School

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

A reading from the book of **Genesis 12.1- 4**

The Lord had said to Abram, 'Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. ² 'I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.' ⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.

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

PSALM 121. *Levavi oculos.*

J. TURLER.



- 1 I lift up my | eyes • to the | hills:
but | where • shall I | find | help?
- 2 My help | comes • from the | Lord:
who has | made | heaven • and | earth.
- 3 He will not suffer your | foot to | stumble:
and he who watches | over • you | will not | sleep.
- 4 Be sure he who has | charge of | Israel:
will | neither | slumber • nor | sleep.
- 5 The Lord him|self is • your | keeper:
the Lord is your defence up|on your | right | hand;
- 6 The sun shall not | strike you • by | day:
nor | shall the | moon by | night.
- 7 The Lord will defend you from | all | evil:
it is | he • who will | guard your | life.
- 8 The Lord will defend your going out
and your | coming | in:
from this time | forward • for | ever | more.

THE SECOND READING

A reading from the **Letter of Paul to the Romans 4.1-5; 4.13-17**

What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? ² If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about – but not before God. ³ What does Scripture say? ‘Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.’ ⁴ Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. ⁵ However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness. ¹³ It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. ¹⁴ For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, ¹⁵ because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶ Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring – not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷ As it is written: ‘I have made you a father of many nations.’ He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed – the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All stand

Cantor

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

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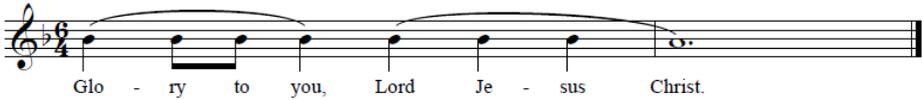
For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son; so everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

The Lord be with you.

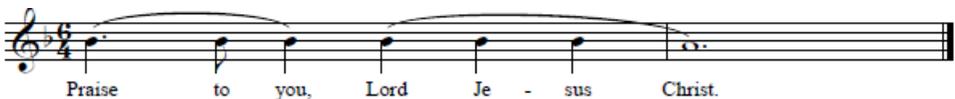
And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John 3.1-17**



Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.' ³ Jesus replied, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.' ⁴ 'How can someone be born when they are old?' Nicodemus asked. 'Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!' ⁵ Jesus answered, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, "You must be born again." ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.' ⁹ 'How can this be?' Nicodemus asked. ¹⁰ 'You are Israel's teacher,' said Jesus, 'and do you not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven – the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.' ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

Please sit

HYMN

Tune: Slane

Please stand

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art,
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son,
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
- 3 Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
Be thou my whole armor, be thou my true might,
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.
- 4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Be thou my inheritance now and always,
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 5 High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Mary Byrne, 1880 - 1931

THE NICENE CREED

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

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

**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

Tune: Saffron Walden

Please stand

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.
- 2 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings within, and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come.
- 3 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.
- 4 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.
- 5 Just as I am (thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down),
Now to be thine, yea thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.
- 6 Just as I am, of that free love
The breadth, length, depth and height to prove,
Here for a season then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Charlotte Elliott, 1789 - 1871

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

Priest The Lord be with you: *People* And al - so with you. *Priest* Lift up your hearts:

4 *People* We lift them to the Lord. *Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God:

6 *People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:

mf Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are

7 full of your glo - ry, Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bles - sed is He who

11 comes in the name of the Lord, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na,

15 Ho - san - na in the high - est, in the high - est

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.'

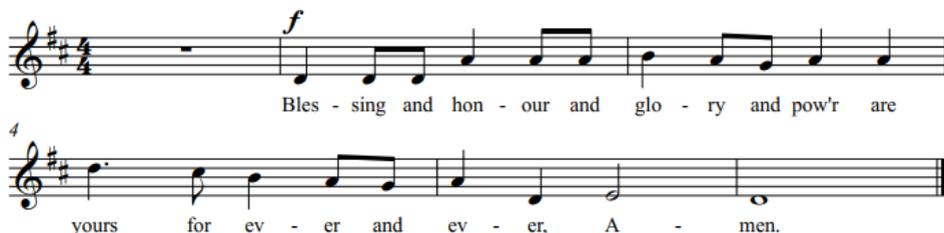
Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the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

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Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer-cy on us, Je - sus, bear-er_ of our
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sins, have mer - cy on us, Je - sus, re - dee - mer_ of the_
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world, Grant us, grant us, grant us your peace. *pp*

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.

SENTENCE

I lift up my eyes to the mountains-- where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Psalm 121:1-2 NIV

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 to you 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.

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

Tune: Lyngham

- 1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!
- 2 Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
tis music in the sinner's ears,
tis life, and health, and peace.
- 3 He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
he sets the prisoner free:
his blood can make the foulest clean,
his blood availed for me.
- 4 He speaks, and listening to his voice
new life the dead receive,
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.
- 5 Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, you dumb,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Saviour come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy!
- 6 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim
and spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of your name.

Charles Wesley, 1707 - 1788

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, Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury, Mark Short, Primate of Australia, Kanishka our Archbishop and Bishop Chris and The Anglican Church in Japan.

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH AND LOCAL CHURCHES

For our Rector Rev'd Andy Bleach. We also pray for the clergy and parishioners at Harbourside Baptist Church.

PRAY FOR MINISTRY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Nungalinya College

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

Noreen & Ken Bernie, Strephon Billingham, Julie Bligh, Caroline Bowyer and Audrey Bradshaw.

THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR ONGOING PRAYER

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

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 including Betty Cotton, and the recently deceased.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

March 2026

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| Tues 3 March | 10am | Eucharist & morning tea |
| | 10am | Bible Study – meets at Fresh Cafe |
| Wed 4 March | 10am | Men's Bible Study – Parish Meeting Room |
| | 7:30pm | Bible Study at a home in Cremorne |

MINI PRODUCE STALL – SUNDAY 15 MARCH

- D A Room
 - Cash only
 - Donations for sale gratefully received
 - Proceeds will be sent to Nungalinya College, Darwin – our mission supporting indigenous and ecumenical theological education.
- Thank you for supporting this outreach.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Please mark your calendar for the church's AGM on Sunday 22 March 2026 at 11am.



Nomination forms for the upcoming AGM are available at the back of the church. If you would like to nominate someone, please check with them first. This year we will be voting for:

- 2 Wardens
- Parish Council
- Synod Representatives
- Nominators

Anyone who serves as a Warden or Parish Councillor must have completed the Safe Ministry Training. For information please reach out to Annabel Pegus at safeministry@stpeterscremore.org.au

JOY LENTEN STUDIES 2026

We have a great daily study resource on joy to use during lent - Joy Lenten Studies 2026. Pick up your copy from the back of church for \$10 cash or card. If you have any questions please speak to Rev. Andy.

THIRTY NINE ARTICLES – ARTICLE 32

As we continue with our review of the 39 Articles of religion of the Anglican Church, here is article 32. When these were first written ‘man’ included men and women. If you have any questions, please contact Rev Andy.

The Thirty-Nine
Articles of Religion

Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, are not commanded by God’s Law, either to vow the estate of single life, or to abstain from marriage: therefore it is lawful for them, as for all other Christian men, to marry at their own discretion, as they shall judge the same to serve better to godliness.



LENT APPEAL 2026

**GIVE WATER,
GIVE LIFE.**

Safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene are crucial to human health and wellbeing. This Lent, let your compassion flow and bring the gift of clean water to a family in need.

ABM Lenten Envelopes are included in the pew sheet this week.

ROSTERS

| | This Week 1 March | Next Sunday 8 March |
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| First Reading | Genesis 12.1-4 | Exodus 17.1-7 |
| Psalm | Psalm 121 | Psalm 95 |
| Second Reading | Romans 4.1-5; 4.13-17 | Romans 5.1-11 |
| Gospel | John 3.1-17 | John 4.5-42 |
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| Preacher | Rev Andy Bleach | Rev Andy Bleach |
| Celebrant | Rev Andy Bleach | Rev Andy Bleach |
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| Senior Server | Roy Bartlett | John Halford |
| Crucifer | Laura Mock | Laura Mock |
| Thurifer | | |
| Acolyte | | |
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| Welcomer | Margo Watson | Philip Wood |
| Sideperson | Peter Watson | Thos Hodgson |
| Readers | Philip Wood Cheryl Dunn | Margo Watson Neil Hardie |
| Intercessor | Peter Watson | Cheryl Dunn |
| Chalice | Gordon Heathcote | Stefan Trofimovs |
| Livestream | Enzo Macchiavelli | Taylor Mock |
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| Morning tea | Margaret MacNabb Helen Fordham | Barbara Gordon Mikyoung (MK) Chung |
| Sacristy Linen | Cheryl Dunn | Kerrie Trofimovs |

