

Welcome

to Saint Peter's Church



Anglican
Church

Saint Peter's East Maitland



Mother Beatrice Pate

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Mother Beatrice is currently our Locum Priest who lives locally with her husband, Dennis. Mother Beatrice was previously Rector at Saint Paul's, Kurri Kurri and at Saint John's, Raymond Terrace, during which time she was also Archdeacon of Maitland. Following her retirement from the Hunter Diocese, Mother Beatrice spent five years in Western Australia as Rector at Saint Paul's, Mirrabooka, before returning to the Maitland area.

Mother Beatrice and Ray live in Metford



Father Peter Rothnie **Associate Priest**

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Father Peter has particular responsibility for leading the Pastoral Care Team and ministry amongst older men, and shares in the priestly ministries of the Parish. Marie is a member of the Pastoral Care Team.

Father Peter and Marie (a nurse in outback and remote communities) live in Tenambit.



Canon Wilf Redden **Associate Priest**

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Father Wilf has ministered across the Diocese of Newcastle. He is a former Parish Priest of East Maitland and now shares in the priestly ministries of the Parish in his retirement.

Father Wilf and Judy live in Metford.



Reverend Wendy Brack TSSF **Chaplain to Nursing Homes**

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Reverend Wendy Brack has been a member of our Parish for many years and was made a Deacon in 2012 to serve here from within the congregation. She has responsibility for ministry in nursing and retirement homes and also leads the Enlightenment Group.

Reverend Wendy lives in Rutherford.

The Anglican Parish of East Maitland
Saint Peter's Church
47 William Street East Maitland

Serving the Communities of Ashtonfield,
East Maitland, Four Mile Creek, Louth Park, Metford,
Pitnacree, Tenambit and the Hunter Region



Introducing our Locum Priest

It is a lovely and precious experience for Dennis and I to be with you. We remember many of you from our years here from 1985 till early 1989. We moved here from Sydney with our three children as I began working as a Lay Parish Assistant – it was before women could become deacons, and much before they could become priests. I had been studying for quite a few years before that, firstly doing my BA in history and philosophy at Macquarie University, and then completing my Bachelor of Divinity degree at the University of Sydney. This was an academic degree and catered for people from many denominations.



Dennis worked as a Senior Technical Officer with Telstra (Telecom as it was then), and was fortunate to be able to get a transfer from Sydney up to the Newcastle area. Our three children, Alister, Heather and Kathy, then 14, 12 and 8, moved to schools up here.

The years we spent here were very precious to us, we loved the beautiful friendship, lovely church, and ministries we found here. Dennis and the three children were very happily involved with Kath Waddell in the church choir, whilst I was involved with liturgical duties. And the thriving Youth Fellowship of the time involved us all.

And what a great and vibrant parish you have here at St Peter's: beautiful worship, a great team of Clergy, Eucharistic assistants, servers, readers, intercessors, and outreach with Op-Shop, Emergency Relief, Community Meals, worship and activities to families and young people, Bible Studies and parish groups.

In the years since we have left, I have worked as assistant at St Augustine's Merewether, then at the Church of Transfiguration in Windale, first as Deacon in Charge, then (when priesting of women was passed by the General Synod in 1992), as Priest in Charge, then Rector as we gained parish status, Rector of Mt Vincent and then St John's, Raymond Terrace. Over some of that time I also served as Archdeacon of Maitland. Following my first (!) retirement, Archbishop Roger Herft offered me the position of Rector at St Paul's Mirrabooka, in the Archdiocese of Perth. And now, following my second retirement, Dennis and I are delighted to be able to share some time with you, renewing old friendships and making new ones!

During this time of waiting for the appointment of your new Rector, we will enjoy worshipping with you and the many opportunities for fellowship. And we will all continue to pray for those in the parish and diocese as they seek the new Rector for this wonderful parish.

Mother Beatrice Pate

Visit our Website: www.eastmaitlandanglican.org

Latest News and Parish Diary - Find out More about the Life of our Parish

Parish Office & Parish Information

The Parish Office is normally open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 am to 4 pm and is the first point of contact for all parish enquiries and bookings. If the office is unattended please telephone the Parish Office and leave a message and someone will respond to you as soon as possible.

Pastoral Care

Please advise the Parish Office of any pastoral needs and especially if someone is in hospital. If you need the assistance of a priest at any time please contact the Parish Office. After hours the office telephone will automatically re-direct you (without charge to you) to a member of staff who can assist you.

Baptisms and Weddings

Information about baptisms (christenings) is available on our parish website. Information about holding a wedding at Saint Peter's is available in our *Wedding Guide* and on our wedding website. The best way to make an enquiry about baptisms or weddings is through our websites.

Site Hire

The Parish Hall is available for hire for one-off or regular community and commercial events.

School & Retirement Living

We commend to you our Anglican College at Fletcher and our Retirement Village in Tenambit. Please contact them directly for more information.

Parish Office Telephone: (02) 4934 5303
E-mail: office@eastmaitlandanglican.org
Parish: www.eastmaitlandanglican.org
Weddings: www.huntermvalleyweddings.info
Mailing: P. O. Box 662 East Maitland NSW 2323



BISHOP TYRRELL
ANGLICAN COLLEGE

Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College is a co-educational independent school that focuses on the development of the whole child within a caring, Christian environment.

Enrolments are now open.
To find out more visit our website www.btac.nsw.edu.au or contact our Registrar on 02 4979 8488.



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Northwood Retirement Village

Tenambit's first boutique retirement living is for those who want to relax and enjoy life. Take advantage of the \$5,000 cash back for sales off the plan PLUS receive a removalist voucher to help take the stress out of moving. Prices start at \$330,000.

For details call 0417 686 075 / 0400 455 298
or visit anglican care.com.au

Anglican care

Saint Peter's Teaspoons

We have a limited number of Saint Peter's Teaspoons available for sale at \$10 each. Attractively presented in its own box, the spoon is gold with a Saint Peter's Church motif on the handle.

Order forms and envelopes for payment are available at the back of the church, or alternatively you can buy one from the Parish office.

We only have a limited number so don't delay!



Welcome to Worship

The Church building is normally open daily from 8 am until 6 pm for prayer and reflection.

SUNDAY

7.30 am Holy Eucharist with Hymns

followed by refreshments every Sunday

9.30 am Sung Eucharist

Traditional worship with Church Time children's ministry, followed by refreshments every Sunday

5 pm Petrus Community Church Gathering

Contemporary worship with God Time children's ministry on the second and fourth Sunday afternoons of each month in the Parish Hall followed by a simple dinner and children's games. No gathering on the fourth Sunday in December and the second Sunday in January

WEDNESDAY

6 pm Supper with the Saints

A light Supper prior to Compline Night Prayer on the Second Wednesday of each month except in January

7 pm Compline Night Prayer

on the Second Wednesday of each month except in January

FRIDAY

10.30 am First Friday Healing Eucharist

*followed by refreshments on the first Friday of each month
no refreshments in January*

6 pm Stations of the Cross

*on the fourth Friday of each month except in January,
and every Friday evening during Lent*

SATURDAY

6 pm Vigil Eucharist of Sunday

followed by refreshments on the fourth Saturday of each month

Parish Name Badges

Wearing a Parish Name Badge at Mass and Parish events is a practical way of helping others to get to know you.

There are two sizes of badges, and the choice of either a magnetic fastener or pin. All badges cost \$10.

Order forms are available at the back of the church or from the Parish Office.



Joining Us

We would be thrilled to welcome you into communicant membership of our Church.

Communicant members of the Church share in the responsibility of participating in worship regularly, praying for the ministries of the Parish and giving financially.

Those who wish to do so (and are at least 18 years old) can also join the Electoral Roll as an elector. Electors are able to vote at the Annual General Meeting of the Parish. To become a communicant member of our Church please complete a green membership form.

If you are leaving another Church we ask that you leave that Church well by contacting your priest or pastor to let them know your intention to join us.

We organise Welcome Receptions for newcomers during the year to provide an introduction to the life of the Parish.

For Our Prayers

Please pray for all who are sick and in need, and those who have recently died. Names can be added to the intercession list at the back of the church each week. These names will be included in our prayers each day in the Saint Barnabas Chapel.

Latest News, Parish Newsletter & Parish Diary: Keeping in Touch

We would like to keep in touch with you. If you have an e-mail address we will e-mail our e-newsletter to you on a regular basis. This has updates about what is going on in the parish, and links to where you can find out more from our website, such as our monthly Parish Diary.

To be added to our contact list, without making any commitment to the Parish, please complete a yellow contact form and return it to the Parish Office or leave it in the offertory plate. You can unsubscribe from this list at any time.

We produce a monthly newsletter titled 'Cross and Keys' which can be downloaded from our website, or you can collect your free copy from the back of church or from the Parish Office.

We post the latest parish news to our website in our news feed.



Visitors Always Welcome

Our beautiful heritage church building and gardens are open between 8 am and 6 pm every day of the year for the use of the whole community.

Our church is home to a lively group of Anglican Christians of all ages, and we are delighted to receive many visitors. We welcome you to come and explore our site or to join us for worship.

We are also happy to provide group tours which can include an organ recital and refreshments (please contact the Parish Office in advance to arrange group bookings).

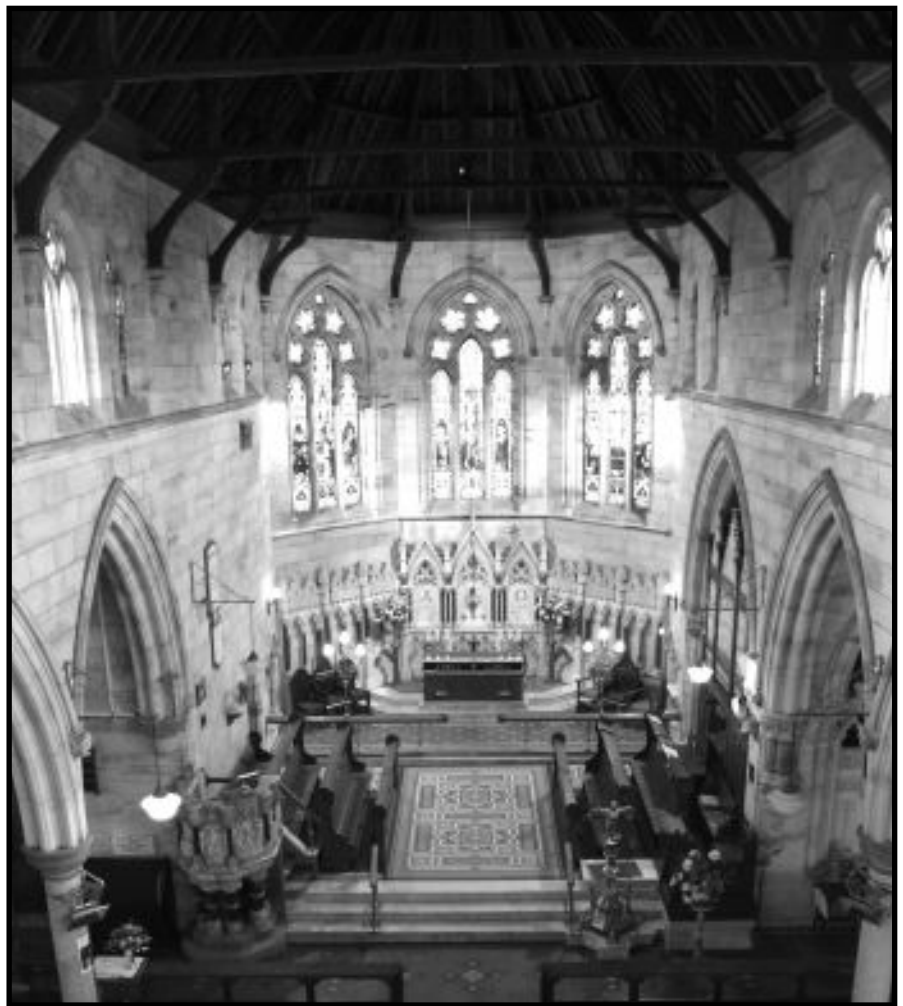
If you would like to explore the architecture and history of the church building, or find space for prayer and reflection, or explore the mystery and meaning of life, or find out how you can re-connect with the Church and give your children Christian foundations please come and visit us.

If you wish to speak with a priest during your visit, please contact us beforehand, so that we can ensure that a priest is available for you.

Worship During the Period after Christmas Day each Year

The daily pattern of weekday services is temporarily suspended each year from after the final Eucharist on Christmas Day until the Sunday after 4th January each year.

During this period the Church remains open for individual prayer and reflection and there is a Vigil Eucharist on Saturday evenings at 6 pm and one Eucharist on Sunday morning at 8.30 am.



Parish Mission Action Plan

The Parish Council has adopted a Mission Action Plan to guide its leadership.

The plan seeks to further our work towards our vision of 'Bringing humanity to life through hospitable welcome, generous care, transcendent worship, spiritual learning and growing together for all ages'.

The ministry priorities in the plan are focusing our energies and resources on:

- Further developing our worshipping life;
- Connecting with the local community through music;
- Connecting with families through Petrus Community Church;
- Connecting with the local community through our Christmas, ANZAC, Easter and All Souls events;
- Further developing our pastoral care within the Parish and at residential care facilities;
- Welcoming and incorporating new members;
- Increasing advertising and promotion about our life;
- Community engagement with the housing commission areas in the parish and Emergency Relief;
- Strengthening our adult discipleship programmes;
- Ministering with adults with disabilities;
- Expanding our ministries amongst families.

We are seeking to resource this vision through a series of financial strategies and the continuing renewal and development of our buildings and site. Progress towards the Mission Action Plan is evaluated at each meeting of the Parish Council, and reported annually to the Annual General Meeting.



A Safe Church

We acknowledge with great sadness that churches have not always been safe places in the past, this includes our Parish, and in recent years we have needed to address cases of historical abuse that have been perpetrated in our community. We are facing the past in order to shape a healthy future.

We are committed to providing a healthy and safe place for all people of every age to experience the love of God within the community of the Church.

All those who minister or assist with ministry amongst children and vulnerable adults have completed appropriate screening and training. We are continually vigilant as we seek to be a safe place of welcome for all. Every member of the Church has a responsibility to pass on any breach of our high standards of expected behaviour that they witness or are subjected to.

If you would like to speak confidentially with someone about a professional standards matter please telephone 1800 774 945, or you can write confidentially to the Director of Professional Standards directly at: Anglican Diocese of Newcastle, PO Box 494, Newcastle NSW 2300, or email: dps@newcastleanglican.org.au.





Music at Saint Peter's

Saint Peter's Choir meets to rehearse on Tuesday evenings in church. The pattern of rehearsals varies at different times of the year, so please contact the Director of Music, Evanne Sherringham (contact details on cover page) for further information.

The choir sings regularly at the Sung Mass at 9.30 am on Sunday mornings and at other special services and events.

We are always keen to recruit new members of the choir. If you enjoy singing, or would like to give it a try please contact our Director of Music for more information.

We greatly appreciate the contribution that our musicians - singers and organists - make to our worship.



Hall Hire

Our Parish Hall and Meeting Room are available for hire.

Our hall complex is often used for community groups and family events, and the church building is a splendid venue for concerts and performances. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.



Stained Glass Windows

The stained glass windows in our church building are extraordinarily beautiful, but they remain unfinished. The current yellow coloured glass high up in the clerestory windows was installed in the 1970s, where once it had been hoped that stained glass windows would be in place.

We are extremely fortunate to have secured the skilled expertise of Jeff Hamilton, who is working from his studio in Sydney to design and craft our new windows. The windows combine traditional designs with brilliant and inspiring colours.

Two groups of windows were installed in 2016 and a further two groups in 2017. It is hoped that further groups will be installed in 2018 and 2019 to complete the first phase of the project which aims to have stained glass windows installed in every window in the south of the clerestory. A focus of the initial phase has been to depict in the windows former churches of the parish which have been de-consecrated down through the years.

We invite you to join us in creating history and help us to complete the windows in this historic heritage building. Donors (individuals, groups or organisations) have the opportunity to choose the memorial or thanksgiving text that will be included in the window, and which will be in place for hundreds of years to come. Please contact Kay Sharp AM (contact details on the back page) for more information.



GOD TIME

Come and join us for our God Time children's activities at the Petrus Community Church gatherings

We meet on the Second and Fourth Sundays of every month at 5 pm for relaxed worship, fun learning, games and food in St Peter's Parish Hall, Banks Street, East Maitland

Contact Parish Office 4934 5303
office@eastmaitlandanglican.org
www.eastmaitlandanglican.org

We commend to you our local Anglican College at Fletcher, a co-educational independent school.



BISHOP TYRRELL

ANGLICAN COLLEGE



Learn, Lead, Serve

Located in Fletcher, Newcastle, Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College is a co-educational independent school that offers children the opportunity to complete their entire education journey (Preschool to Year 12) on the one campus. Our founding vision of a Christian learning community remains core and is embedded in the fabric of the College as we strive to inspire students to learn, lead and serve in a caring, Christian environment.

Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College strives to encourage every student to pursue academic excellence with confidence and clarity of their passions and God-given talents.

Our whole-College care and wellbeing curriculum and approach to learning is based on Christian values, and emphasises our model of Christian leadership, character development, peer relations, the caring classroom and service learning.

256 Minmi Road
Fletcher NSW 2287
Phone: 02 4979 8484
Email: office@btac.nsw.edu.au
Website: www.btac.nsw.edu.au

CHURCH TIME

Come and join us for traditional Anglican worship with special activities and learning for children during the service

We meet on the First and Third Sundays of every Month during the Sung Eucharist at 9.30 am

in Saint Peter's Church,
William Street,
East Maitland

Ph (02) 4934 5303

office@eastmaitlandanglican.org

Mission Partnerships

We provide financial and regular prayer support for a number of mission partners to assist the work of God's mission both within and beyond the Parish.



Our principal mission partner for national and international support is the Anglican Board of Mission. ABM was formed in 1850 and is the national mission agency of the Anglican Church of Australia. Our Parish Priest serves as a Director on the National Board of ABM.

ABM's philosophy is based on a belief in holistic mission - that God calls us to serve people in all aspects of their lives, from the spiritual to the practical. This includes all the evangelistic activities of the church in its witness to the Gospel, such as ministry, theological education and training, and the development of Christian worship and liturgy resources. Mission also includes providing health and education services, helping people to build capacity to improve food and water resources, and assisting in economic development initiatives. In all of its work, ABM seeks to serve God through supporting its partners in their local witness and service.

Each year we aim to raise \$12,000 for our mission partners through:

- regular mission giving at Mass (through our giving envelopes or electronic giving);
- two mission lunches each year with special guest speakers (one focusing on mission in Australia and one focusing on mission overseas);
- coin collections at home using our mission pigs (you can collect a pig from the back of church).



The projects that we support aim to focus on three areas:

- **Local** - including support for ministry in neighbouring parishes, resourcing scripture teaching in local primary schools, and assisting with the funding of scripture teachers in local secondary schools;
- **National** - especially focusing on indigenous education and reconciliation through the Anglican Board of Mission;
- **International** - supporting a project of the Anglican Church in another country through the Anglican Board of Mission.



Our Mission Giving Secretary Yvonne Hinde (contact details on the back page) will be able to give you details about the projects that we are supporting at the current time.

The Parish also supports the work of our Bishop and the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle. Our annual contribution to the Diocese is normally over \$25,000. In addition parishioners support a range of other charities, and some choose to support the work of the Bush Church Aid Society through their mission boxes scheme.



Supporting the Local Community

Saint Peter's Emergency Relief



For over thirty years the Parish has offered emergency relief and assistance to thousands of people in need in the Hunter Region. Saint Peter's Emergency Relief has had a long supportive partnership with the Samaritans Foundation, and our programmes receive financial and management support from the Foundation.

Our services are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 am - 12 noon and 12.30 - 2.30 pm. We can provide access to financial counselling, emergency food supply, accommodation advice and other support services for those people in our community facing challenging times.

Food is collected each Sunday at our services and other contributions are received from neighbouring parishes. Financial donations from local clubs are used to supplement the donated food.

For more information please contact the Parish Office.

Grandparents as Parents Support Group

This kinship care group began its life as a ministry of the Parish with the support of the Samaritans Foundation. The group remains associated with the Parish and many of the people who assist at the group are members of our church.

GAPS is a grandparents' support group for grandparents faced with raising their grandchildren. From humble beginnings some six years ago, East Maitland Grandparents as Parents (GAPS) has flourished into one of the most successful GAPS groups in NSW and now has 29 Grandparents on their books.

GAPS meetings are held every Tuesday during school term time, between 10 am and 12 noon at the Bruce Street Hall, East Maitland.



For more information please contact the Group's Co-ordinator, Beverly Steggles, on 0419 107 736.

Supporting our Local Community

Our Ministry Staff Team is regularly invited to participate in and support community groups and events.

Each year the church hosts a music festival for students from local schools.

We are grateful for a number of other developing relationships with schools and community groups, and are always delighted when local community groups visit the church.



Saint Peter's Church Memorial Garden *A Sacred Space of Faith, Hope & Love*



We offer to all members of our local community columbarium niches, interment of ashes in our beautiful memorial garden, and stained glass window memorials in our historic church, in the knowledge that they will be cared for in perpetuity.

The historic Church of Saint Peter's stands at the heart of East Maitland surrounded by gardens that form a constant oasis of beauty and tranquility. Our church building is open every day of the year for prayer and reflection, as are our gardens.

The mortal remains of many of our friends and loved ones rest in the columbarium niches and memorial garden. We invite all members of our local community to consider our columbarium or garden as the final resting place for their cremated remains, where family members and descendants will be able to come and visit in this sacred space which we will continue to care for in perpetuity.

We also offer a unique opportunity for stained glass windows to be permanently installed as memorials within our heritage Church building, and for memorial flowers to be placed in the Church on the anniversary of the death of a loved one or on other special days, with the assurance of our prayers for those who have died and for all who mourn.

Please contact our parish office for information and assistance at office@eastmaitlandanglican.org or on (02) 4934 5303, or visit our website at www.eastmaitlandanglican.org

Holy Baptism

Saint John's Gospel tells us that at a meeting between Jesus and a leading Jew called Nicodemus, Jesus said that unless we are born from above we cannot see the kingdom of God. Naturally, Nicodemus was puzzled. He asked if a grown man or woman could really go back into the mother's womb and be born again.

The answer to that question is obvious. The mother goes through great pain to give birth to a baby. Nothing can put the baby back into the womb.

But what Jesus was really talking about is starting a new life with God, and baptism is a sign of this. Jesus went on to tell us that your baby isn't just your child. Your baby is also God's child. And He, too, went to enormous pains – even to dying on the cross for us – to show us how much He loves every child of His.

Jesus knew that such love has to be seen to be believed. And baptism is the sign, or Sacrament, that he gave us to show his love. Sometimes, people imagine that we have to be baptised to show our belief in God. In a sense, that's true. But baptism is far more that: it shows God's belief in us.

From very early in its history, the Church has baptised young children as a sign of God's love. Some of the oldest baptisteries contained a second, much smaller, font beside the main one. This was used by children who were too small to stand comfortably in the main font, which in those earliest days of the Church was a deep pool let into the floor.

Just as we need the love of our family to grow as a human being, so do we also need the love of our heavenly Father to grow as a child of God.

Baptising a child, before they can make the slightest effort to do anything for their own salvation, says very dramatically that all salvation is from God. Clearly, in the baptism of an adult there must already be an element of faith – some sign of accepting God's love. But a child is carried to the font by the faith of the family and the Church, and shows that God accepts us, without us having to do or achieve anything first.

We are delighted to welcome families who bring children for Holy Baptism (christening), and adults who wish to be baptised and confirmed. Except during the Season of Lent when there are no baptisms in church, we baptise during every week throughout the year.

Baptisms normally take place in our Saturday evening Vigil Mass at 6 pm, and on Sunday mornings in the Sung Mass at 9.30 am. Baptisms also take place in shorter services at 11.30 am and 12.30 pm, and at other times on Sunday and during the week.

The easiest way to book a baptism is to go to our website and complete the booking form. Once the baptism has been booked parents and god parents participate in a short 'Welcome to Baptism' session normally late on a Sunday afternoon.

For more details about baptism please contact the Parish Office



Holy Matrimony

Gothic style arches and stained glass windows sit below a high ceiling in this pristine heritage church, providing a unique backdrop for the perfect wedding ceremony.

The historic pipe organ offers an unparalleled opportunity to come down the aisle to traditional classical music or you can choose to play recorded music through our sound system.

Before and after the service the beautifully landscaped gardens make for the most timeless photos and we have plenty of on-street parking available around the church.

Couples seeking God's blessing on their lives are welcome to be married at St Peter's.

Many hundreds of couples have been married in St Peter's Church since this beautiful building was opened in 1885.

We are a short drive from the M1 Pacific Motorway and the stunning Hunter Valley Vineyards, with easy access to reception venues in the Maitland area, Hunter Valley, Newcastle and the Central Coast. We cater for an intimate wedding of a few guests anywhere up to 500 guests.

Full details about making arrangements for your wedding are available on our website or in our Wedding Guide.



Saint Peter's Op Shop

At the end of 2017 we opened our Op Shop on the church site. The Op Shop is open every Thursday and Friday from 9 am to 4 pm and every Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm.

Donations of items for the Op Shop can be brought to the Parish Office – we particularly need items of clothing, bric-a-brac, books, craft items and toys.

Please help to support the Op Shop by spreading the word and encouraging others to come along and shop for a bargain. If you are able to assist us in staffing the shop as a volunteer please contact the Parish Office.



At the End of Life

Following the death of a loved one many families turn to their Parish Church for support and to provide the venue for a funeral service. Everyone is welcome at Saint Peter's.

While it is easy to speak of the gift of life, it is harder to speak of death as a gift. To even think of death as a gift might seem strange. But if we believe that life is a gift, then it also makes sense to recognise how the conclusion of our earthly life is just as significant as its beginning.

Our Christian faith teaches us that nothing can separate us from the love of God, and so when we think about our own dying we hold together both the mixed emotions of uncertainty about all that will change for us and for our families, and the hope that we will live with God in the eternal life of his love for ever with all those who have gone before us. In normal circumstances the family of the deceased makes initial contact with a Funeral Director and the Funeral Director then contacts the Parish Clergy. After this initial contact a member of the Parish Clergy will then be in touch with the family to arrange a pastoral visit and to discuss the funeral arrangements. Funerals can be held in Saint Peter's Church, at a crematorium or at the graveside. One of the Parish Clergy can conduct a service at any of these locations.

If the body of the deceased will be cremated, it is normal for the whole service to be held at either the church or the crematorium and not to have services at both locations. If the body of the deceased will be buried it is normal for the service to be held at either the church or the crematorium with a second shorter service following at the graveside. A Christian funeral service normally includes prayers, hymns and/or other music (this can include recorded music), one or more readings from the Bible, and one or more eulogies. The service can take place within the Holy Eucharist.

We provide a funeral customary for those who wish to prepare their funeral arrangements as an act of faith in God, and love for their families. One of our priests is able to assist in filling in the customary.

In early November each year we hold a Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance and a Requiem Mass around All Souls' Day to remember and pray for our departed loved ones.



Saint Peter's Church Memorial Flowers Remembering the Departed in Faith, Hope & Love



The historic Church of Saint Peter's stands at the heart of East Maitland as a place of faith, hope and love for the whole community. Our church building is open every day of the year for prayer and reflection.

Each year families remember loved ones who have died by dedicating memorial flowers in the church. The flowers are placed in the church for the weekend nearest to the anniversary of death and the loved one who is being remembered is named in our prayers at the weekend services.

If you wish to remember your loved ones in this way, please contact us to reserve the relevant date. It is your decision as to the cost of the flowers, generally the range is between \$100 - \$200; this decision is entirely yours.

For further information or assistance, please contact our Parish Office staff on (02) 4934 5303 or at office@eastmaitlandanglican.org or visit our website at www.eastmaitlandanglican.org.

PLAY GROUP

Come and join us for our relaxed neighbourhood playgroup for new borns, toddlers and pre-school children with parents, grandparents and carers

We meet on Friday mornings during school term time from 10 am to 12 noon in St Peter's Parish Hall, Banks Street, East Maitland

Contact Ph. 4934 5303
www.eastmaitlandanglican.org

St Peter's Playgroup East Maitland



Families Growing in Faith

Ministry for Families, Youth and Children

Families worship with us at all of our weekend Masses, and children are welcome every time that we gather together for worship.

On Sundays at the 9.30 am Sung Mass children leave church for their own teaching and activities during the readings and sermon and return in time for the Eucharistic Prayer.

At other Masses activity bags are available at the back of the church. Designed to suit a range of ages from infancy to early teens, these bags are a great option for children and young people that would like something to help keep them engaged while they are in Church.

The Petrus Community Gathering on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month (except for the 4th Sunday in December and the 2nd Sunday in January) are particularly designed for families with children, and the community meets in the Parish Hall where there is more flexible space.

We offer the following programmes for young families, youth and children, and details are provided in this *Welcome Guide*:

- **Church Time** activities for children at the Sunday Sung Mass;
- **Parish Pub Lunch** lunch on Sundays for all the family;
- **God Time** activities for children at the Sunday Petrus Mass;
- **Music Time** toddlers music group on Wednesday mornings;
- **Talitha Community** girls Bible study group on Wednesday afternoons;
- **Playgroup** community playgroup on Friday mornings;
- **Fun Time** youth group on Friday evenings.

Please contact Elizabeth Brown (contact details on inside back cover) for further details about these programmes.

*Families worship at all of our Masses,
and are always welcome!*

MUSIC TIME

Come and join us for our fun, nurturing neighbourhood music group for new borns, toddlers and pre-school children with parents, grandparents or carers

Music Time helps young children develop motor skills, rhythm, language, and creativity and gives families a chance to enjoy learning and growing together

We meet on Wednesday mornings during school term time from 10 am to 12 noon in St Peter's Parish Hall, Banks Street, East Maitland

Contact the Parish Office: 4934 5303
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Petrus Community Church

Meeting in Saint Peter's Parish Hall Banks Street East Maitland NSW



Petrus Community Church

Friends - Worship - Families - Teaching - Food

Main Gathering:

Second & Fourth Sundays at 5 pm

Meeting in Saint Peter's Parish Hall Banks Street East Maitland NSW

Each time we gather we worship together, have different teaching for kids and adults
and share a meal together - we would love for you to join us!

Contact. (02) 4934 5303 office@eastmaitlandanglican.org www.facebook.com/petruscommunity

We do not meet on the Fourth Sunday in December or the Second Sunday in January



Parish Pastoral Workers *we are here to help you!*



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Our Pastoral Workers are available to assist you and are active in home visiting. Please do not hesitate to be in touch.

Extended Communion, Visiting & Assistance with Travel to Church

Holy Communion is distributed to people in their homes or in hospital when they are prevented by illness or infirmity from participating in a Sunday or weekday Eucharist.

If you know of someone in hospital or at home who would like to receive Communion please contact Deacon Wendy Brack.

We are also happy to visit any parishioner in their home, or to arrange transport to assist parishioners to participate in weekend worship. Please contact the Parish Office.

Pastoral Partners

Pastoral Partners are available to provide friendly support for members of the Church. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Frozen Meals

We keep a small amount of emergency frozen home cooked food available for anyone who is in short term need. Please contact Judy Cordwell who will arrange delivery.

Being Together

Expectations of Behaviour in the Saint Peter's Church Community

Jesus told us to love one another as he loves us. As Christians we know our life together is strengthened when our behaviour is consistent with our faith. However, our experience of being together can be difficult, particularly when there are differences of opinion, outlook and background. So it is important to be clear about how we will behave towards each other.

Being a community:

- We will value the wellbeing of others.
- We will encourage each other to participate in the life of the church.
- We will consider the impact of our behaviour on others.

Relating to each other:

- We will treat each other with respect and dignity, irrespective of ability, gender, sexuality, race, age or contribution to the church.
- We will act with integrity and honesty in our interactions with each other.

Communicating with each other:

- We will communicate respectfully with others, and not in a way that threatens, belittles or humiliates.
- We will speak with integrity and honesty, and refrain from speculation and gossip.

Acknowledging difference:

- We will respect those who are different from us and not isolate or ridicule them.
- We will listen to and seek to understand the beliefs, opinions and practices of others, even when we do not share their views.

Responding to conflict:

- We will accept responsibility for our part in a conflict.
- We will be willing to play our part in resolving a conflict.



FUN TIME

Come and join us for our monthly games night with challenges, food and fun for school-age children

We meet on the 3rd Friday of every month from 5.30 to 7.30 pm in St Peter's Parish Hall, Banks Street, East Maitland

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TALITHA COMMUNITY

Come and join us for our discipleship group for young girls (9-13) for a time of fun, faith, food, and friendship.

We meet on Wednesday afternoons during school term time at 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm in St Peter's Parish Hall, Banks Street, East Maitland

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Daily Prayer in Church During the Week

Day	Morning Prayer	Eucharist	Evening Prayer
Sunday	7 am	7.30 & 9.30 am	-
Monday	9 am		5.30 pm
Tuesday	9 am		5.30 pm
Wednesday		8 am	5.30 pm
Thursday	9 am		5.30 pm
Friday	9 am		5.30 pm
Saturday	-	6 pm	5.30 pm

Pastoral Outreach to Green Hills, Benhome, Ashton Gardens and Opal Retirement Facilities

Reverend Wendy Brack is the Anglican Chaplain from our Parish to the four retirements facilities in which services are regularly held, and in which pastoral care is provided.

For further details about this important ministry please contact Reverend Wendy (details on the inside back cover).

Sunday Morning Tea & Saturday Supper

Every Sunday morning throughout the year there is an opportunity to share a simple morning tea at the back of the church building, after the 7.30 am Holy Eucharist and the 9.30 am Sung Mass. There is no charge for morning tea.

On the fourth Saturday evening of each month there is a light supper after the Vigil Mass, and everyone is invited to bring some food to share, and to stay for supper whether they have been able to bring something or not. These are great opportunities to get to know fellow parishioners.



Parish Lunches & Mission Lunches

We normally gather as a parish family for lunches in the Parish Hall, or in the Rectory Garden on Sundays on the Feast of Candlemass near the start of each year in early February, on the Patronal Festival in late June or early July, and on the Feast of Christ the King, the last Sunday of the Christian Year at the end of November.

Our Parish Christmas Party is held in the Rectory Garden on a Sunday afternoon in the first half of December each year.

We also gather for a mission lunch during the year at which we raise funds for our mission partners and learn about their work.

Parish Pub Lunches

Parish pub lunches are held on one Sunday each month on most months throughout the year. The lunches are held at the Bank Hotel on Melbourne Street, a short walk or drive from the church. The lunches provide the opportunity for us to enjoy each other's company and to get to know each other better without the need for us to have to cook!

For a couple of weeks prior to each lunch there is a sign up sheet at the back of church so that we can reserve the appropriate number of tables. People order and pay for their own food, and sit and eat together.



For further information contact Kim Hodges (contact details on inside back cover).

Community Meal

Saint Peter's Church provides a Community Meal every Thursday at 5 pm. There is no cost for this and we are delighted to welcome all those who are in need of a hot meal and good company.

The meal is prepared by volunteers from the Saint Peter's Community and is nutritious and appealing. We are grateful to Oz Harvest for the donation of fresh products that are used in preparing the Community Meal.

For further details please contact the Parish Office on 4934 5303.



Sunday Afternoon Entertainment

During the year our Fundraising Group organises Sunday Afternoon Entertainment on a few Sunday afternoons each year which normally include, food, drinks and a movie.

The Group also organises other fundraising events on other days during the year.



Sunday Afternoon Concerts

During the year we are privileged to host Sunday Afternoon concerts for musicians on an occasional basis from within the Parish and also community choirs in our region.



Mothers' Union

The Mothers Union meets on the Third Monday of each month throughout the year at 10 am. Meetings are held in the Parish Hall meeting room, or in the homes of members of the MU. Please contact Judy Redden for more information (4934 8130).



Enlightenment Group

The Enlightenment Group is a mixed adult Bible study and discussion group meeting on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 2 pm.

A range of topics are discussed, based on the Christian year. Contact Deacon Wendy for more information (contact details on inside back cover).



Cursillo

Cursillo is a Spanish word meaning "short course". It inspires us with ongoing support and encouragement for our personal growth in Faith.

We are challenged to live an active Christian life wherever we find ourselves. The Cursillo group at Saint Peter's meets on the First Monday of each month.



Please contact Reverend Wendy Brack (contact details on the inside back cover) for more information.

Craft Time

Our craft group meets in the Church Hall on the Second and Fourth Tuesday of the month from 10 am to 2 pm.

Chris Butler co-ordinates the group, and everyone is welcome to come along with their own favourite craft work. The group is a relaxing way to enjoy craftwork while meeting new friends and learning from each other.

For more information please contact Chris on 0456 699 319.



Esther Community

The Esther women's Bible study community is a group of women of all ages who meet on a Monday evening at 7 pm to discuss being a woman of God in the modern world.

Women of all ages are welcome to attend the Esther

community – no prior experience or knowledge is required! Please contact Elizabeth Brown (contact details in the inside back cover) for more information.



Saint Egwin's Fellowship

Saint Egwin's Fellowship meets for coffee or lunch on the Third Tuesday of alternate months (February, April, June, August and October) at the Figlie Cafe, East Maitland normally at 1.30 pm.

This meeting provides an opportunity to share fellowship with the one-time members of the Saint Egwin's Guild as well as with additional friends.



Enquiring Minds

Enquiring Minds Study Group has been meeting for the past fourteen years at 10 am on Wednesday mornings during school term time for coffee and chat and then to study some aspect of the Bible particularly the Gospels.

The group has been together for so long that they have become more like a family group sharing in each other's joys and sadness.

For more information please contact Russ and Jan Cooper (4933 3022).



Men's Fellowship

Our Men's Fellowship meets on the Fourth Wednesday of each month throughout the year.

We share a home cooked meal and conversation and then hear a speaker.

All men of the Parish are welcome to join us. Please contact Fr Peter Rothnie (contact details on inside front cover) for more information.



Compline Night Prayer

We meet on the Second Wednesday of each month except in January at 7 pm in the dark of the Church to sing, give thanks, pray, and to reflect on the day that has been by candlelight.

The ancient office of Compline derives its name from a Latin word, meaning 'completion' (*completorium*).

It is above all a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day. We also meet to pray Compline in the first few evenings of Holy Week each year. Please contact Kim Hodges (contact details in the inside back cover) for more information.



First Friday Community

On the First Friday of each month except in January we gather in church for a shorter Healing Eucharist followed by morning tea and fellowship. This Eucharist is particularly appreciated by those who are no longer able to be with us on Sunday mornings, and provides an opportunity for worship and also to catch up with friends old and new.

The Eucharist begins at 10.30 am, and we remain seated throughout, and receive Holy Communion and prayer and anointing for healing in our pews.

Transport can be arranged to bring you to this service. Please contact the Parish Office on 4934 5303 for transport assistance.



Opportunities to Be Involved

Resourcing Team

Each year at our Annual General Meeting (usually in February) electors in the Parish elect Parish Councillors to serve on the Resourcing Team. The Resourcing Team is made up of members of the Parish who have particular skills in finance, management, governance, work, health and safety, administration and building maintenance and management.

If you would like to be considered for election to the Resourcing Team please do not hesitate to speak with one of the Church Wardens (contact details on the back page).

Friends of Saint Peter's Church

Led by Beverly Steggles, the Friends of Saint Peter's Church is a working group of the Resourcing Team with responsibility for seeking out opportunities to share the burden of maintaining and restoring our heritage church. The friends work with people, companies and organisations beyond our members who wish to support our efforts to restore our buildings.

If you would like to be involved please contact Beverly on 0419 107 736.

Community Meal Volunteers

The Community Meal is staffed by volunteers in a range of roles including food preparation, cooking, set up of room, serving the meal, cleaning up, washing up, and general assistance.

There are opportunities to be involved in this ministry every Thursday. Please contact Fr Peter Rothnie (contact details on inside back cover) for more information.

Saint Peter's Gardeners

Our beautiful gardens provide tranquil surroundings for Saint Peter's Church, and are appreciated by the local community. There are opportunities for those who enjoy gardening and lawn mowing to be involved.

Please contact Richard Fellows (gardens) on 4932 0445 or John Osborne (lawns) on 4933 1839.

Welcoming & Hospitality

Our Welcomers provide a friendly and guiding face as we arrive in church for Mass, and co-ordinate some of the duties that ensure that our services run smoothly.

Those involved in hospitality assist with morning tea and other refreshments after Masses.

If you would like to be involved please contact Kim Hodges (contact details on back inside cover).

Practical Assistance for the Parish Priest

Every week the church needs to be set up for special services such as weddings and funerals, and the site needs to be prepared for special events.

If you would be willing to assist our Parish Priest for a few hours each week please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Support for our Families Ministry Programmes

Before and after each Family Ministry Programme event practical arrangements need to be made such as setting up chairs, moving resources, cooking and preparing hospitality and cleaning after some events which can be a little messy.

If you would be willing to help please contact Louise Hay (contact details on inside back cover).

Emergency Relief Volunteers

Saint Peter's Emergency Relief programmes are staffed by a group of volunteers from the Parish, who are supported by staff from the Samaritans Foundation.

There are opportunities to be involved in this ministry on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please contact Deacon Wendy (contact details on inside back cover) for more information.

Man Talk

John Butler co-ordinates a group of men who meet together for Bible study, prayer and reflection on living lives as Christian men. The group normally meets on Tuesday evenings and has a core group of regular members, and other men would be most welcome to join them. Please contact John for further details on 0425 339 280.

Opportunity Shop Volunteers

Our Opportunity Shop is staffed by volunteers who assist customers, take payments, sort clothes and arrange displays.

The Opportunity Shop opens on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Please contact Beverly Steggles on 0419 107 736 if you would like to be involved.

Saint Peter's Flower Arrangers

Our flower arrangers prepare flower displays for each weekend and for special occasions. Please contact Anne Page (contact details on back page) for more information.

Saint Peter's Guild of Servers

We are always looking for new members of the Guild to serve at the weekend Masses. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



The ministries of the Parish are funded entirely by the giving of members of the Church. In addition the Parish financially supports the outreach of the Diocese of Newcastle and a number of mission partners through the monies that we receive. To fully support the ministries of the Parish we need to receive an average of \$25 from each adult member every week of the year. We understand that some members of the Church are able to give more and some are able to give less.

Regular Giving to the Parish

We have significant regular costs relating to our staff, buildings and programmes and depend upon the generosity of members of the congregations to fund the core costs of our ministries. We are grateful to all those who regularly give to God by supporting the ministries of this Parish. Boxes of giving envelopes (one envelope for each week of the year) is available at the back of church, please take a box if you would like one.

The Resourcing Team asks all those who regularly give to the life of the Parish to consider doing so electronically. Giving regularly by bank transfer is simple to set up and saves having to remember your giving envelopes each week. It also reduces security risks on the church site.

There are two ways to set this up: if you have access to the internet and already use electronic banking for other payments you can set this up from within your bank's website. If not, you can visit your local bank branch and ask the staff to arrange it for you.

The Parish's bank details are:
Saint Peter's Working Account
Account Number: 00040464, BSB: 035 805
Reference: St Peter's Giving

An envelope of cards is available at the back of church. The cards can be placed in the offertory plates as a symbol of the gift that you have made electronically. It is important for you to know that your giving will remain confidential and will not appear on any financial papers that are distributed to the Resourcing Team or any other group.

Please contact our Treasurer, Yvonne Hinde (contact details on the back page) if you would like to discuss this confidentially. Yvonne is available to help you.

Remembering the Parish in Your Will

After you have remembered your family and friends, would you be willing to leave a gift in your Will to support God's work at Saint Peter's?

Once you have made provision for your loved ones, you have the opportunity to make a lasting gift to God by leaving a bequest to support the work of Saint Peter's Church.

A gift in your Will is one of the most valuable and lasting ways that you can continue to support the mission and ministry of the Anglican Parish of East Maitland.

No matter how large or small, every gift is an expression of your gratitude and thanksgiving to God, and can make a significant impact on our mission and ministry.

Bequests received from parishioners will be added to the Saint Peter's Endowment Trust. The money that you give will be continually held in the Trust, producing interest from the Trust to support the Parish.

We would be very grateful if you would consider making provision in your Will to the glory of God and for the ministry of this Parish. Please use the following wording:

I bequeath to the Trustees of Church Property for the Diocese of Newcastle in the state of New South Wales the sum of XX dollars to be applied for the benefit of the Anglican Parish of East Maitland to the Saint Peter's Endowment Trust in such manner as the said Trustees may approve.

Please contact the Parish Priest if you would like to discuss this confidentially.



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Kim is a teacher in a local school and is exploring a vocation to ordained ministry. Kim assists with many of our family ministry activities, and co-ordinates our welcoming and incorporation programmes and is developing a new ministry amongst young adults.

Kim lives in Rutherford.



Elizabeth Brown

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Elizabeth has worshipped in our Parish for her whole life. Elizabeth leads the Esther Community and is an SRE Teacher in local schools.

Elizabeth and her husband Aaron (a radio presenter) live in Lorn.



Louise Hay

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Louise is the Parish Children and Families Worker, co-ordinating the Music Time program on a Wednesday and Playgroup on a Friday. Louise also co-ordinates children's activities at Petrus Community Church

Louise and her husband Rodney live in Chisholm with their young family.



Maryka Gibson
Parish Office Administrator

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Maryka is the first point of contact if you need to know more about the activities of the Parish and can be contacted through the Parish Office.

Maryka is normally available in the Parish Office on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday



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Evanne is Director of Music and co-ordinates a team of Musicians who play at weekend services, Weddings and Funerals. Evanne also leads the Parish Choir.



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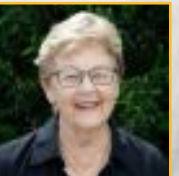
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