

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



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 leave a message. Contact details and information about our regular activities can be found in our *Welcome Guide* available at the back of church, on the parish website, or through the Parish Office.

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 provide a mobile phone number for a member of staff who can assist you, or you can leave a message.

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.



APIS TE YOUTH GROUP

Meets on 2nd & 4th Friday of each month from 6.30pm at venues around Lower Hunter. Primarily a fellowship group for young people from Anglican parishes in the Diocese of Newcastle

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Saint Peter's Columbarium

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 as the final resting place for their cremated remains, where family members and descendants can visit.

For further details about purchasing a columbarium niche please speak to Maryka in the Parish Office.



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.



Scott's Spot

As we begin this journey through Lent together it's good for us to think for a little while about the history and significance on this season. I recently read an article by D.D Emmons on the website, *Simply Catholic*, which I found quite helpful. I have condensed and adapted the article and I hope that you too may find it helpful.

Ash Wednesday

One of the most meaningful and solemn days of our Church calendar is the gathering of the faithful on Ash Wednesday. On this day we begin our journey through the season of Lent. It is the start of 40 days (not including Sundays) as we prepare ourselves to celebrate resurrection on Easter Day. So why a Wednesday, and why ashes?



Lent seems to have been universally established after the early Church sorted out the date of Easter. This was clarified at the Council of Nicaea in 325 where it was agreed that Easter should be celebrated on the Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox. The spring equinox generally falls on March 21, so the date of Easter in the Western Church can occur anytime between 22 March and 25 April.

The fact that Lent evolved into a period of 40 days is not surprising as there are number of biblical events that also involved 40 days. Moses was on Mount Sinai receiving instructions from God for that number of days; Noah and his entourage were on the Ark waiting for the rains to end for 40 days and 40 nights; Elijah walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb". Mostly, though, the 40 days of Lent identifies with the time our Lord Jesus spent in the desert fasting, praying and being tempted at the beginning of his formal ministry.

There is evidence to suggest that initially people fasted all 40 days of Lent. They ate one meal a day and only an amount of food that would sustain survival. But fasting is not just about what we eat, it is about changing hearts, interior conversion, reconciliation with God and others. It's about living in an austere way, giving from our abundance to the poor. St. John Chrysostom once wrote, "Do you fast? Give me proof of it by your works!... If you see a poor man, take pity on him! If you see an enemy, be reconciled to him! If you see a friend gaining honour, envy him not!"

Ashes

In the Old Testament ashes are understood to be an outward sign of grief and a mark of humility. We remember well the story of when Job repented before God: "Therefore, I disown what I have said, and repent in dust and ashes" and when Daniel "turned to the Lord God, to seek help, in prayer and petition, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes", and again when Jonah preached conversion and repentance to the people of Nineveh: "When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, laid aside his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in the ashes".

Ashes were imposed on the early catechumens when they began their preparation time for baptism. People of that era were also marked with ashes as part of the public penitential process. Other baptized Christians began asking to receive ashes in a manner similar to catechumens and penitents.

So when we go to church on Ash Wednesday and receive the ashes on our forehead, we are joining in a sombre and pious act that Christians have been observing for over 1,500 years. Like all those before us, we unhesitatingly embrace this invitation to holiness, this time to turn back to God. We are part of that great cloud of witnesses who through all the ages have donned the ashes, publicly acknowledging that we are Christians and that "we are but dust and to dust we shall return."

I pray that you may have a holy Lent.

Your Priest and brother in Christ.

Scott

Parish Diary

Special Events in March

Please join us and invite your friends!

Saturday 14th March

Op Shop Market Day, 8am - 12 noon

Sunday 29th March

Combined Sunday Service at 8.30am

Special Events in April

Please join us and invite your friends!

Friday 3rd April - Monster Trivia Night

Sunday 5th April - Palm Sunday

Friday 10th April - Good Friday

Saturday 11th April - Holy Saturday

Sunday 12th April - Easter Day

Registers

Holy Baptism

There will be no baptisms during the season of Lent.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of all those who have died recently, including **Wayne Lawrence and Myee Sivyer**. May they rest in peace.

In Memoriam

Throughout the year we pray for the souls of loved ones on the anniversary of their death. Each year families remember loved ones who have died by dedicating memorial flowers in the church on the weekend in which they are included in our prayers. There will be no flowers in church during Lent.

If you would like to organise memorial flowers for a loved one, please contact Flower Co-ordinator, Liz Brown. on 0422 101448 or Maryka in the Parish Office on 4934 5303.



- 2nd Mar 10am: Cursillo Group**
(and then 1st Monday each month)
- 2nd 2pm: Enlightenment Group Bible Study**
(and every Monday during Lent)
- 2nd 7pm: Esther Community**
(and every Monday)
- 3rd 10am: Craft Time**
(and then on 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month)
- 3rd 7.30pm: Man Talk**
(and then 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month)
- 4th 10am: Enquiring Minds**
(and every Wednesday in school term time)
- 4th 10am: Music Time**
(and every Wednesday in school term time)
- 4th 6pm Lenten Study & Compline**
(every Wednesday in Lent)
- 5th 4.30pm: Talitha Community**
(and every Thursday in school term time)
- 5th 4.30 for 5pm: Community Meal**
(and every Thursday)
- 6th 10am: Playgroup**
(and every Friday in school term time)
- 6th 10.30am: First Friday Eucharist**
(and 1st Friday of each month)
- 6th 12noon: Stations of the Cross & Lenten Study Discussion** *(every Friday in Lent)*
- 8th 5pm: Petrus Community Church**
(and 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month)
- 10th 4pm: Pastoral Care Meeting**
(and 2nd Tuesday of each month)
- 13th 6.30pm - 8.30pm: Apis Te Youth Group**
Venue: St Christopher's, Telarah
- 14th 8am - 12 noon: Op Shop Market Day**
- 16th 10am: Mothers' Union Fellowship**
Meeting Room (and 3rd Monday of each month)
- 25th 6pm Men's Fellowship Dinner**
(and 4th Wednesday of each month)
- 27th 6.30pm: Apis Te Youth Group**
Venue: Putt Putt at Broadmeadow
- 29th 8.30am: Combined Service**
(in lieu of 7.30am and 9.30am services)
- 3rd Apr 7pm: Monster Trivia Night**
Venue: Parish Hall

Parish Governance

As foreshadowed in previous issues of Cross and Keys, and approved by the Parish Council, a number of updates to the Church are about to eventuate, designed to enhance the Church, increase security and create additional meeting space. These include:

- The rear pews on the Left Hand side of the church are to be removed. This will create an additional space that can accommodate Baptism families, or allow for church groups to meet inside the church. This is all taking place under the supervision of our Heritage Consultant, Linda Babic, in line with Office of Heritage requirements.
- CCTV is to be installed in the church - this will increase security while still allowing access to the church for those wishing to spend time to worship or pray, or just visiting to admire our beautiful church.
- An entire new Sound System is to be installed to replace the previous sound system that was over 30 years old and has been creating significant problems in recent time.



Church Wardens - Anne Page, Geoff Seccombe and Kevin Short

Shawn Hui

Many of you will remember Shawn, and perhaps be interested to know what he is doing now that he is no longer playing for our services.

Shawn was a piano student of mine from an early age and I could tell he was extremely musical, with good finger technique and loved learning new pieces. Having excelled in all his music exams through the years I asked him if he'd be interested in learning the pipe organ as well. He knew nothing of this instrument but took to it quickly, so I gave him free organ tuition for 2 years and he gained a HDOMS scholarship for a term tuition with Peter Guy.

Shawn played piano for Saturday evening services and the organ less regularly on Sundays. He gave organ recitals for the Hunter Organ Music Society and gave two recitals for us at St Peter's. The first was on piano, the second, piano and organ, both very well attended.

Shawn achieved his ATCL for piano while in Year 10 and received a Distinction for his piano LTCL while in Year 11. After finishing his HSC he gained entrance to The Elder Conservatorium in Adelaide. He is studying for his music degree and preparing to become a Concert Pianist, learning from Anna Goldsworthy. This year he is preparing to play in London.

He called to see me mid-February and from memory played 1st movement of the 'Waldstein' Sonata by Beethoven, which is a massive work. I was so proud of Shawn's achievements and thought I'd share them with you.

Evanne Sherringham
Director of Music



Community Ministries

Apis Te Youth Group

The Apis Te Youth Group is a Christian youth group, primarily for fellowship amongst youth (aged Year 6 – Year 11) from a number of Anglican parishes in the Newcastle Diocese, currently Beresfield-Thornton, Cessnock, East Maitland, Telarah-Rutherford, and Mount Vincent, Kurri Kurri and Weston.

The Apis Te Youth Group meets on the second and fourth Friday of each month, at alternating venues, from 6.30pm - 8.30pm. The program regularly includes mention of God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, and other Christian concepts; use of the Bible; and worship activities – including the Eucharist (Holy Communion).

The group also participates in other activities that might include attending the drive-in movies, participating in laser skirmish, trampolining and similar activities at commercial venues, putt putt golf, ice skating, go-karts, walking, and swimming. All activities are announced beforehand and youth or their parents/carers are free to decide not to participate on any occasion.

Transport is normally the responsibility of the parents or the youth group member directly. Parents are encouraged to car pool when possible but are responsible themselves for any issues that may arise. A separate permission note will be used if, at any time, the programs organise an event which includes some other form of transport.

The expectation is that Apis Te Youth Group meetings will include dinner. If dinner is not included, the program will indicate this. Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate food preferences and allergies.

The program for the next few meetings in 2020 is as follows:

13 th March	Theme: Patrick	St Christopher's, Rutherford
27 th March	Putt Putt at Broadmeadow with BBQ	
3 rd April	Theme: Palm Sunday	St Paul's, Beresfield
24 th April	Board Games	St Peter's, East Maitland
8 th May	Theme: Julian of Norwich	St Paul's, Kurri Kurri
22 nd May	Ninja Parc, Cooks Hill	
12 th June	Theme: Columba	St John's, Cessnock
26 th June	Cathedral Tower Climb	

We hope that young people from Saint Peter's Parish will join the Apis Te Youth group and look forward to welcoming our visitors from neighbouring parishes when the nominated venue is Saint Peter's. For more information about the Youth Group please speak to Scott or Kim.



Parish Office

Saint Peter's Parish Office is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, from 9am - 4pm. Our Parish Office Administrator, Maryka Gibson is available to assist with all administration matters related to Saint Peter's. Phone enquiries can be made to 4934 5303, where a message can be left if the phone is unattended or busy.

Pancakes for Shrove Tuesday

To mark the beginning of Lent, our Esther community hosted a wonderful Pancake night with all those who attended enjoying a fun night together. Over the course of the evening, we had about 25 people attend, including some new faces.

We are so thankful to the wonderful efforts of our Esther ladies, who prepared, cooked, cleaned up and ran the evening, and thankful to everyone who came, making it such a fun time of fellowship together.



Preparing for Ash Wednesday

The Palm Crosses from Palm Sunday last year were burned in readiness ready for Ash Wednesday, at a brief ceremony prior to the Pancake Evening on 25th February. Ash Wednesday is a Christian holy day of prayer and fasting. ... Ash Wednesday derives its name from the placing of repentance ashes on the foreheads of participants to either the words "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or the dictum "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."



Changes in the Eucharist in Lent

During Lent the liturgy at the weekend Eucharists seeks to draw us into a spirit of reflection and repentance. The penitential section of the service is moved from the beginning of worship to be after the sermon to give it greater focus. We join in singing the Trisagion, 'Holy God, Holy and Strong, Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us'.

We do not use the usual expressions of joy in worship in order to prepare ourselves for the greater joy that is to come in the Easter season. So the Gloria and use of 'Alleluia' are omitted.

We are also invited to sit and reflect in silence at the beginning of each service and following the distribution of Holy Communion.

The seasonal colour in the church is purple, to signify repentance. The Church is kept plain with the removal of flowers and some of the ornaments in the sanctuary adding to the solemn atmosphere.

Continuing our Lenten Journey

*During March we continue our Lenten journey towards Holy Week and Easter.
Please join us for one of our Lenten programmes:*

Some Suggestions for our Lenten Journey

Mondays

Join Wendy Brack in the Meeting Room at 2 pm every Monday during Lent for the Enlightenment Group meeting.

Join Elizabeth Brown, Kimbalee Hodges and the Esther Community in the Parish Hall at 7 pm.

Tuesdays

Join John Butler and the Man Talk group at 7.30 pm (1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month).

Wednesdays

Come to the Eucharist in the church at 8am.

Join Russ Cooper and others at 10am at the Cooper home for the Enquiring Minds group.

Join Kim Hodges at 6pm in the church for Lenten Study Discussion and Compline.

Thursdays

Volunteer at the Op Shop for half a day.

Volunteer at the Community Meal from 4 pm till 6 pm.

Fridays

Volunteer at the Op Shop for half a day.

Join Scott in church for Lenten Discussion Group and Stations of the Cross at 12noon.

Saturdays

Volunteer at the Op Shop for half a day.

Lent Opportunities

Give: Remember those in need by making a special donation of food each week to Saint Peter's Emergency Relief through the baskets at the back of church;

Pray: Participate in one of our mid-week worship opportunities such as Stations of the Cross or Compline, or the mid-week Eucharist; and choose a regular time each day to pray at home using either your usual form of prayer or the service included in last month's *Cross and Keys*;

Act: Commit to do an act kindness each day in Lent – 40 acts of kindness, goodness and generosity build a transforming effect in the world.

Prepare: Pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 12 noon when we reflect on Jesus' final journey to the Cross;

Read: Read your way through the Diocesan Lenten Study at home that will nourish your spirit and enable you to learn more about faith.

Transform: Join any of the groups reflecting on the "Lent Study" booklet – all are open to and would welcome new people; or join with a few friends and form a group of your own.



The smell of heaven: The use of incense in divine worship and why we should use it more.

By The Reverend Canon Andrew Eaton

“Another angel with a golden censer came and stood at the altar; he was given a great quantity of incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar that is before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel.” (Revelation 8:3-4)



If the book of revelation is anything to go by, the sweet aroma of incense is the smell of heaven. Burning incense in worship, whether in evening prayer or the Holy Eucharist, has been part of the tradition of the church for 1600 years. Since the reformation its use has been challenged (although not in the East where incense is an essential part of divine worship), with arguments that it was frivolous or unnecessary. But I have become more convinced that it is not only good, but important. Because stuff does matter. How we order our worship matters. Being Christian is not an idea but a way of life, whose culmination is in the Holy Eucharist. The scriptures attest that God uses “stuff” to communicate to the people of Israel - fire, wind, cloud. And God continues to use the materiality of the world to communicate with us, the new Israel of God. For instance, baptism must use water. The bread at communion must be bread, not a pizza slice.

In worship we light candles to symbolise God’s presence among us - that Jesus the light of the world is filling up our worship space. We sing to praise God and hopefully uplift our Spirits and affirm our faith while we are at it. We kneel or bow reverentially to humble ourselves before our maker and redeemer. And we light incense to prepare for the coming of the Lord.

A short history of incense

In the ancient world, burning incense was the air freshener of its day. Using the resin from the Frankincense tree, the smell would cover the smells of a house in a world without refrigeration or deodorant. But Frankincense was expensive. So over time it would only be used when special guests were coming to your house.

Royalty and aristocracy would have incense burned before them at public events. If you wanted to honour your friend you burned incense upon their arrival.

The Israelites burned incense before the Lord. In Exodus 30: 7-8 we read:

“Aaron shall burn fragrant incense every morning when he dresses the lamps he shall burn it, and when Aaron sets up the lamps in the evening, he shall burn it, a perpetual incense before the Lord throughout your generations.”

And in Malachi 1:11 we hear from the prophet:

“For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name is great among the nations, and in every place incense is offered to my name, and a pure offering; for my name is great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts.”

The where of incense

In Anglican worship, it is helpful to note the places at which incense is offered. At the High Mass, upon entering the sanctuary at the beginning of the Mass, and after kissing the altar, the priest "censes" the altar to prepare it for the coming of God on that altar. Then the priest himself is "censed" by the deacon or thurifer because the priest is to become an instrument through which God acts in the service.

"The bread and wine are "censed" at the offertory, because God is going to visit them and make them God's habitation. Then the congregation is "censed" for they are going to receive their communion--God is going to visit them". The people of God are further censed in their own right "as the Mystical Body of Christ through which (with the priest) God acts to consecrate the Holy Sacrifice. At the moment of Consecration the bread and wine (becoming the Body and Blood of Christ) are again "censed" by the thurifer, because God becomes present there".

Our tradition reminds us that God is really acting through His priests and the people of God. God is really present on our altars under the forms of bread and wine; God is really speaking to us through the reading of the Gospel, and finally God is really and actually present in the Christian who receives the Sacraments or hears His Word.



Incense is not used merely because it looks pretty, or because it smells sweet, or because we like "high church", or that it adds an atmosphere of mystery to our service (which in a world of blandness where everything is explained and dismissed, mystery is not only good but desirable). Rather, I think it is because it assures us that the early Christians believed as we believe, that "when we gather together in God's Name, God is in our midst, that we do not merely remember a dead Jew but have Communion with a living Christ, that we do not merely long for a heaven that is "up yonder", or "in the sweet by and by", but adore an Eternal Lord who is "right here and now."

Let my prayer be counted as incense before you,
and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.
(Psalm 141)

Fr Andrew is the Rector of Wallsend, Chaplain to the University of Newcastle and a Canon of Christ Church Cathedral.

A note from our Parish Priest Scott about the use of Incense at St Peter's

Incense at St Peter's would no doubt have been used in different measure over the years. It is likely that at different times in history its use has been regular - sometimes at Sunday service, sometimes only on high holy days and feast days. Throughout my ministry I have tended towards the latter.

It is my intention to continue using incense on high holy days and feast days. This year Fr Andrew introduced me to hypo-allergenic incense from a company called the Boswellia project (boswelliaproject.org). It is pure Ethiopian incense, without any additives or chemicals. We used it at Christmas services last year and received only positive feedback and compliments on its aroma and non-toxic nature. It has a certain lightness to it, and its fragrance is soft and floral.

For this year, on High Holy Days (Easter, the Feast of St Peter, All Saints, Christ the King, and Christmas), a thurible will likely be used at the entry procession, Gospel, Offertory and elevation of the elements. On other Sundays if no thurifer is available, we might trial using a small quantity of incense in a bowl on the altar at the beginning of the service.

I'm happy to talk with you more about this.
Scott.

Op Shop Update

Our little Op Shop at St Peters is moving into the world of technology on our newly created Facebook Page. If you are able to give us a Like and follow us on Facebook you will be able to see what wonderful "Specials" we have on Bric-A-Brac or Men's, Ladies or Children's Clothing each week.



SAINT PETER'S OP SHOP MARKET DAY

Saturday 14th March 2020
8 am - 12 noon

Bargains Galore - all good quality items at vastly reduced prices - Clothing, DVDs, Jewellery, Toys, Bric-a-Brac

Sausage Sizzle, Coffee Van, Ice Cream Stall, Home Made Cooking Stall, Craft Stall

Rear of St Peter's Parish Hall at 52 Banks Street, East Maitland



Even if you don't have Facebook, come in anyway - have a browse, see our Specials and enjoy a wander. We are sure you will be

able to find yourself a bargain in the vast assortment of Bric-A-Brac, good quality Clothing or maybe a book from our Book Room, or something from our Manchester Room! If you have children or grandchildren we have some lovely toys and children's books in our Toy Room. Something for everyone!

Donations of items for sale are gratefully accepted. Come and shop in lovely Air-Conditioned comfort and be greeted by our wonderful team of volunteers.

Opening hours are Thursday and Friday 9am-4pm, and Saturday 9am - 1pm.



If you are interested in joining our wonderful team of volunteers to work in St Peters Op Shop please contact Jane on 0421 550615.

Men's Fellowship Dinner

Men's Fellowship Dinners are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Speaker at the February dinner was Rev'd Canon Andrew Eaton, Rector of Wallsend, Chaplain of University of Newcastle, Chair of Faith and Order Commission, who spoke about his various roles and his life's journey.



Our next Men's Fellowship Dinner is scheduled for 25th March.

For further details about Men's Fellowship Dinners, please contact Father Peter Rothnie or the Parish Office.

If you are a user of Facebook please like and share our Facebook Pages:

- East Maitland Anglican
- Petrus Community
- St Peter's Playgroup East Maitland
- Op Shop St Peter's East Maitland



We are finding that Facebook is a very useful way to keep people informed about activities at Saint Peter's and has had a good response from young families interested in coming along to join Music Time and Playgroup.

Families and Children's Ministry

- an update from Louise Hay



Music time

Our children's programs at St Peter's have started back after the Christmas/New Year break. We have had a lot of new faces at Music Time who really enjoy our music program, some even return on Friday mornings for Playgroup.

Playgroup

We are planning some activities for Playgroup this term. There will be a teddy bears picnic with a visit to the op shop so the children can pick out a teddy bear of their own and we will be having a costume day. Dates for these will be on our Facebook page very soon.

Petrus Community Church

Our Petrus Community church meets on the second and fourth Sunday of each month at 5pm in the Parish Hall. This is a different style of worship, with a more relaxed style of teaching for children and for adults. Following the service we enjoy fellowship and a meal together.

Volunteers

I have received a lot of positive feed back from Music Time and Playgroup so the future looks good. If you have any spare time and would like to help out at either Music Time or Playgroup please let me or Maryka know. Volunteers from the church are a real asset to these programs and it shows the people visiting us how involved and interested the parish is, which reflects a great image for St Peter's.

Working with Children Checks & Safe Ministry Training

Throughout the Parish we have many people who volunteer to assist with a variety of roles. In order to comply with both legal and Diocesan requirements in regard to volunteers, many of our volunteers have been asked to provide Working with Children Checks and to attend Safe Ministry Training. For many of the volunteer roles this is an essential and necessary requirement.

Working with Children Checks

To get a Working with Children check requires you to apply online by going to the website at www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check and completing the online form. At this point you are provided with an Application Number - this then needs to be taken to the local Service NSW office together with proof of identity, For volunteers this check is free. You will then be provided with a Working With Children Check number - please advise this number and your date of birth to Maryka in the Parish Office so that she can complete the process.

Safe Ministry Training

Safe Ministry Training workshops are scheduled at various times during the year, however the training can be undertaken via online training via the following weblink:

www.openlearning.com/courses/safe-ministry-online-induction. The cost is \$30 per person payable directly to Openlearning.com. When you have completed the training please bring a copy of your certificate to Maryka in the Parish Office and a copy of your receipt for reimbursement.

Visit our Website: www.eastmaitlandanglican.org

Latest News and Events + Information about the Life of our Parish

Mission Partnerships Nungalinya College

There is a desperate need for Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) training, as access to quality education in remote Indigenous settings remains a significant challenge. A recent Charles Darwin University research report concluded that over 50% of remote, Indigenous NT adults would not have the LLN skills needed to successfully complete a VET sector Certificate I course. Thus, when over 500 remote Indigenous students apply to study at the Nungalinya College each year, almost all of them begin their journey with an LLN course. However, even more importantly, the nature of these courses means there is flexibility to teach literacy and numeracy through the Scriptures, so students can grow in their faith and Biblical knowledge whilst improving their foundational skills.



Students in the Certificate II English as an Additional Language course. © Nungalinya

In 2020, Nungalinya has further strengthened this pathway with three courses on offer: a preliminary course in English as an Additional Language (EAL), Certificate I in General Education and Certificate II in EAL. Each of these courses can now be studied over a three year cycle, extending the time students can build their skills and biblical foundations before entering the Certificate III in Ministry and Theology. In 2020, the focus of the courses is the New Testament with themes of Peter and the early church, the missionary Paul, and Christians as 'peacemakers' respectively.

Many of the students who come to Nungalinya are already church leaders, and across a year, people attend from over 100 different communities! In 2019, it was wonderful to see pastors from the Kimberley region in Western Australia make their way to the College for the first time and for a new cohort of Diploma of Translating students to begin their journey.



Prayers and Readings at your Fingertips

The daily readings and prayers that we use at Saint Peter's are taken from the Australian Lectionary. Saint Peter's Church has a subscription to ePray that is an online, easy to use resource for worship planning, based on the Australian Lectionary.

For those of you who have an iPhone or a smartphone, ePray is available as an app - just download the app and put in St Peter's code, 5911,



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