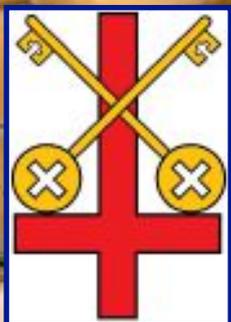


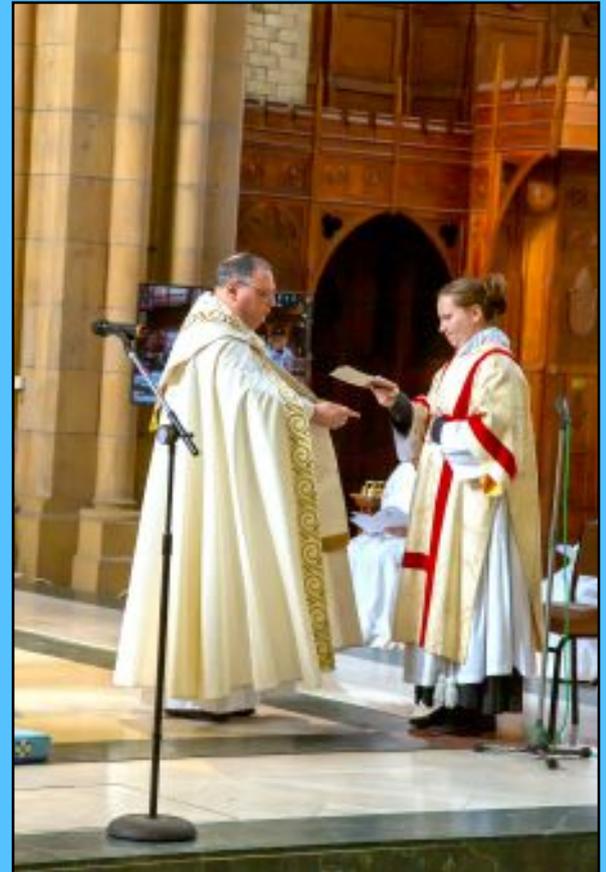
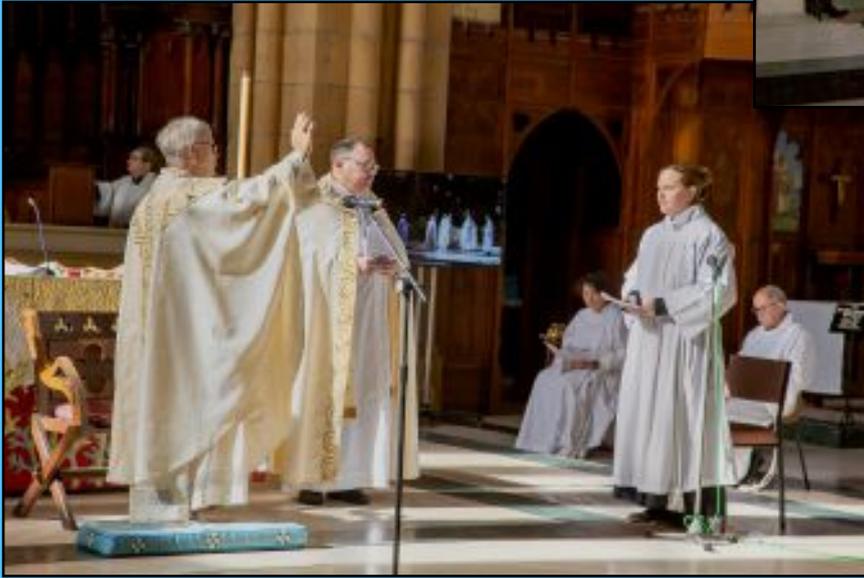
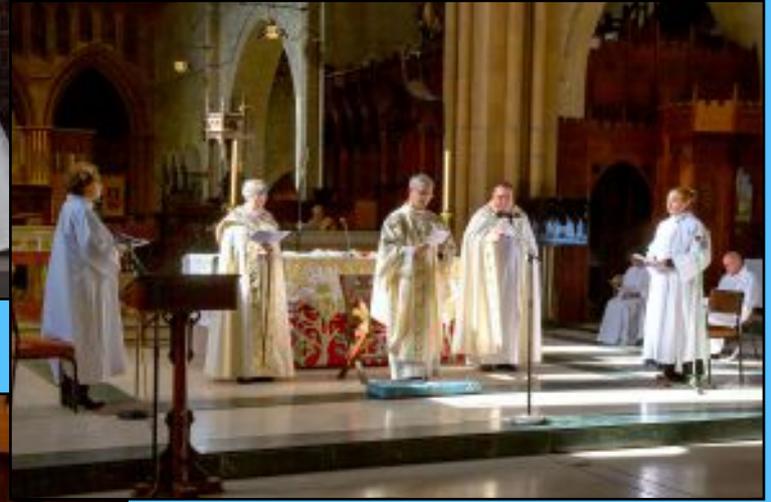
Cross & Keys

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Saint Peter's East Maitland



Ordination of Kimbalee Hodges and Sarah Dulley as Deacons

Parish Ministry Assistant Kimbalee Hodges and Parish Rector Scott Dulley's wife, Sarah Dulley, were both ordained as Deacons on Saturday 18th July at Newcastle's Christ Church Cathedral. Despite limited numbers due to Covid-19 restrictions there were a good number of parishioners from St Peter's Church in attendance to offer their support.

The Anglican Parish of East Maitland

Saint Peter's Church

49 William Street East Maitland

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



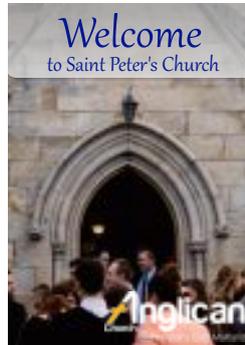
Parish Office & Parish Information The Parish Office is normally open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 am to 4 pm and is the first point of contact for all parish enquiries and bookings. If the office is unattended please leave a message. Contact details and information about our regular 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 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.

A background image for the Op Shop advertisement showing a clothing rack filled with various items of clothing.

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Bargains Galore! Clothing, Household items, Books, Bric-a-brac - something for everyone.

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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 you will have noticed our Cross and Keys Newsletter went into hibernation this winter. We are delighted to have woken it up and it is back as bright and vibrant as ever.

Since we last went to print we have been continuing to live in these strange COVID-19 times. We have been able to join together for public worship at St Peter's which has been a great comfort for many. I have been impressed by the willingness of people to embrace and work with the restrictions that are in place. I think we have things running well and we are all becoming accustomed to the procedures. It is a source of sadness for me that we are not able to spend much time in conversation after worship. There have been snippets of conversations and I have been pleased to hear your news as much as time allows.



As we go to print we are experiencing the beginnings of some further restrictions with border closures, masks being worn more widely, an increase in the number of cases near us, and an increasing list of hot-spots to be avoided. This Sunday our Gospel reading takes us to Matthew's account of Jesus walking on the water of the lake.

The fear and anxiety experienced by the disciples as Jesus came towards them can in many ways be similar to some of our own concern and anxiety as we continue to live in the shadow of COVID-19. And again the sinking feeling experienced by Peter as he steps out of the boat to walk towards Jesus may be a familiar feeling for us as well as we wonder what the immediate and long-term future will hold for us and our community.

Jesus' response to Peter and the other disciples is a call to have faith in him and be calm when faced with their own fear and a sense of impending doom. We can surely hear that same call to faith and calm in our own lives today as we live in these COVID-19 times. As Jesus reached out to Peter on that lake, he surely reaches out to us today to encourage us to have faith, and know a sense of peace and calm in our own lives. Our prayer may be at this time that we do indeed have the faith to hold on to Jesus and all that he promises to us and for us. This faith and calm which is a call to us today also leads us into action. The positive result of our own faith in Jesus and a sense of calm that can come from that is that we can then be peace and calm for those around us. We can indeed be the bearers of hope that might bring out a faith response in others.

Can I encourage you to continue to stay connected with God even in these times of uncertainty. Whether that is through your own private prayers and devotions, or through your participation in worship either in person or through our live-streamed services.

I hope you enjoy this edition of Cross and Keys. There are some great photographs of Kim and Sarah from the recent ordination service at the Cathedral.

Please be assured of my ongoing prayers for you all.
Scott

Parish Diary

The majority of Parish activities are on hold at the present time due to the Covid-19 situation. We continue to be guided by Government guidelines and advice from the Diocese.

Registers

Holy Baptism

Due to the Covid-19 situation no Baptisms were held from the end of March. We are however recommencing Baptisms at the new time of 1pm and 2.30pm with only one Baptism at each service.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of all those who have died recently, including **Kevin Elliott, Thelma Baker, Fay Moore., Brian Hodges, Kenneth (Terry) Finch, Melinda Duggan, and Shirley Sansom** 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.

Ordination of Deacons

The Ordination of Kimbalee Hodges and Sarah Dulley was held at Christ Church Cathedral, Newcastle on Saturday 18th July. Diocesan Bishop, Dr Peter Stuart, introduced the ordination as a "strange and wonderful event". "Strange" because we are carefully practising social distancing with no singing, no dancing, and no mingling. "Wonderful" because we are celebrating what God is doing in Kimbalee and Sarah's lives and in the life of the Church".

Bishop Charlie led the congregation in the acknowledgment of country, acknowledging the traditional custodians of the land.

Bishop Sonia, who had led the ordination quiet days, was the preacher, noting that Deacons are ordained ministers who remind us of our call to live lives of service to God and others.

The Reverend Kimbalee Hodges will serve as a Deacon in Local Ministry in the Parish of East Maitland. The Reverend Sarah Dulley will serve as Honorary Deacon in the Parish of Telarah and Rutherford.

Parish Governance

Covid-19 has had an impact on most aspects of Parish Life, however we have still managed to get a few jobs completed

- The rear pews on the Left Hand side of the church have now been removed, creating an open area that will be utilised for church meetings, Baptisms, etc.
- An entire new Sound System has been installed in the church - we are just waiting for the final components that are coming from Italy and are currently held up in Customs.



Church Wardens - Anne Page, Geoff Seccombe and Kevin Short

Community Ministries

OzHarvest Food Parcels

Throughout the Covid-19 crisis St Peter's Church has continued to receive deliveries from OzHarvest. The weekly delivery comes from local supermarkets including Aldi and Woolworths with a wide variety of food that is either nearing its "Best Before" date or is surplus to stock requirements. Each week is different, but is all very useable and welcome.



The team at St Peter's works feverishly to sort out the food donations and then parcel them up for distribution to those in need in our local area. This includes food parcels going to local churches who also assist in getting the food to those in need in their community.

We are enormously grateful to OzHarvest for the wonderful work that they do in ensuring that food is not wasted and in distributing it to local organisations that can make the very best use of it. In "normal" times the food is used to provide meals at our Community Meal, however with the cancellation of this program at the current time, we are happy to help in getting food to those most in need in our community.



Sketches by Fr Rod Galagher

Parishioner Alan Moir was recently instrumental in documenting a selection of sketches done by Reverend Rodney Galagher into an 80 page hard cover book that is a wonderful visual representation of the Hunter region and beyond. The sketches are reproduced in a book that is now available for sale for \$30.



To purchase your copy please phone Alan Moir on 0427 388 105 to organise payment and pick up of the book.



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.

Op Shop

Update from Jane Hall, Co-ordinator

Hello! We are Covid Ready and back into it at our wonderful St Peters Op Shop!. This would not have been possible without the massive behind the scenes work by Father Scott, Maryka and all the Op Shop Team.

On Monday 22nd June, 2020 we had our Op Shop Volunteers Open day which included our Covid Induction Training led by Father Scott. It was followed by a chance for all our Op Shop Volunteers to have a "Browse and Shop" and catch up with their Op Shop friends. This enabled us to test out the implementation of all our Covid Regulations within our Op Shop.

On Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd of July, 2020 our doors were flung open to the public who were excitedly waiting at our front doors for the stroke of 10am. All our Volunteers working on these days were greeted with many happy smiles from our customers who were very pleased that we had been able to finally re-open.

Our new Op Shop Covid opening hours are Thursday and Friday 10am – 3pm. We are hoping to expand these hours to include our Saturday mornings sometime soon. We have been absolutely overwhelmed by the enormous number of donations we have received in just the first couple of weeks of re-opening. Our huge weekly specials, great bargains and wonderful service from our beautiful volunteers are ever present as we work towards returning things to some sort of normality!



Rector of St Peter's, Rev'd Scott Dulley, together with Op Shop Co-ordinator, Jane Hall, cutting the ceremonial ribbon to officially re-



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.

Mission Partnerships

The Reverend Gloria Shipp

The Reverend Gloria Shipp was the first Aboriginal woman to be ordained in the Anglican Church of Australia. She maintains an active ministry that goes beyond the walls of the church to embrace the entire community.

In response to requests, last year Gloria began a new Sunday School that meets at the Buninyong Community Centre. The Sunday School began as a monthly occurrence and now meets fortnightly. Many of the children come from the nearby housing estate and are very keen to learn about Jesus.

The Elders Outreach Group meets every Tuesday with a diverse range of activities and excursions. During NAIDOC Week celebrations in 2019 Gloria was named Dubbo's 'Elder of the Year' in acknowledgement of her extensive service to the community.

Gloria continues to visit the Orana Juvenile Justice Centre and conduct weddings, baptisms and funerals, as well as a women of the Bible series, speaking visits and a reconciliation luncheon.

Financial support is used to provide a small stipend to Gloria and one day/week of administrative assistance. It also goes towards hall hire, petrol for the mini bus, dinners, rallies, catering and Christmas gifts for the boys at the Juvenile Justice Centre.



Rev Gloria Shipp with Adam Wiseman and Jamie McLennan at the 2019 Reconciliation Luncheon.
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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,

An advertisement for the ePray Daily Prayer app. It features the ePray logo, a yellow starburst saying 'Free', and the text 'Be nourished & Sustained through Daily Prayer'. Below this, it says 'Make use of this app by the Anglican Church of Australia, a trusted pastoral resource'. There are instructions: 'Download the ePray Daily Prayer app from the App Store or Google Play', 'Log in with the app using your Anglican Church of Australia ID or create a new account', and 'Your Personalized content'. At the bottom, there are four boxes containing the numbers 5, 9, 1, 1, and a smartphone icon.

Visit our Website: www.eastmaitlandanglican.org

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

Enjoy a Chuckle ? We are told that these sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The sermon this morning "Jesus Walks on the Water". The sermon tonight "Searching for Jesus"

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale, It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again" giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Potluck Supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7pm there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

The pastor would appreciate if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Low Self Esteem group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

The eighth graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement on Friday at 7pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

St Peter's History

St Peter's 150th Anniversary Celebrations 1984

Thanks go to Rita Lewis who found a copy of the Maitland Mercury from 2nd July 1984 that included a report on St Peter's Church 150th Anniversary together with a page of photos which are shown on the back inside cover of this edition of Cross and Keys - look out for a few familiar faces!

A special Eucharist was led by the Bishop that attracted former rectors and parishioners, with more than 500 people filling the church., followed by a Centenary Feast in the church grounds, attracting over 200 people. Parish Rector at the time, Fr Greg Holmes, was delighted with attendance at the many events held to celebrate the anniversary, including a Bush Dance, Wine and Cheese Tasting, and a Parish Centenary Dinner.



Update on Covid-19

Church Services

Church Services are held on Saturdays at 6pm. Sundays at 7.30am and 10.30am, and Wednesdays at 8am. Pre-registration is required and attendance is limited to 50 people at each church service. Social Distancing of 1.5m is a requirement of entry.

Children's Activities

Playgroup and Music Time programs were suspended at the start of the Covid-19 crisis and no date has yet been determined for them to recommence.

Parish Hall

The Parish Hall has limited access and activities such as the Community Meal have been discontinued until further notice.

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.

St. Peter's church centenary opens



■ TOP: Pictured at the barbeque at St. Peter's centenary yesterday are Richard Fellows, of Rushford, Dennis Wright of East Maitland, Rectors Warden Ron Miller and Fr. Greg Holmes.

■ LEFT: Kevin and Allison Hearn, of East Maitland are pictured at yesterday's barbeque with children Matthew, seven months and Lorraine, two.

■ BELOW LEFT: Harold and Joyce Armstrong, of East Maitland, enjoyed a meal in the sun at yesterday's feast at St. Peter's.

■ ABOVE: Tanna Hogan of Tenambit is served lunch by hardworking East Maitland congregation members, Rob Wood, David Burton, Hilton Brooker and Ivan Keith at St. Peter's centenary barbeque yesterday.

■ BELOW: Sisters Mrs Vera Osborne of Toronto and Mrs Marie Partridge-Wall of East Maitland met again at St. Peter's centenary barbeque yesterday.



