

Cross & Keys

Spring 2022—Newsletter of
Saint Peter's Church



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Saint Peter's East Maitland

**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

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Scott's Spot

Well, Spring has certainly sprung!! Welcome to the Spring edition of Cross & Keys.

As we go to print the gardens around the St Peter's precinct are absolutely stunning. The recent rains along with the hard work of our committed grounds and garden teams have made for a fine showing. I hope you enjoy some photos from around the Church, but better still come and enjoy the gardens for yourself, they are a delight at the moment!



It has been a really busy time here at St Peter's since the last Cross and Keys went to print. In August the Op Shop Vintage Market Day took place and was a huge success. Those who were there on the day will know what I mean. So many people, so much great community spirit and then there was the quilts in the Church. It was great to have a café environment this year with a little entertainment to boot. A huge thank you to all people from across the Parish who made the day such a great experience. Special thanks to the dedicated team from the Shop for pulling it all together.

In September it was a great joy to welcome Anglican Women from across the Diocese for their Spring Celebration and Eucharist in September. Bishop Peter presided at the Eucharist and from all accounts a lovely day was had by all. We look forward to next year!

In early October our Parish community celebrated the Feast of St Francis of Assisi with a Sung Eucharist followed by our Parish Mission lunch. It was delightful to welcome Fr Rod Bower to preach at the Eucharist and be our after-lunch speaker. In both his sermon and talk at lunch Fr Rod gave us many things to consider and act on in relation to the environment and social justice. A significant part of the day was planting our Grevillia 'Moonlight' as part of the Anglican Communion Forest which is a global initiative supported by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Of great significance in October was the much-awaited installation of the new stained glass windows in the southern clerestory of St Peter's. The two windows are stunning representations of St Francis and St Clare and complete the southern clerestory project which has been underway for a number of years. We are deeply indebted to our glass artist, Jeff Hamilton and his team for their careful and inspirational work. We are also enormously grateful for the generosity of our donors who have made it all possible. The new windows will be dedicated by Bishop Sonia on Sunday 11th December at the 8.30am Parish Eucharist. You would be very welcome to join us then.

Please enjoy this edition of Cross and Keys and know that you are always welcome at St Peter's across any of our services of worship or other parish activities.

With the assurance of my prayers.

Your Priest and brother in Christ.
Scott.

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

- East Maitland Anglican
- Op Shop St Peter's East Maitland



Parish Office hours are as follows;

- **Tuesday 9am – 3pm**
- **Thursday 9am – 3pm**
- **Friday 9am – 3pm**



Outside of these hours messages can be left on the Parish Office phone (4934 5303) and will be responded to as promptly as possible during opening hours.



Anglican Women

THEME: 2022 - 2023

"One day at a time Lord Jesus"

"So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own.

Today's trouble is enough for today" (Matthew 6:34) NRSV

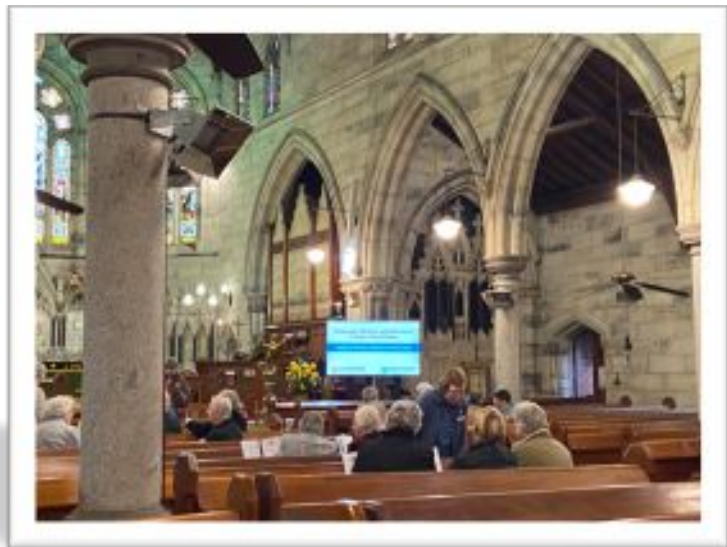
St Peter's hosted the annual Anglican Women's Annual Spring Celebration on Tuesday 6th September.

The ladies enjoyed morning tea followed by a Eucharist at which Bishop Peter presided.

The guest speaker for the day was Mr Robert McLean from ABM discussing literacy and numeracy programs for PNG.

The weather shined down as the women shared lunch, a sing a long and fellowship in the beautiful St Peters grounds.

Thanks to everyone who attended and contributed to a wonderful celebration.



Safe Ministry Training and Volunteer Policy

Last year Bishop Peter Stuart announced major process changes being made by the Diocese to bring improvement to the screening, training, support, and direction we are giving to our volunteers. It is designed to meet the requirements of regulators to ensure that volunteers are well prepared for the various roles they undertake, and to ensure that we are providing safe, effective and quality ministries to the people we are serving. The changes provide a framework for organisations to create cultures, adopt strategies and act to put the interests of children first, to keep them safe from harm. Through the Parish Safety Policy, the Volunteer and Other Church worker Policy and the Safe Ministry Assurance Newcastle Anglican is ensuring you, our volunteers and the people we serve are safe.

The rollout at St Peter's is underway and we thank those of you who have helped us to date.

There has been a recent change to the provider of our online Safe Ministry Training and it is now done via the NSW Government Office of the Children's Guardian. There are 9 online modules to be completed and volunteers will have the opportunity to either complete the course at their own pace from home or for **group sessions to be run in the Parish Hall, facilitated by Fr Scott.**

We have booked two sessions and will engage with our next group of volunteers to participate. There are 12 places for each session. Please bring your own lunch, tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

Tuesday 29th November 12.30pm – 5pm
Saturday 3rd December 10am – 2.30pm

To register email or phone Christine in the Parish Office
office@eastmaitlandanglican.org or 4934 5303

Op Shop Vintage Market Day

St Peter's Op Shop Vintage Market Day was held on Saturday 21st August and what a huge success it was!

It was amazing to see so many people from our local community come and join us for the festivities and bargain hunting – not to mention coffee, a BBQ and delightful music which created a wonderful atmosphere and buzz around the grounds.



Our amazing Craft Ladies created the most beautiful display of gorgeous quilts in the Church which was truly a sight to behold.



The Hall teamed with people coming to browse and buy from our merchandise but also from other stall holders who were selling their wares.



An enormous amount of work went in to the event and all of the Op Shop Team and other parishioners who volunteered to raise more than \$6,000 for the Church deserved a good sleep afterwards and much praise and many thanks from Fr Scott.



St Francis Day

On Sunday 9th October our congregation witnessed and participated in a tree planting ceremony as part of the Anglican Communion Forest, a global initiative which aims to replace lost habitat around the world. Anglican Eco Care, the Diocesan Environment Commission helps parishes and the Diocese as a whole work to safeguard, sustain, and renew the life of the earth. Rita and Richard from our gardening team sourced and planted a '**Grevillia Moonlight**', a native to enhance our gardens and encourage birds to our surrounds.



Mission Lunch

On 9th October following the tree planting we came together for lunch to raise funds for Anglican mission agencies. Fr Rod Bower was an excellent guest speaker.



The congregation enjoyed the afternoon with lunch and each other's fellowship along with raffles and lucky door prizes. It was a wonderful day and a huge success, raising \$1,600 for missions.

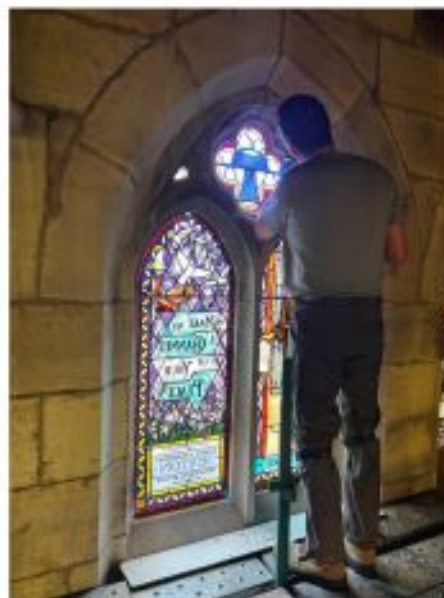


Our Beautiful Windows

Thanks to the many donors who funded this project and to the skill and expertise of Jeff Hamilton and his team of Hamilton Design Glass our windows installation was completed on Friday 21st October 2022.

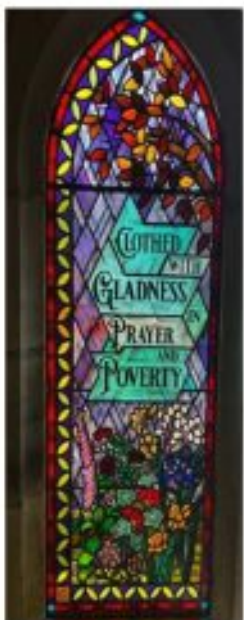
These beautiful windows now complete the Southern Clestory and

are here for all to enjoy for years to come. Bishop Sonia will worship with us on Sunday 11th December and will formally dedicate the windows. All are welcome to join us in celebration.



St Clare

Founded the **Order of Poor Ladies**, a monastic religious order for women in the Franciscan tradition, and wrote their Rule of Life, the first set of monastic guidelines known to have been written by a woman.



St Francis

Known for **his ministry to the poor and underprivileged, his care for nature and animals, and founding the Franciscan order.** Son of an affluent cloth merchant, St. Francis of Assisi lived in wealth and ease until God used a meeting with a leper to change his heart.



Glorious Garden!

Spring has brought the colour and beauty to St Peter's glorious garden and grounds.

A big thanks to our volunteer teams who work tirelessly to maintain them for all to enjoy. Of big excitement is the tall Gymea Lily which has flowered for the first time in many years!





Hall Hire

Our Parish Hall is available to hire for community or family events and functions.

We currently host a number of local groups running weekly Yoga, Meditation and Belly Dancing classes.

We are now also hosting U3A Tai Chi classes Thursday at 10.30 and Friday's at 11am.

If you would like to hire the Hall, please contact the Parish Office.



Regular Giving

Boxes of giving envelopes are now available at the back of the church and we invite you to collect a box next time you are in church. The boxes contain sufficient envelopes for each week for the coming twelve months.

Would you be willing to give your regular offering electronically?



The Parish Council is asking 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 Anglican Church
BSB: 705-077,

Account Number: 00040464 Reference: St Peter's Giving.

It is important for you to know that your giving will remain confidential. Christine Simpson-Morgan our Treasurer is available to help you. Please contact Christine at office@eastmaitlandanglican.org or on 4934 5303 if you would like to discuss this confidentially.

Memorial Flowers

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.

This is a lovely way to remember loved ones and to help Saint Peter's maintain a supply of fresh flowers throughout the church.

The cost of flowers is determined by the family making the donation, however as an indication this is usually in the order of \$150 - \$200.

If you would like to organise memorial flowers for a loved one, please contact the Parish Office on 4934 5303



Saint Peter's Columbarium

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 contact the Parish Office.

Please pray for the souls of all those who have died since our last edition and their lives celebrated at St. Peter's

Frank SHORT
Jade PRICE
Una FARLEY
Kevin CONDON
Delma HEPWORTH
Rachel PETERSEN
Heather GOFF
Dorothy CROUCH
Noeleen TERRY
Nancy WRIGHT
Judith BRADLEY
Doris BEGG
George STRANGE
Mae WOOD
John PAGE
Royce BEAVEN
Joan SILLETT
Robert PICKSTONE
Helen MARTIN
Barbara HUNT
Valerie DOBBIE
Sandra DAWSON

May they rest in peace and rise with Christ in glory

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Christmas Services at your Church

Christmas Eve - Saturday 24th December

6.00pm: Family Christmas Celebration

8.30pm: Christmas Service with Choir

11.30pm: Midnight Mass with Choir

Christmas Day - Sunday 25th December

8.30am: Christmas Day Service with Carols

Sunday 1st January 2023

8.30am: Regular Sunday Service with Hymns

More info from the Parish Office:

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Anglican Church Newcastle

Being Together

Expectations of Behaviour in our 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. So it is important to be clear about how we will behave towards each other.

Being a community:

- We will value the wellbeing and safety of others, especially children and other vulnerable people.
- 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 protect the safety of all, especially children and other vulnerable people.
- 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.

(Approved by General Synod July 2014, revised on 17 April 2020)

(Approved by Newcastle Diocesan Synod October 2015, Revision adopted by the Diocesan Council from 15 May 2021)

St Peter's at it's best for a recent wedding!

*St Peter's can be booked for weddings as well as renewal of wedding vows
through the Parish Office.*

