



# Lovers of the Place\*

Newsletter – Queenscliff Lonsdale Anglicans  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021  
30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
(by hand to those without email)

## FROM FATHER PETER



Part 1 of the recent global interfaith climate action.

Sunday 17 October; at Church with Bsh Kate following our Sunday Eucharist

Even with the extraordinary demands of the global COVID19 pandemic, right now the main game for the human family and for our common home, Earth, is to address climate change. This requires a substantial reduction of our carbon emissions by 2030. The only vehicle we have for that to happen is the United Nations Climate Conference (COP26) in a little over a week. And the only way that vehicle will take us into a sustainable future is if all nations, especially the developed nations, not only comply with the agreed Kyoto targets, but exceed those targets. Australia is among those countries in a position to provide leadership, especially as we are one of the top carbon

emitters in the world. We are also gifted by God's good providence with our natural resources to be leaders moving away from a carbon-based economy to renewable energy sources. We have to grasp the fact that we are not providing that leadership. The current political public discourse around zero net emissions by 2050 is driven by the political imperative to be successful at the next election and to remain economically connected to our major trading partners who are rapidly leaving us behind.

If global temperatures exceed 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, which will happen if COP26 fails to deliver, the planet will move across those tipping points beyond which there is no turning back.

**This is our last opportunity to re-set the trajectory of where the human family is steering the planet.**

This is God's beautiful creation. We were 'placed in the garden to tend the garden' not to trample it underfoot. We are the stewards and it is our job to ensure that all life flourishes. (Cont. PTO)



Part 2 of the global interfaith climate action Monday 18 October.

Members of Geelong ARRCC visiting our local Federal Members to make our demands known.

Left: chatting with The Hon. Libby Coker (Corangamite) outside her office.

Right: The Hon. Richard Marles was in COVID quarantine so we just took the photo opportunity.



**For a video presentation of these two days: [CLICK HERE](#)**

\*We acknowledge that we gather and worship on the traditional land of Wadda Wurrung people and honour and pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We affirm, with them, in the Wadda Wurrung language: 'kim barne barre Wadda Wurrung' (this is the land of the Wadda Wurrung).

God will work with us as we put our hand to this mission. We are co-workers with God in bringing about his kingdom. For too long, as a species, we have selfishly thought it was all about us! But God's vision of the Kingdom, which we pray for every time we pray the Lord's prayer, is a vision for ALL creation. We have the dignity, and the responsibility, to be co-workers with God in building that Kingdom.

In God's way of doing things, small is powerful. Our seemingly small efforts, when done with a good conscience and out of love and compassion, will be our contribution to building God's Kingdom at this particular time in history.

Fr Peter

## WORKING BEE AT ST JAMES TOMORROW, SAT 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 9.00AM TO 11.00AM



### Church Working Bee

phone for the new COVID requirements for worship. (see below).

We will be preparing St James for November worship:

- A good dust and clean.
- Return kneelers and Prayer Books
- Gardening and general work outside.

Morning Tea at 11.00am and then Refresher training for COVID Marshals (see below). Also, this is an opportunity to get some help setting up your

## GETTING YOUR PHONE UPDATED TO COME TO CHURCH

It is now necessary to show your Covid-19 Vaccination Status upon entry to Sunday Eucharist.

For personal help see the above article or phone Jenni in the office during office hours.

OTHERWISE, the easiest way to do this is add it to your services Victoria App on your smart phone through your MyGov and Medicare online account. For MORE Info on how to do <https://service.vic.gov.au/covid-19/add-covid-19-digital-certificate> You can also print your COVID-19 digital certificate available on MyGov at home.

If you need further help link to your MyGov and Medicare online accounts phone **Online Services Support Hotline on ph 132 307**, during the hours Monday to Friday 7 am to 10 pm, and Saturday and Sunday 10 am to 5 pm

You can also get a paper copy of your vaccination certificate from your vaccination provider or by phoning **Services Australia on ph 1800 653 809**. □

## ALL SOULS DAY Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of November, 2021. Queenscliff Cemetery.

**Gather 10.45am for a 11.00am start. Enter via the Point Lonsdale Rd/ordon St Gate.**

Please let the office know the names of those you would like to be remembered on the day.

Plenty of room. 30 under the marquee and extra chairs outside. Proof of vax required.

Please invite others – especially those who have had a bereavement in the last year.

## PARISH SNAPSHOT – AN INVITATION TO HELP RING THE BELLS

For those within earshot you've been hearing our church bells rung daily for the last several months: St James' bell at 9.15am to mark the beginning of Morning Prayer, and St George's at 5.00pm to mark Evening Prayer.

With the end lockdown yesterday, Thursday, I was considering using the occasion to stop the daily ringing of the



bells. While Morning and Evening Prayer is a lifelong personal discipline of mine (and many Anglicans, clergy and lay) having to be at the church at particular times to ring the bells every day has been at added pressure in a time when I have much on my plate, including unexpected demands that simply arise.

Anyway, while at St George's last evening I took call from a woman who lives within earshot of the church. She phoned specially to tell me how much she loved the daily ringing of the bell – not just her, but many others around her. For her it was usually as she was preparing the evening vegetables and she waits for it now. She was so grateful,

and thought she should make her gratitude known to me.

Well, was it a nudge from God?! Clearly, I thought, I can't stop now.

That being said, I am now asking others to share in this beautiful and sacred task which is delivering special comfort and connectedness at a time when it is most needed. Let's start with Thursday, which is my day off.

I will teach you. St George's is easy at the moment because we are using an electronic bell due to the structural weaknesses in the bell tower. At St James' there's a bit of a knack – but easy enough.

Any takers? Please get in touch. Fr Peter



## FOR THE DIARY

Annual Parish Meeting Sunday

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 11.30am. Gill Hall Face to Face and On Zoom

(For our new HYBRID way of meeting, meditating and praying we need a BIG SCREEN.

If you are upgrading your TV this summer, can we have you old screen.)

## POSITIONS VACANT

We are always looking for new members for the roster team so that the work doesn't fall on too few shoulders. For the duration of COVID the task of the production of our livestreaming has fallen almost exclusively to Helen Martin. This is an invitation, nay plea, for someone to step up and be trained in this duty. A week doesn't pass without the benefit of our livestreaming is affirmed by those who rely on it to keep connected and spiritually nourished. God has provided for them, God has also provided the human resources for us to maintain this ministry – are you the one whom God is nudging to step up? Please do.

### Mark 10.46-52

46 They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' 48 Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' 49 Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' 50 So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. 51 Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' 52 Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

**ORDER OF SERVICE INCL. READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER 2021: [CLICK HERE](#)**

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2021, [:CLICK HERE](#)**

## OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

### *Prayer of the week*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
give to us the increase of faith, hope and love;  
and, that we may obtain what you promise,  
make us to love what you command;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Nations and Peoples:** The Caribbean: Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, Curaçao, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Sint Maarten, St Kitts-Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago

### **The Church**

**Our Parish:** Safety for us all, esp, those at higher risk, residents of aged care facilities and children returning to school and their families.

**Oodthenong Episcopate:** Nigel Pope and Candida - St Paul's Geelong; Rob Culhane (Locum) - St Matthew's Pantom Hill

**Mission:** The Diocese of the Murray, Bishop Keith; Dalby, the clergy and people; Wontulp-Bi-Buya College, Cairns; Global Media & Information Literacy Week begins; Disarmament Week begins; United Nations Day; World Development Information Day

To pray for mission each day go to: [Anglican Board of Mission](#)

**Our Common Home – The Earth** COP26

**Community** All in the health sector. We pray for our Dr Nick returning to ICU in Geelong and all his team and



colleagues in Geelong and throughout the state. Bless, strengthen and protect them in the work they do.

**Requests** Pippa; Greg; Mike & Heather; Richard; Peter; Jenny; Ken; Pam; Mary-Anne; Zoe, Mary; Shane; Peter; Helen; Robert; Patricia; Julia; Barry; (& Anne); Philip; Greg; Ron: Alice; Betty; Carlie; Lucy; Parvin; Sisi: Pixie, Julie and Bill; Angela; Jennifer; Terry; Trish; Ros

### **Communion of Saints:**

**The Saints:** Simon and Jude, Apostles and Martyrs

**Anniversaries:** Noel William Edwards 24.10.1971; Percy Victor Feltham 24.10.1986; June Beryl Cameron 24.10.1998; Graeme George Williams 24.10.2003; John Percival

Ingram 25.10.1997; William Brand 26.10.1977; Thomas Bramwell 27.10.1973; Arthur Stanley Crump\* 27.10.2007; Malcolm Harold Matthews 27.10.2008; Oswald Lindsay Stuart 28.10.1995; Ian Gordon Pettigrove 30.10.1986; Mark James Pantom 30.10.2003; Gil Allbutt 30.10.2019

*An asterisk\* signifies those whose ashes are interred in the St James' Memorial Garden*

*A hash sign # signifies those whose ashes are interred in the St George's Memorial Garden*

## WHAT'S IN A WORD - JENNI'S GOOGLE WANDERINGS AND WONDERINGS

"The Anglican church in Australia". Part 7 AND FINAL *Same-sex unions and LGBT clergy*



In the Seventeenth Session of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia in 2017, the Anglican Church passed a motion recognising "that the doctrine of our church, in line with traditional Christian teaching, is that marriage is an exclusive and lifelong union of a man and a woman, and further, recognises that this has been the subject of several General Synod resolutions over the past fifteen years". In 2018, the then-Primate of Australia and Archbishop of Melbourne, Philip Freier, released an *ad clerum* reiterating the current position that clergy cannot perform a same-sex marriage. In 2020, the church's highest court, the Appellate Tribunal, ruled that a diocese may authorise the blessing of persons in same-sex unions. At the same time, the church does not

have an official stance on homosexuality itself.

During a meeting, the House of Bishops stated that they "accept the weight of 1998 Lambeth Resolution 1.10 and the 2004 General Synod resolutions 33, 59 and 61–64 as expressing the mind of this church on issues of human sexuality and understand that issues of sexuality are subject to ongoing conversation". A former primate, Peter Carnley, supported the blessing of same-sex relationships and supported "recognition of lifelong friendships between two homosexuals which would give them the same legal status as a heterosexual married couple". A spokesman for Phillip Aspinall, the Archbishop of Brisbane, stated that "In effect it is an undertaking not to ordain, license, authorise or appoint persons whom the bishop knows to be in a sexual relationship outside of marriage." At the same time, Archbishop Aspinall stated that he personally does not take an official position. Despite what the spokesman said, however, an Anglican priest came out as gay in 2005 in Melbourne. In the Diocese of Perth, "there are gay and lesbian clergy serving in the priesthood." Archbishop Roger Herft, as a diocesan bishop, "supported blessing gay unions". In 2012, a bishop "appointed a gay priest in a same-sex partnership to a Gippsland parish." The Anglican Diocese of Sydney, the largest of the country, has expressed its opposition to same-sex unions and has been involved in the Anglican realignment as a member of the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans.

However, many clergy and bishops support same-sex unions. The Wangaratta and Ballarat dioceses have voted to support the blessing of same-sex civil unions. The Dioceses of Wangaratta and Newcastle have approved of blessing rites for same-sex marriages. In 2012, the Diocese of Gippsland appointed an openly partnered gay priest. In 2013, the Diocese of Perth voted in favour of recognising same-sex unions. Archbishop Roger Herft vetoed the Perth motion. In 2015, the Bishop of Wangaratta endorsed same-sex marriage legislation and some diocesan clergy offered to perform gay marriages when allowed to do so. In the Diocese of Grafton, former bishop Sarah Macneil took an affirming stance. Bishop Greg Thompson of the Diocese of Newcastle had taken a stance in favour of gay rights.

In 2015, an arm of the Anglican Church in Southern Queensland voted in favour of same-sex civil unions. Also, Bishop Kay Goldsworthy appointed an openly gay and partnered priest to another post. In response, the Sydney synod passed a resolution stating that the diocese "views the actions of the Bishop of Gippsland as a breach of collegiality and fellowship at a profound level". In 2016, the Bishop of Ballarat declared his support for same-sex marriage. In April 2016, a parish in the Diocese of Perth blessed the union of a same-sex couple. At General Synod in 2017, the synod passed a resolution criticising the Scottish Episcopal Church for its acceptance of same-sex marriage as well as an additional resolution calling for the church in Australia "to have a series of conversations on its understanding of sexuality." Also in 2017, the Diocese of Perth in Western Australia elected Bishop Kay Goldsworthy as its archbishop. Goldsworthy said that she supports an "inclusive" approach to same-sex marriage. "Archbishop Goldsworthy revealed that she had voted Yes in the same-sex marriage survey."

Regarding transgender issues, there are dioceses and congregations with serving transgender clergy. In 2017, Archbishop Phillip Aspinall asked for "prayerful support" for the Revd. Josephine Inkpin who had transitioned and come out as a transgender woman. "The Archbishop of Brisbane Dr Phillip Aspinall supported Dr Inkpin and passed on her statement to clergy in July 2017, along with his wish that 'unhelpful speculation' might be avoided." Inkpin continues to serve in the Brisbane diocese. She shared that the bishops and leaders of the Diocese of Brisbane "have assisted in arrangements for enabling her public recognition of gender." Inkpin, who is married to the Revd. Penny Jones, one of the first female priests ordained in Australia, is the first openly transgender priest in Australia. The State Library of Queensland interviewed Inkpin and her wife about the intersection of gender, faith, religion and identity for their "Dangerous Women" podcast. [CLICK HERE](#)

**Editor's Note: On behalf of our readership, thank you Jenni for your enquiring mind that in this series has opened up so much about our Anglican church, especially here in Australia.**

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