



## Lovers of the Place\*

Newsletter – Queenscliff Lonsdale Anglicans

FEAST OF ST FRANCIS

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021

(by hand to those without email)

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**Bishop Kate will Preside at our 10am Eucharist on Sunday 17 October at St George's Queenscliff.**

Following the Eucharist we will make our contribution to the Global Interfaith Day of Climate Action by gathering outside the church to unfurl our banner from the church bell tower and ring our bell as a way of sounding the alarm that urgent action if needed NOW to reduce carbon emissions. (See Letters p. 2).

### REFLECTIONS ON ST FRANCIS DAY BY BSH KATE

**"Wherever you go, preach the gospel, and if necessary, use words." (St Francis)**

You see here a photo of a lovely little cross that was given to my youngest daughter Eleanor when she was born. It used to hang on the side of her cot and then above her bed. Our enthusiastic puppy chewed it recently. This is what's left. It made sense to throw it away (though how to reverently dispose of it?), but somehow it seemed like a metaphor for something I couldn't quite articulate.

On Monday we celebrate the Feast of St Francis (Oct 4th). Francis heard God say to him: "Build my Church". This broken, vulnerable, needy, fragile Body of Christ was in need of restoring. A bit like Eleanor's little cross. Francis heard the call and gathered a community around him and set about the process of restoration. "Build my Church" Restore it. It's not a once and for all event. It's a lifetime's vocation. And not just yours or mine. Even in this covid world, God's world, as (my favourite!) Sam Wells says, the future is bigger than the past. That's a definition of hope. Restoration is always possible. Restoration's not the same as replacing; tearing down the old and making something new. Rather, it's about finding those places, moments, encounters that are the very sources of replenishment and blessing, in the midst of the brokenness and the jagged edges and the ordinariness too- often the places and contexts that we think are not worth our time or effort. The little cross can't be "fixed up". It will never be as it was...but to replace it would not do. I'm not making a literal case for "never out with the old (in the Church) and never in with the new"! Rather, to give thanks for those jagged bits and crumbly edges of our lives, of the Church that, through Christ, will be re-newed, blessed, replenished and restored. There are new beginnings. Always. We don't always know what that will look like, but we press on towards the goal.

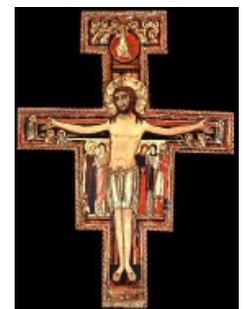
I continue on in my reading of Barbara Brown Taylor's book, "An Altar in the World". I offer these words, as we continue to put one foot in front of the other, day by day, with Francis, honouring God, serving others, glorying in God's creation, praying that we may be good stewards. Talking about the practice of going barefoot in order to feel that the ground upon which we walk is holy ground, she writes: "Feel how the world really feels when you do not strap little tanks on your feet to shield you from the way things really are."

Blessings,

+ Kate



Bsh Kate Prowd



The San Damiano Cross is before which St. Francis of Assisi was praying when he is said to have received the commission from the Lord to rebuild the Church

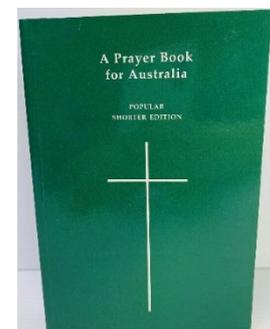
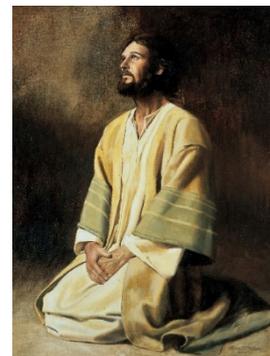
\*We acknowledge that we gather and worship on the traditional land of Wadda Wurrung people and honour and pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We affirm, with them, in the Wadda Wurrung language: 'kim barne barre Wadda Wurrung' (this is the land of the Wadda Wurrung).

## VARIETIES OF PRAYER

Each of us communicates in a variety of ways depending on the person/people, the purpose, and the setting. Similarly in the way we connect and communicate with God. Basically, our prayer falls into two families: our communal prayer and our personal prayer. Jesus, who is our model for both, turned up faithfully to synagogue and to the temple as did the first Christians which is clear from accounts in the New Testament. This collective dimension of prayer is simply assumed by Jesus and the New Testament writers. It was deep within their culture that God gathers a people to himself. Something which is less apparent to us whose culture is more individualistic than it is communal.

Having said that, it is the case that Jesus' teaching and example gives a priority to personal prayer. Why? Well, apart from the collective practice of prayer being assumed (above), I think because he was passionate about every person experiencing God's personal love for them deep in the foundation of their being, and being transformed from the inside out by that love. He taught his followers to go somewhere out of sight of others, use few words and, perhaps most significantly, to call God 'Father' in a most intimate way.

In the end, we need both types of prayer. As part of our Jewish heritage the Church has always had morning and evening prayer – the 'hinges' of the day. Much of the Book of Common Prayer (16<sup>th</sup> Cent) centres on this daily rhythm of corporate prayer and this has carried through to our current Green Prayer Book (APBA). A month ago, as a symbol of the prayer's communal character, I have started ringing the bell: 9.15 at St James for Morning Prayer and 5pm at St George's for Evening Prayer. To make it easier to use, the people who publish APBA have developed *epray*, an 'app' for tablets and phones. I encourage you to try this traditional form of prayer, either from the book or the app. This is a tried and true way of praying that has sustained generations of Anglicans, clergy and lay. Fr Peter



*E-pray have released an App for both iPhone and Android that is freely available for download and which includes the full text, including the set readings and psalm, for Morning and Evening prayer.*

*The Epray App is available [here](#).*

Feel free to join in this regular round of prayer either in the church building or on Zoom (See p.4 below)

## FROM PARISH COUNCIL 'Reimagining the Future'

'Reimagining the Future' Parish Council met this last Friday, 1 October, for half a day, to start planning our emergence, as a parish, into the post-covid world. We have embarked on a process of discernment which has been offered by our Bishops.

We acknowledge that there are still a lot of unknowns, and in many ways we are still in a time of flux. There is not much we can do about that. However, over the last 19 months, since the first lockdown, we have been proactively responding to this changing landscape. While we will continue to do this, we also recognise that now is the time to identify, more concretely, how best to position ourselves in this changed world so that we grow and thrive and make the most of the new opportunities that such times bring. As soon as we are able we will involve all parishioners in this process so as to deepen our discernment of where God, by the holy Spirit, is leading us.

## LIVE-STREAMED PEREGRINE FALCON CLUTCH



If ever there was an case of technology being used for good, it is this.

Over recent days a video, being live-streamed, of a Peregrine Falcon sitting on four eggs, seeing them hatch and then mum going off to find fresh food and returning to four demanding, squawking, little beaks. All taking place on a ledge of a tall building in Collins St, Melbourne. Here is the live-feed if you'd like to have a look. You wont be disappointed! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Un8f85yADAU>

## CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS FOR SALE NOW

Straight from the kitchen. Phone Kate Houghton 0428 664212



## LETTERS

A LETTER TO THE AGE By +Philip Huggins 29/09/21

### The need for partnerships

The climate crisis is beyond anything we have ever faced. There is time still to prevent catastrophic climate change, but not that much. Once these realities are absorbed, our priorities shift. Is it possible for the Prime Minister to convene a bipartisan meeting of federal Parliament's leaders to take advice from experts and shape a national policy and Contribution he can then take to Glasgow? Unprecedented circumstances require unprecedented partnerships, for the good of all. Philip Huggins, Point

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*Climate Change*  
*Holy God, earth and air and water are your creation, and every living thing belongs to you:*  
*have mercy on us as climate change confronts us.*  
*Give us the will and the courage to simplify the way we live, to reduce the energy we use, to share the resources you provide, and to bear the cost of change.*  
*Forgive our past mistakes and send us your Spirit, with wisdom in present controversies and vision for the future to which you call us in Jesus Christ our Lord.*  
*Amen.*

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## GOSPEL OF THE DAY

### Mark 10.2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.' Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.' People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

**ORDER OF SERVICE INCL. READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER 2021: [CLICK HERE](#)**

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2021 [CLICK HERE](#)**

## OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

### Prayer of the week

Generous God, whose hand is open to fill all things living with plenteousness:  
make us ever thankful for your goodness,  
and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Nations and Peoples:** Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela  
**The Church**

**Our Parish:** residents and staff in aged care facilities  
**Oodthenong Episcopate:** Akhil Gardner and Sarah, Redemption Church, Craigieburn; Chris Lancaster, Anna and Gemma, Katie Bellhouse, Danny McRoberts, St Eanswythe's, Altona; w. St Clement's, Altona Meadows; Rosemary Maries (Locum), St Cuthbert's, Grovedale w. St Wilfrid's, Mount Duneed  
**Melbourne Diocese:** Diocesan Property Committee; Holy Trinity Anglican Church Hastings (Timothy Anderson); Christ Church Brunswick – Pastoral Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Oakleigh Anglican Parish of Holy Trinity and Emmanuel Church, (Pastoral Visit, Bp Paul Barker).  
**National:** Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia

**Global:** The Church in Wales (Primacy Vacant)

To pray for our Church each day go to [The Melbourne Anglican – No link out yet](#)

**Mission:** The Diocese of Armidale – Bishop Rod Chiswell, the clergy and people; The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea Anglicare-PNG, a community development organization of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea  
To pray for mission each day go to: [Anglican Board of Mission:](#)

**Our Common Home-Earth:** Preparations for COP26  
**Requests**

**Prayers for Karen in Myanmar to get well:** Saw Tar Toe; Naw Hser Gay Moo; Saw Aye Than; Saw Moses; Naw Mu Nun; Naw Kyi Mu; Naw Sheropaw; Saw Aung Myit; John Will Min; Naw Nin Nwe Lay; Naw May Nin Cho; There are two new people requesting prayer; Saw Kay Ler Moo suffers covid-19; Naw Cha Dah suffers mental health & depression.

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

*The Saints:* Francis of Assisi, friar and preacher (d. 1226); William Tyndale, biblical scholar (d. 1536)  
*Recently Died:* Ben Wadham 8/9/2021  
*Years Mind:* Eileen Downes 06.10.2020  
*Anniversaries:* Stanley Gordon Garner 03.10.1981; Leslie Charles Pantony 03.10.1991; Ernest James Horwood 03.10.1993; Joseph Dixon 04.10.1939; William Edward Eglan 04.10.1972; Kevin Leslie Oreo 05.10.2000; Richard Glen Oliphant 6.10.2001; David Edward Evans 07.10.1977;

Nancy May Albutt 07.10.2015; Francis Norman Seth Culliver 08.10.1962; William Richard Blake 08.10.1981; Hilda May Ross\* 08.10.1985; James Charles Walton 09.10.1963; Margaret Annabella Webber 09.10.1995; Margaret Dawn Ferris 09.10.2006; Betty Elaine Springall 09.10.2018  
*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



### Continuing on with "The Anglican church in Australia". Part 6 – The physical building

The first Church of England edifice in Australia was built in the colony of New South Wales in 1793. Today, most towns in Australia have at least one Christian church. One of Australia's oldest Anglican churches is St James' Church in Sydney, built between 1819 and 1824. The historic church was designed by Governor Macquarie's architect, Francis Greenway – a former convict – and built with convict labour. The church is set on a sandstone base and built of face brick with the walls articulated by brick piers. Sydney's Anglican cathedral, St Andrew's, was consecrated in 1868 from foundations laid in the 1830s. Largely designed by Edmund Thomas Blacket in the Perpendicular Gothic style reminiscent of English cathedrals. Blacket also designed St Saviour's Cathedral in Goulburn, based on the Decorated Gothic style of a large English parish church and built between 1874 and 1884. St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, from a foundation stone laid in 1880, is a Melbourne landmark. It was designed by the distinguished English architect William Butterfield in Gothic Transitional. Tasmania is home to a number of significant colonial Anglican buildings including those located at Australia's best preserved convict era settlement, Port Arthur. According to 19th century notions of prisoner reform, the *Model Prison* incorporates a grim chapel, into which prisoners in solitary confinement were shepherded to listen (in individual enclosures) to the preacher's Sunday sermon – their only permitted interaction with another human being. Adelaide, the capital of South Australia has long been known as the *City of Churches* and its St Peter's Anglican Cathedral is a noted city landmark. The oldest building in the city of Canberra is the picturesque St John the Baptist Church in Reid, consecrated in 1845. This church long predates the city of Canberra and is not so much representative of urban design as it is of the Bush chapels which dot the Australian landscape and stretch even into the far Outback. A number of notable Victorian era chapels and edifices were also constructed at church schools across Australia. Along with community attitudes to religion, church architecture changed significantly during the 20th century.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anglican\\_Church\\_of\\_Australia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anglican_Church_of_Australia)

## MORNING PRAYER

9.15AM					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ZOOM LINK: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83936429814?pwd=SIJCRE5WNXRZZUxRaOdHVk1vL2w3dz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83936429814?pwd=SIJCRE5WNXRZZUxRaOdHVk1vL2w3dz09</a>					

## EVENING PRAYER

5.00PM					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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## MEDITATION

8.30AM	8.00AM	8.30AM
Monday	Wednesday	Friday
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The parish is a member of the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change ([ARRCC](#))



Parish members participate in the local community movement, Queenscliffe Climate Action ([QCA](#))

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