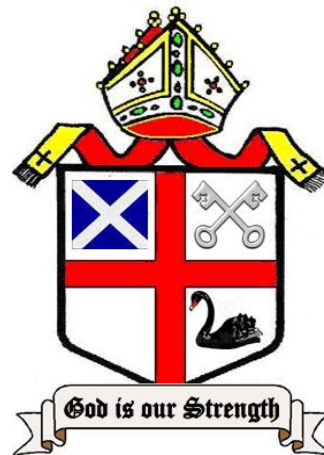


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*The Editor and Staff of
The True Anglican
wish all our Readers a very Happy Christmas*



Lorenzo Lotto (c1481-1556)

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES

Just a reminder to our Synod Representatives that the Annual General Meeting of The Synod of the Anglican Catholic Church in Australia (Western Australia) Incorporated (the “official” name of our Church), will be held on 26 October at **St Andrew’s Church**, commencing with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 10.00am. The Bishop Ordinary will preside.

The Bishop will be arriving in the West on Friday, 25 October, and will return Over East on the Monday morning. We look forward to his visitation.

It would be appreciated if those Representatives who are able to do so could bring a plate to share at the light luncheon which will follow the Synod.

Angeline Teh returned safely after spending some time in Canada with her brother, Eugene Phoa, who had undergone surgery. She almost didn’t get away, but as the officials at Sydney airport found out, she’s a very determined lady!

Bishop John Keep has kindly made St Columba’s Chapel available to the parishioners of St Andrew’s on 17 November as *Falls Farm* is unavailable on that Sunday.

This year the Carol Service will be on Sunday, 15 December, at St Peter’s. We will do a letterbox drop beforehand. Even if this does not result in a greater attendance by those who live in the area, at least it again makes them aware of our presence.

Congratulations to the following parishioners who celebrate their birthdays during this quarter: Denise Turner (8 October); Barbara Moody (9 October); Bishop John Keep (24 October); Iain Scott (9 November); Ruth Lewis (12 November); Natalie Veal (23 November); Mary Hoffman (24 November); Bob Fleay (26 November); Neville McPherson (3 December); Angeline Teh (4 December); Barbara Reynolds (12 December); Abigail Veal (15 December) and Helen King, Hannah Wong and Beth Burton (all on 26 December). May Our Lord bless them and grant them many happy, healthy, returns.

We have two wedding anniversaries: Fr Robert and Joan Burn celebrate their fifty-third on 12 November and Mary and Noel Hoffman celebrate their thirtieth anniversary on 9 December. Heartiest congratulations!

There are also some clerical anniversaries to celebrate: on 25 November Bishop John Keep will celebrate the twenty-third anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood at the Church of King Charles the Martyr, Padstow, NSW, and on the Feast of St Andrew Prebendary Robert Burn will celebrate the fifty-fifth anniversary of his priesting at St Andrew's Church in Subiaco. I was priested at St Ninian's in Maylands on 12 December 2004.

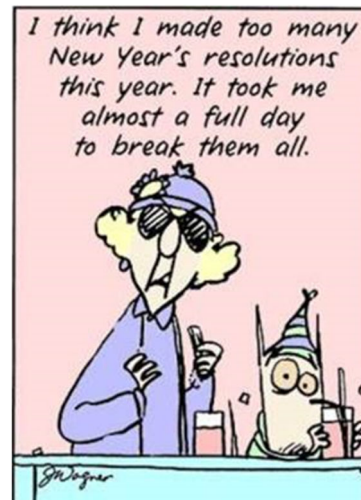
Congratulations also to Ken Krachler who was licensed as a Subdeacon by Bishop Robarts on 25 December 2016.

Speaking of anniversaries, the first service at St Peter's was held at the Scout Hall on 2 January 2005. The congregation of six consisted of myself and Miems, Roly and Gwenda Stinson; unfortunately, I cannot remember who the other two were. The offering amounted to \$55.00. We have had some setbacks over the years, but because we have faith and trust in God, we have not only survived, but grown. As St Paul writes to the Romans, "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

Soon we will be preparing to celebrate His birth. Let us give thanks to Him for His many blessings over the past years, and pray that He will continue to bless us as we labour in this part of His vineyard.

Miems and I wish you and your family a very Happy and Holy Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

Fr Brian.



ST PETER'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Parish Priest's Report



The past year has been quite a busy time for the parish. In September we had a visit from the Bishop, in November we had the mini fête, the carol service in December, supported the Christmas in the Hills Appeal, and of course, the usual raffles.

We celebrated the engagements of Keith and Deirdre and Natalie and Thomas. In April Keith and Deirdre were married – I see that it has been described as “The Wedding of the Year” in a very well-known influential magazine which enjoys a wide circulation – it’s even read in Tasmania! On Whit Sunday we welcomed Nina Babic into the Church by baptism, what a joy it is to have her, Abigail, Levi and William with us on a Sunday. Unfortunately, we lost one of our very faithful parishioners, Ken Rowley.

We have continued to support the Church in Southern Africa and, as we are aware, the Church there is growing at a remarkable pace. Just recently I had the following email from Bishop Michael Gill, “please tell your people of how grateful we are for the love and support they show to us it is humbling, and drives us to perform even better.” For some time now we have been supporting a local family who live close to our church. Thank you for the contributions you make, the family is very grateful for your support.

Services are held fortnightly at MercyCare Aged Care Facility in Kelmscott. They are well attended. We have just recently started holding monthly services at Regis Care Facility in Port Coogee where attendance has steadily been increasing.

We cannot have an annual report without some statistics. In 2016/17 the average attendance at St Peter’s on a Sunday was 20, with 16 communicants. In 2017/18 the average attendance was 25 with 19 communicants.

Where many churches are losing members, it is gratifying to see that we have had an increase, even though it is a small one, but it is encouraging. I would like to thank you for the part you play in this increase. I know that God gives the growth, but if we do not plant the seed, there will be no growth. You make people feel welcome and at home, that is why they keep returning.

The flower roster we began a few months ago is working well, thank you to those who provide the flowers.

I would also like to express my thanks to:

Our hon verger and his assistants who help with the set-up
and packing away every Sunday - hard work!
Denise, my churchwarden, for her support
Pearl for providing the music every Sunday
Miems, our secretary, for her love and support
Ken for keeping the books in a way that they are easy
to understand.

I am very grateful to Ken for his work as Subdeacon. As you know I was unable to attend Church for some time towards the end of last year. It was a great comfort to me to know that the parish was in such good hands in my absence.

Thanks as well to Bronwyn Veal and Denise Turner who during the year joined those who read the Lessons and Psalms on a Sunday and to Keith O'Brien who recently offered to serve at the Altar.

Thank you too to all those who help in so many different ways. St Paul writes to the Corinthians that we all have different gifts which we must use for the benefit of the whole community, and you do that. How will we function without those who read, the washer-uppers, those who pack away, those who make the tea, etc, etc? There are so many ways in which you share the gifts you have been given, thank you.

What about the future? I don't want to steal Ken's thunder, but as you will see from the accounts, the parish is in a very strong position financially. I understand that our late "Cardinal" Ken Rowley has remembered the parish in his Will, for which we are most grateful.

I am hoping that your new parish council will establish a subcommittee to look into the feasibility of acquiring our own premises in the near future where we can worship.

One of the matters discussed at the last meeting of the Management Committee was what the position would be if something were to happen to me, not that I'm indispensable, but we must plan for the future; it is important that we have a "Plan B" in place. The Committee agreed that prayers for vocations to the sacred ministry and for an increase in parishioners to participate in various positions and activities in the parish are to be included in the Intercessions on a regular basis. It was also agreed that a service of Mattins should be held occasionally to enable parishioners to become familiar with it. I would also ask you to pray earnestly for vocations.

Thank you for your care, support and encouragement over the past year, which in certain respects has been a difficult one for me and Miems, but we go into the future with great confidence - remember, have faith and trust in God.

I move that my report be adopted.

The Revd Canon Brian Tee
Parish priest
18 August 2019.

ELECTION RESULTS

We congratulate the following who were elected/appointed at the recent Annual General Meeting of St Peter's:

Wardens: Mesd Denise Turner (Priest's Warden) and Natalie Veal (People's Warden)

Secretary: Mrs Miems Tee

Treasurer: Mr Ken Krachler

Parish Councillors: Mrs Deirdre O'Brien and Mr Keith O'Brien

Synod Representatives: Mesd O'Brien and Turner; Messrs Krachler, O'Brien and Andrew Veal

National Synod Representative: Mrs O'Brien.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'S REPORT

All members of the Management Committee were present at the meeting held on 3 August. These are some of the matters which were discussed:

THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INCORPORATION OF THE WA SYNOD

The Chairman reported that the incorporation of The Synod of the Anglican Catholic Church in Australia (Western Australia) Incorporated was registered on 16 August 1989. It was agreed that there would be a commemoration of the incorporation in each parish on 18 August.

VISITATION OF THE BISHOP

It was agreed to invite the Bishop Ordinary to visit the Church in the West and to chair the Synod which is to be held in October. The costs of the visit would be borne by the Synod.

SYNOD MMXIX

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Bishop seeking his Mandate to hold a Synod on Saturday, 26 October 2019, at St Peter's Church, Brentwood, immediately following a celebration of the Holy Communion which will begin at 10.00am. [Note: The Synod will now be held at St Andrew's Church]. The Synod would be followed by a light luncheon.

On the Sunday following there would be a combined service at St Andrew's which will commence at 10.00am and be followed by a light luncheon provided by parishioners. [Note: The combined service will now be held at St Peter's.] Friends would be invited to attend.

CONTINGENCY PLAN

The Chairman said that he thought a contingency plan should be in place, in case something should happen to him.

It was agreed that this matter would be placed on the agendas of the Annual General Meetings of the Synod and the parishes. Prayers for vocations to the sacred ministry and for an increase in parishioners to participate in various positions and activities in the parish are to be included in the Intercessions.

It was further agreed that a service of Mattins would be held occasionally so that parishioners could become more familiar with it.

TRADITIONAL ANGLICAN COMMUNION

The Chairman reported that at the recent meeting of the College of Bishops it had been decided to change the name of *The Traditional Anglican Communion* to *The Traditional Anglican Church* and to reconstitute the body as a church rather than a communion of separate churches. The proposed new constitution made provision for a Standing Committee and for each of the separate churches to be constituted as provinces of the Traditional Anglican Church. The Church in Australia would become the Province of the Traditional Anglican Church in Australia. As the proposed new Constitution has to be approved by the present members of the Traditional Anglican Communion, it would be placed on the agenda of the coming Synod.

VESTMENTS

Mrs Burn reported that the Very Revd Prebendary Burn wished to donate his vestments to the Church in South Africa. The Chairman is to collect the vestments and ascertain what the cost would be to send them to South Africa.

NEXT MEETING

The Annual General Meeting would be followed by a General Meeting of the Committee at 10.00am on 16 November 2019 at Unit 12, 37 Boonooloo Road, Kalamunda.

ELECTION RESULTS

We congratulate the following who were elected/appointed at the recent Annual General Meeting of St Andrew's:

Wardens: Mesd Mary Hoffman (Priest's Warden) and Betty May (People's Warden)

Secretary: Mrs Miems Tee

Treasurer: Ms Denise Turner

Parish Councillors: Mesd Joan Burn and Jennifer Newill

Synod Representatives: Mesd Burn, Hoffman, May, Newill and Tee and Miss Patricia Rigby as an alternate for any representative who is unable to attend.

National Synod Representative: Mrs Hoffman.

ST ANDREW'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Parish Priest's Report



The display in the Church Hall



The cutting of the anniversary cake

Fr Brian reported that the parish had again supported the Christmas in the Hills Appeal and continued to support the Church in Southern Africa.

He said that Miems and he have been attending the quarterly meetings of Church LINKS on behalf of the parish and many parishioners attended the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the organisation. This was held in the Roman Catholic Church in Kalamunda. Our parish had a display in the Church Hall with some very professional brochures produced by Fr Robert; our parish also featured in the video presentation. One of the problems we face in Kalamunda, he continued, is that despite the fact that we have been worshipping at *Falls Farm* for more than thirty years, we are still not well-known in the area. By being involved in Church LINKS we are putting our parish on the map, as it were.

Some friends and relatives attended our *Bring a Friend Sunday* but, unfortunately, this did not lead to any new parishioners. He said that we should be grateful though that our numbers, while not increasing, remain fairly constant.

It was agreed that we would continue to support the Church in Southern Africa and also continue with the monthly charity bowl collection.

When, what, where

When	What	Where	Time
OCTOBER			
5 - Sat	Holy Eucharist	Kelmscott	11.00am
6- Sun Trinity XVI	Holy Eucharist	St Peter's St Andrew's	9.30am 4.00pm
10 - Thurs	Holy Eucharist	Port Coogee	10.30am
12 - Sat	Parish Council Meeting	6/10 Stubbs Pl Booragoon	10.00am
13 - Sun Trinity XVII	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist & PC	St Peter's St Andrew's	9.30am 4.00pm
19 - Sat	Holy Eucharist	Kelmscott	11.00am
20 - Sun St Luke	Holy Eucharist	St Peter's St Andrew's	9.30am 4.00pm
26-Sat	Holy Eucharist and AGM of Synod	ST ANDREW'S	10.00am
27 - Sun Trinity XIX	Holy Eucharist (combined service)	ST PETER'S	10.00am
NOVEMBER			
2 - Sat	Holy Eucharist	Kelmscott	11.00am
3 - Sun All Saints	Holy Eucharist	St Peter's St Andrew's	9.30am 4.00pm
7 - Thurs	Holy Eucharist	Port Coogee	10.30am
10 - Sun Trinity XXI	Holy Eucharist	St Peter's St Andrew's	9.30am 4.00pm
16 - Sat	Management Committee	12/37 Boonooloo Rd Kalamunda	10.00am

and what time?

When	What	Where	Time
NOVEMBER continued			
17 – Sun Trinity XXII	Holy Eucharist	St Peter's St Columba's	9.30am 4.00pm
23 – Sat	Holy Eucharist	Kelmscott	11.00am
24 – Sun <i>Christus Rex</i>	Holy Eucharist	St Peter's St Andrew's	9.30am 4.00pm
DECEMBER			
1– Sun Advent I	Holy Eucharist	St Peter's Sr Andrew's	9.30am 4.00pm
5 – Thurs	Holy Eucharist	Port Coogee	10.30am
7 – Sat	Holy Eucharist	Kelmscott	11.00am
8 – Sun Advent II	Holy Eucharist	St Peter's St Andrew's	9.30am 4.00pm
15 – Sun Advent III	Holy Eucharist Carol Service	St Andrew's St Peter's	9.30am 6.00pm
21 – Sat	Holy Eucharist	Kelmscott	11.00am
22 – Sun Advent IV	Holy Eucharist	St Peter's St Andrew's	9.30am 4.00pm
25 – Wed Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ	Holy Eucharist (combined service)	St Peter's	9.00am
29 – Sun Christmas I	Mattins Evening Prayer	St Peter's St Andrew's	9.30am 4.00pm

Point of view

Joe took his wife to the doctor's one night. The doctor came out and said, "Frankly, I don't like the way your wife looks." "I don't either," said Joe, "but she's good with the kids."

**CHURCH KALENDAR
AND READERS' ROSTER
OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2019**

OCTOBER

READER

6	<u>Trinity XVI</u>	(Green)	St Peter	St Andrew
	First Lesson	Hab 1:1-4; 2:1-4	Ken	Mary
	Psalm	95:1-9	Ken	Mary
	Second Lesson	2 Tim 1:6-14	Denise	Miems
	Gospel	Lk 17:5-10	***	***
13	<u>Trinity XVII</u>	(Green)		
	First Lesson	2 Ki 5:5a, 8-16	Denise	Miems
	Psalm	98	Denise	Miems
	Second Lesson	2 Tim 2:8-13	Miems	Mary
	Gospel	Lk 17:11-19	***	Bp John
20	<u>St Luke</u>	(Red)		
	First Lesson	Jer 8:22-9:3	Miems	Mary
	Psalm	145:10-18	Miems	Mary
	Second Lesson	2 Tim 4:9-17a	Stuart	Fr Brian
	Gospel	Lk 10:1-9	***	***
27	<u>Trinity XIX</u>	(Green)		
	First Lesson	1 Sam 2:2-9	Stuart	Service
	Psalm	34:11-22	Stuart	at
	Second Lesson	2 Tim 4:6-18	Bronwyn	St Peter
	Gospel	Lk 18:9-14	***	***

NOVEMBER

3	<u>All Saints</u>	(White)		
	First Lesson	Rev 7:2-4, 9-14	Bronwyn	Bp John
	Psalm	24:1-6	Bronwyn	Bp John
	Second Lesson	1 Jn 3:1-3	Ken	Miems
	Gospel	Mtt 5:1-12a	***	***

NOVEMBER (continued)

10	<u>Trinity XXI</u>	(Green)		
	First Lesson	Mal 3:16-18	Ken	Miems
	Psalm	17:6-12	Ken	Miems
	Second Lesson	2 Thess 2:16-3:5	Denise	Mary
	Gospel	Lk 20:20:27-38	***	Bp John
17	<u>Trinity XXII</u>	(Green)		*
	First Lesson	Mal 4:1-6	Denise	Mary
	Psalm	98	Denise	Mary
	Second Lesson	2 Thess 3:6-13	Miems	Fr Brian
	Gospel	Lk 21:5-19	***	***
*Service at St Columba				
24	<u>Christus Rex</u>	(White)		
	First Lesson	2 Sam 5:1-3	Miems	Bp John
	Psalm	122	Miems	Bp John
	Second Lesson	Col 1:11-20	Stuart	Miems
	Gospel	Lk 23:35-43	***	***

DECEMBER

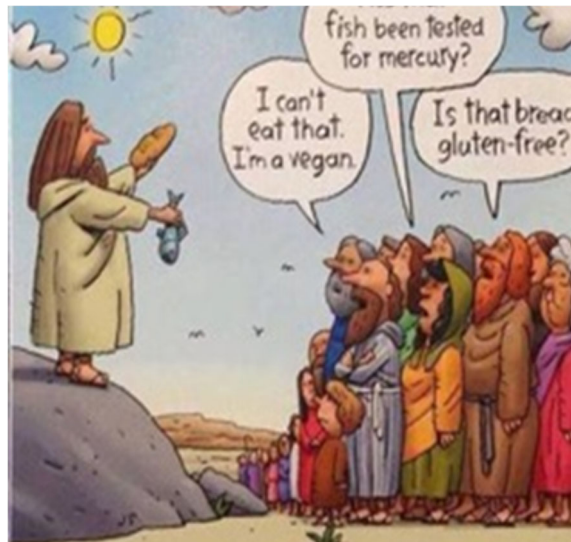
1	<u>Advent I</u>	(Violet)		
	First Lesson	Isa 2:1-4	Stuart	Miems
	Psalm	122	Stuart	Miems
	Second Lesson	Rom 13:8-14	Bronwyn	Mary
	Gospel	Mtt 24:37-44	***	***
8	<u>Advent II</u>	(Violet)		
	First Lesson	Isa 11:1-10	Bronwyn	Mary
	Psalm	72:12-21	Bronwyn	Mary
	Second Lesson	Rom 15:4-9	Ken	Fr Brian
	Gospel	Mtt 3:1-12	***	Bp John
15	<u>Advent III</u>	(Rose)		
	First Lesson	Isa 35:1-10	Service at	Fr Brian
	Psalm	146	St Andrew	Fr Brian
	Second Lesson	Jas 5:7-11	At 9.30am	Miems
	Gospel	Mtt 11:2-11	***	***

Carol Service at St Peter at 6.00pm

DECEMBER (continued)

22	<u>Advent IV</u>	(Violet)		
	First Lesson	Isa 7:10-14	Denise	Miems
	Psalm	24	Denise	Miems
	Second Lesson	Rom 1:1-7	Miems	Mary
	Gospel	Mtt 1:18-25	***	***
25	<u>Christmas</u>	(White)		
	First Lesson	Isa 62:11-12	Miems	Combined Service at St Peter at 9.00am
	Psalm	97	Miems	
	Second Lesson	Titus 3:4-7	Stuart	
	Gospel	Lk 2:15-20	***	
29	<u>Christmas I</u>	(White)		
	Mattins	- St Peter		
	Psalm	132	-	-
	First Lesson	Isa 40:18 - 31	Bronwyn	-
	Second Lesson	Col 1:1-20	Ken	-
	Evening Prayer	- St Andrew		
	Psalm	90	-	-
	First Lesson	Isa 12	-	Bishop John
	Second Lesson	Phil 2:1- 11	-	Miems

Unless otherwise indicated, all services at St Peter's start at 9.30am and those at St Andrew's at 4.00pm



The Man from Galilee

I recently came across a video of Elvis Presley singing the song, “The Man from Galilee”. These are the lyrics –



*“Put your hand in the hand of the man who stilled the water
Put your hand in the hand of the man who calmed the sea
Take a look at yourself
and you can look at others differently
Put your hand in the hand of the man
from Galilee”*

Hands, ours or those of other people, have been part of our lives from the moment of our birth. They are used in countless ways as we move through each day. I guess the most obvious use of hands is in the holding of a wide variety of objects. Hands help us to connect with other people for a number of reasons and purposes.

As we grew up we held the hands of our parents; we held the hands of our boy- or girlfriends; we joined our hands in marriage and in many cases we then held the hands of our own children. The cycle just rolls on.

We can use our hands to care or harm; to offer peace or conflict; to express happiness or sadness, and for so many other things. How we use our hands expresses to a large degree our personality and our attitude towards other people. Do we extend our hand in friendship or clench our fist in anger?

As Christians we are called upon to give a helping hand to those in need; to lift up those who have fallen; to reach out to the helpless and to those who are alone and have lost all hope.

What about ‘*the hand of God*’? What does that mean? Many would think of the moment when Diego Maradona, in the 1986 World Cup, scored for Argentina against England with a decisive, illegal, but not penalised, hand ball. It became known as the ‘*hand of God goal*’.

In the Bible, *‘the hand of God’* means something *far more profound*. God’s invisible and intangible hand is on you: leading, guiding, encouraging, protecting, strengthening and giving you courage.

God uses hands. Many times we read of Jesus *healing* through *laying His hands* on sick people, or even just touching them *with His hands* (for example, Mark 6:5; 8:23). At other times, He put *His hands* on people *to bless them* (10:16). He told His disciples that *their hands* would be used to *heal the sick* (16:18). Indeed, people were *healed* through the *laying on of their hands* (for example, Acts 8:17-18). Others were *filled with the Holy Spirit* (9:17; 19:6), or *received gifts* through the *laying on of hands* (2 Timothy 1:6).

*“Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?
He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.
He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation” (Psalm 24: 3-5).*

As we seek to follow Jesus we must allow Him to take away our sinfulness and give us a pure heart, *“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God”* (Matthew 5: 8).

At the beginning of each day Jesus offers us His hand into which we can place our hand; guides and empowers us with the gift of the Holy Spirit and asks us to spend the day in His service. What a daily blessing this is! Jesus invites us each day to share with Him in proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel.

We Only Need To

Put our hand in the hand of the man from Galilee

Fr. Robert

+ SISTER PATIENCE CCK +



Most of you will know of my long (23 year) association as Spiritual Advisor to the Benedictine Community of Christ the King at Taminick, near Wangaratta in North Eastern Victoria. The sudden death of Mother Rita Mary, its dynamic foundress, in 2015, effectively brought the Community to its closure. The one remaining member, Sister Patience, moved to St. John's Anglican Village where she could be in Residential Care and still maintain, as far as possible, her practice of the Religious Life. Sister Patience became slowly but progressively more frail and recently, after a brief spell in hospital, returned home for her last days. She was called to her rest on 8 July at the age of 97.

Patricia Durdon (her birth name) trained as a nurse and felt called to Missionary work; as a consequence spending six years in Papua New Guinea. She was there at the time of the Mount Lamington volcanic disaster in 1951 which killed some 4,000 people nearby, including Missionary staff. Some villages were simply obliterated. It was her risky lot to tend a great many who were badly burnt, numbers of whom died; as well as providing care and accommodation for the distressed who had lost their homes and possessions along with family members. Fr Robert Porter, a nearby missionary chaplain, similarly performed great work in rescue and care of the injured and dispossessed. On returning later to Australia he was to become the first bishop of the Murray Diocese. He and Patricia, along with a couple of others, were awarded the Order of the British Empire for their exemplary service following the volcanic eruption.

On returning to Australia Patricia sought to test her Vocation to the Religious Life at the Community of the Holy Name in Melbourne. After her years as a Novice she was Professed in 1946, taking the name of Patience. Sister Patience served the Community in various capacities for a number of years, including a further stint in PNG.

However, she felt drawn to a more Contemplative form of the Religious Life. Along with several others, including Sister Rita Mary, and at the invitation of the then Bishop of Wangaratta, Robert Beal, they moved to the property at Taminick in 1990. Embracing the Rule of St Benedict and espousing the name of the Community of Christ the King followed.

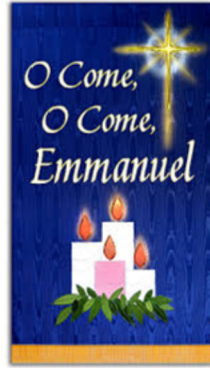
Sister Patience embodied the Religious Life in so many ways. Yes, she “wore a habit”, as nuns have traditionally done; but it was the habits, the way of life, the life of prayer, dedication, and obedience, she embraced under the veil, that mattered. Prompt at prayer indeed, and thoughtful care given to organising the Chapel and its Services; but there was always that quietly welcoming and personal smile to greet you. The vows she had taken did not mean a denial but rather an offering of her humanity – and how she loved that garden; here, not least, obedience to Mother was challenging.

It was a great and enriching privilege for me to be associated with the life of this Community, conducting retreats and engaging in a range of other activities with the Sisters and their frequent visitors. Above all, though, it was the ability to share in the daily round of Offices and silence, from 4.30 am till 7.00 pm that has left its mark on my life.

In the not infrequent madness and conflict in which so much of the rest of my life was engaged, here was sanity, here was peace; here was the Living God waiting to greet us in the haunting beauty of the dawn in that lovely Garden of Eden and its far away mountains; and also in the stillness of lives longing for Him, waiting intently upon Him - the Presence of the One who has come to us in His Son to live and die for us; to wipe away all our tears and make all things new; that Incarnate and Sacramental God Who both longs and waits for us – and yet comes, comes, ever comes, to renew His image in us and to renovate the Cosmos.

Your Father in God,
+David.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



This Advent hymn is based on Latin antiphons which were sung in the Early Church during the week leading up to Christmas Day. The origins of these short verses is uncertain though they may date from the sixth or seventh century and were certainly in use at Rome before the ninth century.

Antiphons (Gk *anti* “opposite” and *phoni* “voice”) may consist of short verses or a Psalm broken at intervals by a refrain which are sung alternatively by two choirs or by a cantor and a choir. An example would be, “The Lord be with you” (versicle) and “And with thy spirit” (response),

the versicle being sung by one choir and the response by another.

There were originally seven antiphons (later known as the “O Antiphons”) and in monastic institutions they were chanted at the evening service of Vespers both before and after the Magnificat.

Originally the antiphons were never sung together but only one on each of the seven days leading up to Christmas. The titles of the antiphons were:

O Sapientia (Wisdom) (Isaiah 11:2-3)

O Adonai (Lord) (Isaiah 11:4-5)

O Radix Jesse (Root of Jesse) (Isaiah 11:1, 10)

O Clavis David (Key of David) (Isaiah 22:22)

O Oriens (Dayspring) (Isaiah 9:2)

O Rex Gentium (King of Nations) (Isaiah 9:6, 2:4, 64:8)

O Emmanuel (God is with us) (Isaiah 7:14)

The first letters of the titles, from last to first (*EROCRAS*) appear to form a reverse Latin acrostic (*Ero cras*) which translates to “Tomorrow I will be there”, signifying that the Lord, whose coming has been prepared for in Advent, will bring the Advent preparation to a joyful conclusion. There is, however, little or no support in the sources that this is anything more than a coincidence.

Sometime in the twelfth century five of the verses were put together to form the verses of a single hymn beginning, “O come, O come, Emmanuel” and with the refrain, “Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel” sung at the end of each verse.

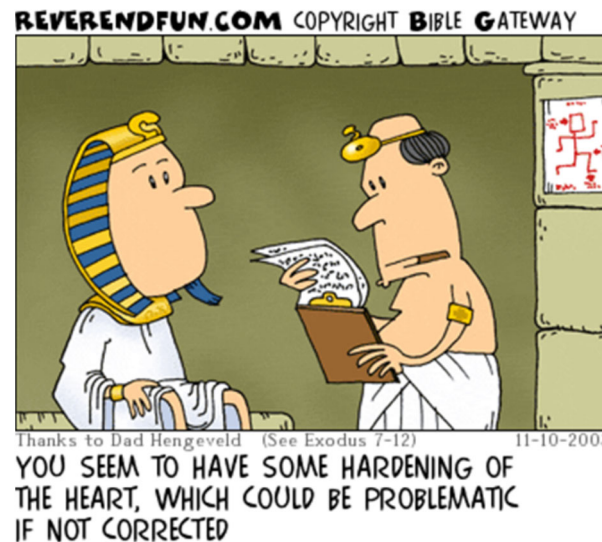


In 1851 these five verses were translated by John Mason Neale (1818-66) an Anglican priest, scholar and hymn writer, who translated many ancient and mediaeval hymn from Latin and Greek, some of are still sung today. He produced a hymn which began, *Draw nigh, draw nigh, Emmanuel*. The following year he revised his translation to produce the version which is familiar to us.

This hymn undoubtedly derives much of its powerful sense of longing from the tune familiarly known as *Veni Emmanuel*, which has accompanied Neale's revised translation since 1854. There is some uncertainty about the origin of the tune which was arranged by the Revd Thomas Helmore (1811-90), one of the pioneers in the revival of Gregorian chant in the services of the Church of England. The importance of the "O Antiphons" is twofold: each one highlights a title for the Messiah and each refers to a prophecy of Isaiah of the coming of the Messiah.

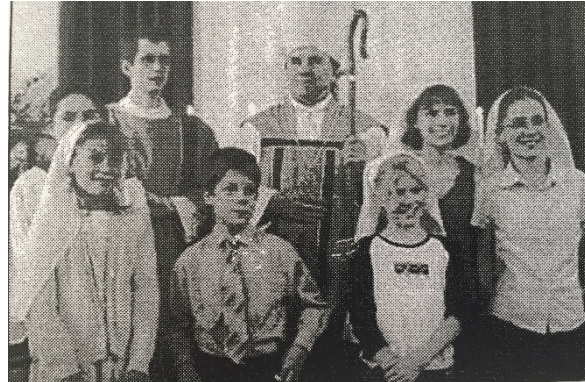
Fr Brian.

*The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church,
Book of Hymns, Wikipedia*



THE VEAL FAMILY

Members of the Veal family have been part of the Traditional Anglican Communion since at least 1995 when Natalie Veal was confirmed in St Mary's Church, Melbourne. Her siblings, Joanna and Benjamin were confirmed in the same church in 2002.



Confirmation at St Mary's, Melbourne, 2002
Joanna Veal, Hayden Millsteed (partly obscured),
Benjamin Veal, Lara, Caroline and Josephine Milsteed



St Peter's, 2019
Andrew, Bronwyn, Diane, Robert and Natalie
Front: William, Abigail and Levi

Originally from Shepparton in Victoria where their parents Robert and Diane still live, the Veal family has spread out all over Australia and beyond. Natalie was the trailblazer in Western Australia, moving here three years ago to complete her nursing degree at Notre Dame University.

Soon after arriving in Perth she joined the congregation of St Peter's Church where she has served as People's Warden. During August she spent some time with her family in Switzerland and she and Thomas Baldwin celebrated their engagement with his family in England.

Natalie was followed by her brother, Andrew and his wife, Bronwyn, and their children, Abigail, Levi and William.

They are all regular worshippers at St Peter's. Andrew has been a Synod Representative and has offered to serve at the Altar. Bronwyn is one of our readers.

When Robert and Diane worshipped with us in July on a visit to the family here, I tried to persuade them to migrate to Western Australia.

Unfortunately, I was unsuccessful.

Fr Brian.

The Holy Bible

The Bible might be the biggest selling book in the world, but it certainly isn't the most read book by Australians in the thirteen to twenty-four age group. A study of 2010 revealed that seventy percent of young people aged between thirteen and twenty-four in Australia have never read the Bible. Only four percent read the Bible daily, another six percent read it weekly, while fifteen to twenty percent read it occasionally. Unsurprisingly, most of those who read the Bible regularly attend church services and youth activities such as a Bible study group. Most also had parents who attended church services regularly. The survey revealed that young people, whether Christians or not, found difficulty in taking the Bible seriously because it is:

a book that is "hard to believe"

seen as myths and fables that are exaggerated, contradictory
and fragmented

boring and difficult to understand, irrelevant and problematic
in contemporary issues.

Sower, Winter 2019
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a Service of

Nine Lessons and Carols

on

Sunday 15 December 2019

at 6.00pm

at

The Scout Hall

Sicklemore Street, Brentwood

All welcome

A Ride through the Black Forest



In Perth the premier charity event for the prevention of youth suicide and depression, the Hawaiian Ride for Youth, is an annual event organised by Youth Focus. It is held over four and a half days with cyclists travelling from Albany to Perth, a round trip of almost one thousand kilometres for those who, like our parishioner, Dougal Burton, have to travel from Perth to take part in the event. Participants are sponsored and all money raised goes to Youth Focus. Whilst cycling through the

West Australian countryside the riders visit high schools along the route and speak to students about issues such as youth suicide, depression, anxiety and self-harm. Dougal has taken part in this event for the past six years and this year his daughter, Amelia, a qualified physiotherapist, accompanied him as part of the team.

Dougal is a keen cyclist and can often be seen cycling in the Kalamunda/Bickley Hills over a weekend. His Sunday cycling does not, however, keep him from attending St Peter's where he and his family have been worshipping for some time.

In August Dougal travelled to Germany where he participated in a ride from Heidelberg, through the heart of the Black Forest, to Freiburg. It is a particularly challenging ride because of the mountainous nature of the terrain - the Perth hills are molehills by comparison. The scenery was spectacular - idyllic valleys led to steep wooded climbs and fast descents. It was so pretty that it sometimes looked like a scene from a child's story book.

On one of his rides the sign for the municipality of St Peter in Baden-Württemberg caught Dougal's eye. As can be seen from the photograph, the parishioners there do not worship in a Scout Hall!

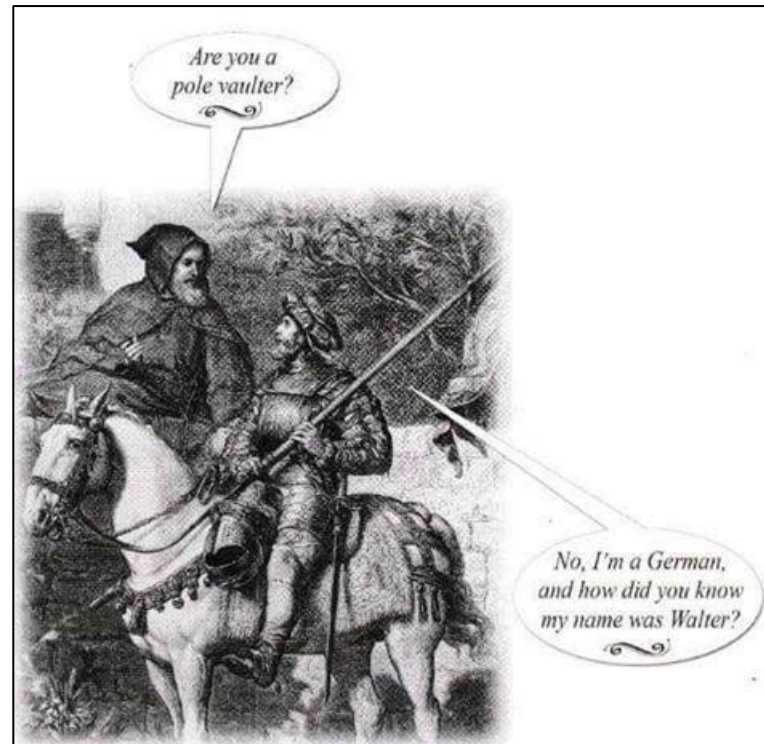
The ride ended in the city of Freiburg. The building of Freiburg cathedral started around the year 1200, and construction continued for over 300 years. The cathedral's Gothic tower, the only one in Germany, was completed in the Middle Ages (1330).



It has miraculously survived until the present day, even surviving the bombing raids of November 1944 which destroyed most of the buildings in the vicinity.

The highlight of the ride for Dougal was being present in the cathedral on the Feast of the Assumption for part of the service. The cathedral was packed with worshippers; the entry procession can only be described as magnificent.

While Dougal was in Germany, son William was on holiday in Japan where he managed to avoid a typhoon; Mum Beth was busy keeping the home fires burning; son Josh QC was busy at the Bar (of the court, of course) and Amelia was in Albany rubbing people up the right way.



Dust to dust ...

Tommy: "Mum, is it true that we come from dust and that we return to dust?"

Mum: "Yes, dear, that's what the Bible tells us."

Tommy: "Well, I just looked under the bed and there's somebody there, either coming or going."

+LEST WE FORGET+

For many a long and dreary week, beneath a low and heavy sky,

With eyes that ached for fairer scenes we watched the leaden days go by.

A wearied earth had turned to sleep, the birds were gone, the trees were bare,

For winter's grip was on the land when we came home and left you there.

You who had marched and fought with us, you who had borne the heat and toil

From Blackboy Hill to Pozieres, must sleep for aye in foreign soil.

Where much was hard to understand this was the hardest of the lot;

That we at last were going home, and you - our splendid mate - were not.

But on the roads that we had known, down many a well-remembered mile,

We heard again your merry laugh, for you were with us all the while.

Again you told your oft-told tales, and still the same old grin you wore

As when we marched down Blackboy Hill - was it ten thousand years before?

And often are you with us yet, your voice as glad, your laugh as gay

As when we marched down Blackboy Hill - say, was it only yesterday?

There is a grave across the sea, there is a cross by Pozieres.

But you - how could you sleep in France? And we - how could we leave you there?

From "When We Came Home" by Oscar Walters.

THE BELLWETHER?

Wangaratta Anglican Diocese first to bless same sex marriages

The Wangaratta Diocese is the first Anglican diocese in Australia to authorise the blessing of same sex marriages. In August the Synod of the Diocese voted 67-18 in favour of a motion to bless such marriages. The vote means clergy in the Diocese can bless members of the *LGBTIQ+ community, if they wish to.

Bishop John Parkes said, "My own view is that there's nothing in the Bible that understands the sorts of relationships that we are talking about, in this day and age." He said that he was "proud of the Synod" and described the moment the vote was revealed as "restrained joy". "This is a long overdue recognition that if God is love, and faithful persons are living together in love, then the church ought to bless those persons in the name of God."

The bishop has spent the past year studying the right way for the LGBTIQ+ community to be accepted, while still following the rules of the church. He said social attitudes in relation to same-sex couples were changing. "It's about inclusivity. It's about God being God of all people."

The vote does not allow the Anglican Church to conduct marriages between anyone other than a man and a woman, but Bishop Parkes said this vote was a significant step for the church. "Will things develop? Who knows. The future is an open horizon of possibility."

Through his studies Bishop Parkes apparently became aware of a high number of LGBTIQ+ people taking their lives or self-harming. He said this motivated him to act and do what he believed was the right thing.

"There are many gay people who are faithful Christians, who are living in the church. For many of them they have spent years hiding their identity. I hope that at least in this part of north-east Victoria it will mean that gay and lesbian Christians can be who they are; marry under state law and be blessed and accepted in their church."

In the coming weeks Bishop Parkes will bless two priests from Wangaratta who have been in a relationship for more than 20 years. "To be able to stand with them and have them affirm their identity is a very special and important thing," the Bishop said. He hopes other LGBTIQ+ people will feel accepted in the church.

By Mikaela Ortolan, ABC Goulburn Murray [edited].

August 31, 2019

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*LGBTIQ+ : Lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transsexual, intersex, queer/questioning +



THE CHRISTMAS ANGEL

One particular Christmas season a long time ago, Father Christmas was ready for his Christmas run ... but there were problems. Four of his elves booked in sick, and the trainee elves did not produce the toys as fast as the regular ones did, so Father Christmas was beginning to feel the pressure of being behind schedule. Then Mrs. Christmas told him that her mother was coming to visit. This stressed him even more. When he went to harness the reindeer, he found that three of them were about to give birth and two had jumped the fence and were out, heaven knows where. More stress. Then when he began to load the sleigh one of the boards cracked and the toy bag fell to the ground and scattered the toys. By now quite frustrated, Father Christmas went into the house for a cup of coffee and a shot of whiskey. When he went to the cupboard, he discovered that the elves had hidden the bottle and there was nothing to drink. In his frustration, he accidentally dropped the coffee pot and it broke into hundreds of little pieces all over the kitchen floor. He went to get the broom and found that it was broken and he couldn't use it. Just then the doorbell rang and he said a few choice words on his way to open it. He opened the door, and there was a little angel with a great big Christmas tree. The angel said, very cheerfully, "Merry Christmas, Father Christmas. Isn't it just a lovely, lovely, day? I have a beautiful tree for you. Isn't it a beauty? Where would you like me to stick it?" Thus began the tradition of the little angel on top of the Christmas tree.

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Corner of Rountree Road
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LESMURDIE

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WELCOME

We invite you to join us in our service of praise, prayers and thanksgiving
and, after the service, to share in fellowship over light refreshments.

WE WELCOME ALL who seek to encounter God in the Communion of His Church through the sacrament of the Eucharist expressed by the beautiful words of the Book of Common Prayer and through fellowship with people of like minds

- ❖ **WE BELIEVE** that Scripture is the final authority in matters of faith
- ❖ **WE BELIEVE** the Scriptures, sacraments, creeds and ministry to be the basis for Christian unity and God's Good News message to the world
- ❖ **WE BELIEVE** confirmation to be a link between baptism and Holy Communion
- ❖ **WE UPHOLD** the sanctity of human life and believe in the future of the family as a focal point of our society
- ❖ **WE UPHOLD** the covenant of marriage as a life-long union, made before God, between a man and a woman
- ❖ **WE HOLD** the Book of Common Prayer to be the basis of faith and order within our Church.

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