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St Peter's Anglican Church Bundoora
Cnr Grimshaw and Monckton Streets Bundoora
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SERVICES

The following services are held at St Peter's each week

Sunday 8.00a.m.

Holy Communion

Sunday 9.30a.m.

Sung Eucharist followed by Morning Tea

Sunday School (except during school holidays)

Wednesday 9.30a.m.

Holy Communion followed by Morning Tea

Thursday 7.30p.m.

Choir Practice

3rd Friday of the Month

6.30p.m Evensong

Saturday 10.00a.m.

Meditation

Christmas Services

15th December : 9 Lessons and Carols

24th December : Christmas Eve Services

Children's Service - 7.00p.m.

Midnight Service - 11.00p.m.

25th December : Christmas Day

Sung Eucharist - 9.00a.m.

From the Vicar's Desk

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Yet another advent season is at the doorsteps and 2020 awaits us..... Some would call 2019 a successful year, but for many it may not be the same. The meaning of 'success' largely depends on how we define it. Michael Jordan, one of the successful NBA players of all times stated: "I've failed over and over and over again in my life—and that is why I succeed." Many see success as material and career accomplishments. However, from a Christian point of view and as Jesus has explained; the following two things will be enough to call life a 'success'. And those are loving God and loving our neighbour as ourselves (Mark 12:28–33 and Matthew 22: 36-40). We call them the greatest commandments of Jesus. One's life can be meaningful, significant and impactful by following these two commandments.

Loving God is not just admiration but

"Unto us a child is born"

St Peter's Mission Statement for 2020 is :
"God's Kingdom requires us to make Disciples".
with the GOAL being "Outreach"

implies that all our being is fully engaged in loving the one true God. But why do we love God? In Exodus 34:6–7 God described Himself to Moses. "And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, 'The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin"

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The Right Reverend
Kate Prowd
Bishop of the
Oodthorng
Episcopate
Diocese of Melbourne
visits St Peter's



St Peter's Anglican Church is open everyday from 9.00am till 3.00pm when you can come in and silently pray or meditate.

Looking Forward

DECEMBER 2019

May the love and peace of Christmas be yours always



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8.00a.m. Church Service 9.30a.m. Sung Eucharist Morning Tea Christmas Lunch	2	3	4 9.30a.m. Holy Communion Morning Tea including Kay's Treats	5 7.30p.m. Choir Practice	6 YOYOFA 7.00p.m. Youth and Young Families Christian Fellowship	7 10.00a.m. Meditation Group led by Ranjit Wijesinha All welcome
8 8.00a.m. Church Service 9.30a.m. Sung Eucharist Morning Tea	9	10	11 9.30a.m. Holy Communion Morning Tea including Kay's Treats	12 7.30p.m. Choir Practice	13 Conversation Craft and Coffee 2pm	14 10.00a.m. Meditation Group led by Ranjit Wijesinha All welcome
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22 8.00a.m. Church Service 9.30a.m. Sung Eucharist Morning Tea 4-6p.m Messy Church	23	24 Christmas Eve Services 7.00p.m. Children's Christmas Service 11.00p.m. Midnight Service	25 Christmas Day 9.00a.m. Sung Eucharist	26	27	28 10.00a.m. Meditation Group led by Ranjit Wijesinha All welcome
29 8.00a.m. Church Service 9.30a.m. Sung Eucharist Morning Tea	30	31 6.30p.m. Watch Night Service				

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As God extends these to us, we are called to extend the same love, mercy and care to all our neighbours; not only whom we identify with but a world that is so diverse. Jesus taught us that all human beings are our neighbours and should be treated equally as we would treat ourselves. "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love." 1 John 4:7-8

Have a meaningful Advent and a Blessed 2020.

Fr. Jobby John, Vicar



Let us join together and celebrate the birth of Jesus

A word from the Wardens - Jeff, Sylvia and Steven

- ◆ As the elections for our new Parish Council took place on Sunday 17th November, this will be the last report from the 2018-2019 Wardens.
- ◆ We are grateful for the valuable support and assistance rendered by all members of the Parish Council, but at this time, as a number step down, we acknowledge the input and service of Stephen Simpson, Helen Brens, Nola Moulden, Lorraine Hunter and Harvey Wonson. As you are receiving this in December, you will now have had a chance to congratulate those, who have offered their services and who are ready to take up the challenges of the year ahead.
- ◆ The Wardens for 2019-2020 are : Nicole Beale, Sylvia Peacock and Jeff Cripps.
- ◆ Looking back, we have completed the roof repairs, painting, replacement of lights in the hall, fence repairs and new carpet. WE can't be complacent as the work of maintaining still continues.
- ◆ We are thankful for the many, who have so generously given of their time, energy and finances to support the church in so many ways, without which, we might not exist.
- ◆ The year has been a busy one, with many varied activities arranged, the most recent being our Christmas Market. It was a most enjoyable afternoon/evening and while there was not a stampede, the steady flow of visitors took their time to check out the stalls and make some discerning purchases.
- ◆ The Wardens take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy, safe and carefree time over Christmas and the New Year which is fast approaching.



Looking Forward

In 2020:

*May the Lord bless you and keep you;
May the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be
gracious to you;
May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and
give you peace.*



JANUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			9.30a.m. Holy Communion Morning Tea including Kay's Treats	7.30p.m. Choir Practice	YOYOFA 7.00p.m. Youth & Young Families Christian Fellowship To be confirmed	10.00a.m. Meditation Group led by Ranjit Wijesinha All welcome
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Australia Day 8.00a.m. Church Service 9.30a.m. Sung Eucharist Morning Tea			9.30a.m. Holy Communion Morning Tea including Kay's Treats	7.30p.m. Choir Practice		

Do you know the Christmas Spirit?

What is the "Christmas spirit"? Does it hit when we unpack our decorations and start playing Christmas music? Is it found in the gifts under the Christmas tree; or in the Christmas decorations - one or two strands of lights strung strategically; or the turkey on the Christmas table; or does it come down to out-dazzling our neighbours with a bigger outdoor display? **NO!** The Christmas Spirit is found in the joy of knowing and believing in the history-changing story of Christ's birth! This baby was the living proof that God really did love the world so much "that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

A long time ago, in the town of Nazareth, lived a young woman named Mary. Mary did her chores, was kind to others, and loved God very much. She was engaged to be married to Joseph, who was a carpenter. One day, an angel suddenly appeared to Mary. Before Mary could say anything the angel told Mary that she was favoured by God. Mary, was trying not to be afraid, but she had never seen an angel before. Why was this angel visiting her? What did the angel want? The angel quickly tried to reassure Mary. "Do not be afraid!" the angel said,



"God has found favour with you. You will have a baby boy, and are to give him the name Jesus." Mary was confused; she was not yet married to Joseph, so how could she have a baby? The angel thought that this might concern Mary so he said, "The Holy Spirit will perform a miracle, and because of this your baby will be called the "Son of God." Nothing is impossible with God." Mary couldn't believe what she was hearing; she didn't know what to say. When she was finally able to speak she said, "I am the Lord's servant, and I hope everything you have said will come true." Then the angel disappeared, and Mary was left alone. Soon after, Joseph found out that Mary was going to have a baby. Joseph was confused and upset by this, but an angel came to him in a dream and said, "Joseph do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. The child, Mary is going to have, is God's son, and you are to give him the name Jesus." When Joseph woke up he remembered what the angel had said. He knew that everything was going to be okay, and he wasn't upset anymore.



In those days, the government decided that they should count everyone that lived in that area of the world. So Joseph had to take Mary to his town of Bethlehem to register. It took Mary and Joseph a long time to get to Bethlehem. When they reached the town, all the accommodation was full and there was nowhere that they could stay. Finally, someone offered them a place to stay in a stable. Mary and Joseph were thankful that they at least had a warm place



to lie down on plenty of straw. That night an exciting, wonderful thing happened: Mary and Joseph had a baby! But this wasn't just any baby, he was Baby Jesus! The King of Kings, and the one who would save the world.

In the fields nearby, there were shepherds, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel



said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of Bethlehem a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favour rests.' When the angels had left, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.'

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what they had been told about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. Luke 2:8-20

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.' When King Herod heard this he was disturbed. When he called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where Christ was born. 'In Bethlehem in Judea,' they replied, 'for this is what the prophet has written:

"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel." Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, 'Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.' After the Wise Men had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route. Matthew 2:1-12



Many will enthusiastically celebrate Christmas this year, but will never know the joy of knowing and connecting the celebration with the true reason we celebrate Christmas. The angel on that first Christmas night said, "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord" Luke 2:11. If we believe this, then it makes all the difference in the world to us. Life takes on a new dimension.

Celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ



Messy Church is Christ-centred and welcoming to everyone - singles, adults, and families, not just children. At St Peters, Messy Church is held between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of the month. Messy Church is focused on fun with craft, activities, stories and a meal to share together. Everyone from the community is welcome.

September - "God Speaks to Moses".

In September our Messy Church theme was "God Speaks to Moses". Since the story unfolded in Egypt some of the activities like pyramids, hieroglyphics and turning the Nile into blood were closely related to the culture of Egypt. Other activities were the burning bush, how God appeared to Moses, scabby leprosy hands and the staff (rod) turning into a snake, these were some of the miracles performed by Moses to release the Israelites from the clutches of the Pharaoh.



Pyramids of Egypt



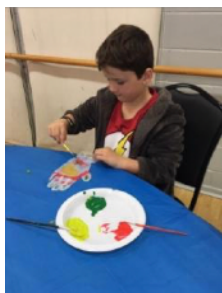
River Nile turning to blood



Burning Bush



Turning the Staff into a snake



Scabby Leprosy Hands



Story Time



Moses



October

“The Ten Plagues of Egypt”

The Messy Church Theme for October was about “The Ten Plagues of Egypt”.

The Ten Plagues of Egypt narrated in the book of Exodus are the ten disasters perpetrated on Egypt by the God of Israel to force the Pharaoh to release the Israelites from slavery. They were the signs and marvels sent by God to teach Pharaoh a

lesson for neglecting God, for his arrogance and unruly behaviour towards the Israelites. In the end, with God’s help Moses was able to deliver the Israelites from the Pharaoh’s clutches leading them to Canaan their promised land. The activities for the day were making frogs, locusts, flies, boils and sores, turning river Nile into blood and an activity identifying the ten plagues.

The Ten Plagues of Egypt



Children's Bible Story from the Gospel of Matthew - Reena Thomas

Story of weeds among wheat, a mustard seed and yeast

Weeds among Wheat

After Jesus finished explaining the farmer's story to the crowd he had another story for them, the story of weeds among the wheat. Like always Jesus uses stories to explain the kingdom of God. He said the



kingdom of heaven is like when a farmer scatters good seeds in a field and an enemy comes in and scatters weed seeds in the field and leaves. When the wheat plants grew up the weeds grew up along with them. When the farmer's servants saw the wheat starting to ripen they asked him "Sir, didn't you scatter good seed in your field?"

Where did these weeds come from? The farmer replied, an enemy did this.

The servants then asked, "Do you want us to go out and pull up the weeds? He said, "No", and asked them to leave the weeds alone until harvest time. He said when it's harvest time he will ask his workers to gather the weeds, tie them up and burn them. But he will have the wheat stored in his barn.



Later Jesus disciples asked him to interpret the story for them. He stated that the one who scattered the good seeds are the people who belong to the kingdom. The weed seeds are the ones that belong to the evil and the one who scattered them is the devil. The harvest is the end of time which means the son of man will send out his angels to gather everyone who does wrong or causes others to sin from his kingdom. They will be thrown into a flaming furnace where people will cry and grit their teeth in pain. Everyone who has done right will shine like the sun in their Father's kingdom.



Mustard seed and Yeast Jesus told another story: The kingdom of heaven is like what happens when a farmer plants a mustard seed in a field. Although it is the smallest of all seeds, it grows larger than any garden plant and becomes a tree, even birds nest on them and its branches.



Jesus also said heaven is like what happens when a woman mixes, a little yeast into three big batches of flour and the dough rises

YoYoFa - Youth and Young Families August

The August YoYoFa "Youth and Young Families" get-together was held on the 2nd of August. At the start children and adults entertained themselves with tennis, board and card games.



After a word of prayer and the introduction of attendees, everyone enjoyed musical entertainment by John and Joe. The evening continued with a choice of games followed by Musical chairs, equally relished both by all the children and adults. The evening came to a close with the raffle draw as usual. A splendid get-together appreciated by everyone.

Entertainment by John and Joe



Meet and Greet



Game of Table Tennis



Musical Chairs



Game Time



you are welcome to join YoYoFa

YoYoFa - Youth and Young Families - October

The Youth and Young families gathering for October was conducted on the 12th of October 2019 presided by Rev. Jobby John from 7-9pm. To keep the children entertained we started off with some board games, card games and table tennis. We started off with a prayer, introduction of attendees, followed by dinner and dessert. Dinner was accompanied by Bible Study by Akhil. The Bible Study was well received by the attendees. In the mean time the children were well entertained with some Science activities that they absolutely loved. We tried out a Lava Lamp, a Vinegar & Baking Soda Volcano experiment and made slime. Towards the end of the session the raffle was drawn, the 1st prize, a \$20 Coles Myer voucher, and 2nd prize a box of chocolates. The evening came to a close with filling out a survey about preferences for the future gatherings. A great evening experience for both children and adults.

Dinner Time



Vote of Thanks for Akhil

Raffle Draw by Akhil



The much awaited new carpet.



Wednesday Worship during the Carpet Laying



Wednesday Morning Worship Group



Who is who in the pew

Jacqui Henderson was married to a soldier, based 200 miles north of Newcastle.

Initially, Jacqui had a great love for horses and spent much time riding them and caring for them, but marriage seemed to have limited the time available and the involvement declined.

In the seventies, Jacqui moved to Dundas Street, Thornbury, before moving to Bundoora, where she again established a home for her family.

Jacqui has had an interest in jigsaws, but now finds the very large ones too difficult.

She has enjoyed being at St Peter's because of its friendly atmosphere. Jacqui enjoys the company of 3 generations of her family on many occasions at St Peter's



Silent Night

E. Gruber (19th c.)



“Silent Night”, a very a popular Christmas carol, was composed in 1818 by Franz Xaver Gruber to lyrics by Joseph Mohr in the small town of Oberndorf bei Salzburg, Austria. The carol was first performed on Christmas Eve 1818 at St Nicholas parish church in Oberndorf. A young priest, Father

Joseph Mohr, had come to Oberndorf the year before. He had written the lyrics of the song "Stille Nacht" in 1816. The melody was composed by Franz Xaver Gruber, a schoolmaster and organist in the nearby village of Arnsdorf. Before Christmas Eve, Mohr brought the words to Gruber and asked him to compose a melody and guitar accompaniment for the Christmas Eve mass, after river flooding had damaged the church organ. The church was eventually destroyed by repeated flooding and replaced with the Silent-Night-Chapel.



Visit to St Peter's of The Right Reverend Kate Prowd Bishop of the Oodthonong Episcopate Diocese of Melbourne .



50th Anniversary of the Ordination of Fr. Ray Hartley and Fr John Baumgardener

St Peter's was fortunate to be the site for a special celebration. The 50th Anniversary of Ordination of The Rev. John Baumgardner and The Rev. Ray Hartley, ordained ministers of the Methodist Church of Australasia was held at St. Peter's Bundoora on the 20th of October 2019 graced by the presence

of our honourable Bishop Kate Prowd. The Eucharist was conducted by Bishop Kate Prowd and our Vicar Rev. Jobby John, the sermon presented by Rev. John Baumgardner. It was an auspicious blessed occasion where friends and family of both parties and parishioners were present. A small presentation was made to both John and Ray, a few words of acknowledgement for their continuing contribution. Formal invitations had been extended to all parishioners and the response was extremely good.

We all adjourned into the hall for a beautifully prepared lunch by Noni and Sarah. There were no formal speeches made during the lunch, which meant everyone could focus on enjoying the company of those in the room, the plentiful supply of food and the wonderful atmosphere that had been created.

A pleasant and pleasurable Sunday well spent with lots of fun and laughter. Congratulations and well done Reverend John Baumgardner and Reverend Ray Hartley for making it to your 50th Anniversary. We wish you all the very best in all your endeavours. God bless.

While extending our sincere congratulations to both Ray and John, we must also add our grateful thanks for their generosity in catering for us, as their guests.



Trivia Night

A fantastic night of questions and animated discussions over what should be/ could be/ might be the correct answer and any dispute with the adjudicator was quickly dismissed with a penalty point or two. I enjoyed it because I found that I wasn't disadvantaged by a lack of knowledge on song names and artists....usually the area where I am out of my depth. Good company, lots of laughs, bring your own food and refreshments and in the end it didn't matter who won. The arrival of the police did nothing to spoil the night, but it was a disappointment that they decided not to join in.

I would recommend this night to everyone; lots of general knowledge and Australiana type questions. I would point out that despite the need to read the Reader's Digest in preparation, very few questions came from the publications. Just another trick to the game!



Night Market

A large inflatable castle, the smell of onions from the Barbecue and the large display of goods from June's trailer, were on display to attract the customers, but unfortunately it did not attract the best of weather. While all went well outside for most of the time, a couple of showers forced June to protect her goods from the rain, and the weather also encroached on the sausage sizzle.

Closer to the building was the plant stall and once inside there were a variety of opportunities to spend money on many attractive items, including, cakes and the "Afternoon Cuppa". A game of chance provided the opportunity to win some chocolates, items such as handmade cards and some needlework also added to the variety. A pleasing sum of money was raised and we thank all participants for their interest and participation.



Ken Morgan's visit to St. Peters

Ken was the facilitator at a program conducted recently for three small groups from different Parishes in the North of Melbourne. The program held at St Peter's was aimed at understanding and developing our Mission Action Plan. What should we as a church be doing and how do we plan for success. An intense couple of hours where the participants were challenged. The end result, that we were able to verbalise was that God wants us to be disciples and this meant we need to be active in outreach, beyond the limits of our current congregation. More recently, Ken came to St Peter's to deliver a sermon. I believe his aim was to ensure we were all "on the same page", that we had an understanding of what we are challenged to do.





St. Peter's Anglican Church Bundoora - cares for members of the community through it's partnership with Anglicare Victoria to protect vulnerable Victorians in our community – a child suffering from abuse, a homeless young person, a woman escaping domestic violence, an impoverished couple unable to feed their family – people who desperately need help. **Please help by donating . . .** Groceries for our Grocery Collection on the 1st Sunday of each month to Anglicare Preston which will be distributed to the local community.

Toiletries, Socks, Jocks (new), Mugs, Bath Towels, Coats /Jackets & Blankets (winter only). These donations will be taken to St. Mark's Community Centre, Fitzroy and the Lazarus Centre, East Melbourne Homeless Services.

All donations can be left at the Church

Wishes

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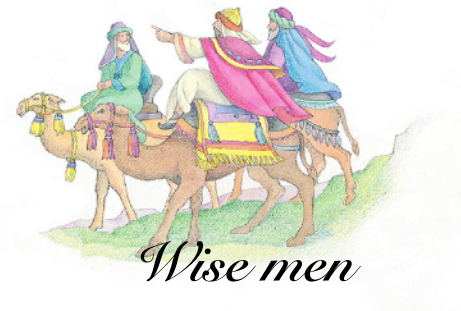


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*Let the church bells ring
and the choir sing as you
celebrate the birth of Jesus
this Christmas.*

*May you be blessed in
2020 with excellent health,
much happiness and peace.
Walk in God's grace.*



*Wise men
still seek
Him!*

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