



PEW SHEET FOR SUNDAY 11th FEBRUARY

***New* Ash Wednesday**

Ash Wednesday arrives early this year on Wednesday 14th February. Ash Wednesday service times at St Peter's are at 10am and 7pm. All regular parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend. Please feel free to bring others along with you.

***New* Kids Church**

We are blessed to have welcomed four families with seven young children to Saint Peter's at Kids' Church last Sunday. We were blessed to welcome a new local family at this first service for 2024.

***New* Holy Baptism**

Holy Baptism is traditionally celebrated on Easter Sunday. To book a baptism at Easter or at any time, or for all inquiries, please contact the vicar on vicar@saintpeters.org.au or 0488 770 277.

***New* Episcopal Visit**

Bishop Paul Barker, bishop of the Jumbunna episcopate, will visit St Peter's on Sunday 3rd March at 10am, where he will preach at this combined 8:30am and 10am service. If you would like Bp Paul to baptise, confirm or receive into the Anglican communion you, or a loved one at 10am on Sunday 3rd March please contact the vicar on vicar@saintpeters.org.au or 0488 770 277.

***New* Reflection from Bishop Paul**

'One of the hard things in ministry is that we do not always see fruit for our labour. My local café owner can add up his receipts each day. Sportspeople can see instantly if they are winning or losing. Many workers have measurable KPIs. But we sow seeds, nurture and nourish them, but we do not always see the growth. It is God who waters and gives growth. Therefore, our goals for 2024 are that we be committed,

faithful, godly and servant-hearted, prayerful for God's mighty hand to be graciously at work within us and despite us'.

***New* St Peter's Choir**

The Saint Peter's choir will sing at a Choral Eucharist on Sunday 3rd March at 10am.

***New* Friends of St Peter's**

The first meeting of Friends of St Peter's for 2024 will be held on Monday 26th February at 1.30pm. The venue will be Unit 2, 11 Park Street Brighton. We are indeed fortunate that Stephanie Gotze will give us a talk on her involvement with organizing Christian camps for children and young people. Hope everyone can join us on 26th February. For all inquiries please contact Catherine on 0409 077 821 or catherinevwallace@gmail.com.

***New* Request for Jam Jars**

If anyone has small to medium sized jars, that have previously been used for sweet things (not savoury things), with metal lids and pop tops, could they please bring them to the next Friends of St Peter's meeting? It would be extremely helpful if the labels have been removed also.

***New* Prayer List**

If you would like the community to pray for you, or for a loved one, please contact Margaret on 0417 553 994 or margaret_braddon@hotmail.com. Before nominating someone else, you must obtain permission from that person (verbal is sufficient).

***New* In Memorial Flowers**

Dates for in memorial flowers in 2024 are now available. To reserve a date please complete the form available in the church narthex. Payment is not required until the flowers are supplied. For inquiries please contact Julia on 0409 160 892, or the vicar.

***New* Food donations**

Food donations to St Marks in Fitzroy may be made through St Peter's. Please feel free to bring donations when you attend church. For inquiries contact Max on 0408 687 397.

Vision for Saint Peter's

Please pray in the following new vision for Saint Peter's in 2024:

Vision statement

'I have come that you may have life, and have it abundantly' – Jesus.

Vision

'For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating,
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy
and its people as a delight.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it
or the cry of distress.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat.
They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
and their descendants as well.
Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the Lord.'

Isaiah 65:17-25

A Parish Prayer

Please pray in the following parish prayer for Saint Peter's in 2024:

God of Mission,

Who alone brings growth to your Church,

Send your Holy Spirit to give,
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
Joy to our worship
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***New* Lay ministry opportunities at St Peter's in 2024**

Please pray to the Lord for volunteers to fill the following vacant honorary lay ministry positions in 2024:

Spring Fair Coordinator/s

Parish Office Administrator

Please contact the vicar on 0488 770 277, or a church warden.

The Anglican Church of Australia Leadership and Governance

The Anglican Parish of St Peter's in Brighton Beach is part of the Anglican Church in Melbourne. The Anglican Church in Melbourne is constituted of clergy and lay people committed to the building up of the body of Christ under the leadership of the Archbishop.

***New* Governance within the Local Parish - The Parish Council**

Formerly known as the Parish Vestry, the Parish Council is the parish body responsible for the governance of the Parish. The Parish is governed according to the laws and canons of the Anglican Church of Australia, and the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne. The Vicar is the Chair of the Parish Council.

Members of Parish Council in 2024 are:

Churchwardens

Christine Fitzherbert, Carol Hocken and Simon Angus

Parish Council members

Julia Charleston, Stephanie Gotze, Libby Neal, Catherine Wallace

Please pray for the Vicar and the Parish Officers as they lead and govern the Parish in 2024. For all inquiries in relation to Parish governance

within the Anglican Church please contact the Parish Secretary, Mrs Christine Fitzherbert, or the Vicar, the Rev'd Jonathan Chamberlain.

Vicar's Day Off During the Week

With Friday being the vicar's day off during the week, and Saturday being final service preparation and emergency pastoral care, the vicar will respond to parishioner inquiries between Monday and Friday during normal business hours.

Linen and Brass

Volunteers are sought to join the parish linen and brass polishing rosters. These rosters are available on the church notice board. Please simply put your name down for a month or months you are available.

