

Peter is a significant character in this final chapter of John's Gospel...and with good reason! Recent events have rocked his world and knocked his confidence. Not only was Peter sternly rebuked by Jesus for rejecting His teaching that He would be crucified (Mark 8:31-33), Peter then forcefully denied ever knowing Him (Mark 14:66-72)...and now Jesus had risen from the dead! What would or could Peter now do? Had Jesus 'written him off'? Should Peter just go back to his old way of life – fishing (John 21:3)?

I suspect that sometimes we can feel a bit like Peter. Perhaps you know you have grieved the Lord greatly, or some of your attitudes or actions do not reflect how He wants you to live. Maybe some recent, personal events have rocked your world.

Sunday's sermon passage highlights the tender forgiveness and restoration to service of a repentant Peter. The lesson for us is that turning towards Jesus (John 21:7) and not away from Him is always the right response in any circumstance. Is it time for you to have breakfast on the beach with the Lord? The invitation is always there!

Let us hear these encouraging words from our gracious God in the book of Micah:

"Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.

He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea". (Micah 7:18-19).

- Phil Pratt

Prayers

CURRENT PRAYERS

Church people who are unwell

Bob Abrahams, Marlene Arthur, Jean Beetles, Olga Covetz, Jan Crook, Peter Evans, Raija Hannam, Robert Hannam, Pauline Kirby, James Mills, Charlie October, Allan Quinn, Merv Sercombe, Sue Simpson, Hanno Stanojevic, Eileen Stokes, Mary Straughan, Betty Uren, Susan Vickery, Chris Wilson.

ANZAC Day

We remember with thanksgiving, those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in times of war. We pray that their offering of their lives may not have been in vain. May God's grace enable us to dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace; and give us the wisdom and strength to build a better world.

Lovell family

Pray for the Lovell's as they adjust to being a family of four. Pray for creativity and wisdom in finding routines that work with both a toddler and home-schooling a Kindergarten student. Pray that Maya will grow in her trust of Adrian & Anita, and Matias, and settle into the family well.

Mobile Community Pantry

Thank God for the work of Anglicare and especially the Mobile Community Pantry and its team. Pray for fine weather and good conversations when the Pantry visits each fortnight on Thursdays. Pray that more conversations about Jesus will happen.

COVID-19

Pray that people will be sensible especially with restrictions changing. Give thanks that cases are decreasing not just in NSW, but also Australia wide.

Pray that the vaccine will be able to be distributed easily and made available for all.

REGULAR PRAYERS (CYCLE 4 OF 4)

Government:

Our Mayor and those serving in local government.

World Focus:

North and South America.

The persecuted church.

Mission Partners:

Roger and Amanda Kyngdon, working with BCA in Newman. WA.

Organisations We Support:

Anglicare Chaplains working in Anglicare Villages, Hospitals and Prisons.

Mission to Seafarers.

Word Ministry Training:

Mary Andrew's College and Sydney Missionary & Bible College (SMBC).

Diocesan Leadership:

Our Archbishop and our Bishop.

Children's and Youth Ministry:

Refuge, our youth group.

Adult Ministries:

Bible Study groups.

Local Evangelism:

Outreach to people in young families in our suburb.

Special Needs:

Those suffering with mental illness and dementia.

Mobile Community Pantry:

Give thanks for the volunteers and the community impact of this ministry.

Gospel of John: "Feed my sheep" John 21:15-25 Sam Pursell • 25th April 2021

- 1. Feeding Jesus' sheep (15-17)
- 2. Following Jesus to death: Peter (18-22)
- 3. Following Jesus to death: John (23-25)

Next Sunday...

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THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SERVING US

9.30am Service 25th April 2nd May Welcomer: G Taylor R Eton Bible Reader: K Dobbie H Mills Prayer Leader: P Taylor P Taylor Kids' Program: M Klasson/V O'Regan D & J Orange **Morning Tea:** J Mills/C Pratt A Hadley/J Mills

K Eton

Meal Clean Up: C Bonnici

COVID Cleaning: R Hannam/V O'Regan D & J Orange

5pm Service 25th April 2nd May Welcomer: A Peters M Peters Bible Reader: D Rainey J Hoffer **Praver Leader:** V O'Regan G Kyngdon Afternoon Tea: M Peters V O'Regan Meal Clean Up: J Hoffer D Rainey A & M Peters **COVID Cleaning:** P & G Taylor

Cleaning Saturday: D & J Orange/J Evans

Mowing Saturday: NA

Church News

LADIES' DINNER

Tuesday 11th May is our next Ladies' Dinner. We meet at our church and starts at **6.30pm**. Dinner is \$10 payable at the door. Please RSVP online or see Coralie or Val.

UPDATE ON SUPPORT FOR ROXANA

Thank you to those who committed to supporting Roxana (Bible College student from Chile).

Fortunately our contribution for Roxana at this stage is not required. Therefore any money earmarked for Roxana specifically from now on will be sent to Adrian and Anita Lovell.

COVID SAFETY PRACTICES

A reminder that:

- Numbers are limited to 120 people in the whole church building premises, but only 90 adults in main hall.
- · Hand sanitiser must be used.
- Your name and number will be recorded as per Health NSW regulations.
- Stay home if you have any signs of being unwell. We will sadly need to turn you away at the door if you come to church sick.
- Maintain a distance of 1.5m from other people where possible.

OUR BIRTHDAYS

1st Raija Hannam Charlie October

OUR ANNIVERSARIES

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