



St Peter's
CHURCH SOUTHPORT

Key Notes: 27 August & 3 September 2023



Rembrandt, *Jeremiah Lamenting the Destruction of Jerusalem*, 1630

Spring at St Peter's

September 2023

St Peter's has a wonderful 'Harvest Festival' tradition. When we look over the photographs in the *Parish History* you cannot help but be impressed with the tremendous Harvest Festival displays of yesteryear. This year we will treat the theme of 'Harvest' a little differently by exploring just what it means to 'bear fruit' spiritually. There will be opportunities for prayer and reflection in new and unique ways along with the other regular events that make September a special month in our calendar.

St Paul tells us something about the fruits that we should be bearing as we mature in our faith - itself a life-long process. These first fruits, formed in us by the Holy Spirit, are **Love** (sometimes translated as **Charity**), **Joy**, **Peace**, **Patience**, **Kindness**, **Goodness**, **Faithfulness**, **Gentleness**, and **Self-Control**

Galatians 5: 22-23.

St Paul doesn't see these as comprising a list that needs to be slavishly ticked off at the beginning of each day, rather as evidence in us of the first fruits of eternal glory.

So, our 'Harvest' this year focuses on the fruits of the spirit and this is what the month of September holds for us:



Friday 25th August, 6:30 pm. Our *Fruits of the Spirit Holy Eucharist* followed by a light refreshment. (We have deliberately chosen a Friday to give folk who can't make Sundays for after-Eucharist fellowship.



Sunday 17, 24 September & Sunday 1 October, 11:30 - 12:30:

LIVING IN THE SPIRIT Retreat (An introduction to the spiritual exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola)



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But the fruit of the Spirit is
love, joy, peace,
forbearance, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness and self-control.
Against such things
there is no law.
Galatians 5:22-23

ST PETERS PARISH - SPRING RETREAT “LIVING IN THE SPIRIT”

This Spring Retreat is to be offered as 3 x 1-hour retreat sessions run after the Parish Morning Tea following the 9:30am Sunday Eucharist (from 11:30am to 12:30pm).

Conducted by Mr Chris Kennedy (whom we welcome back) in these three retreat sessions you will be introduced to the contemplative prayer and spiritual conversational methods of St Ignatius Loyola to come to an experience of living in the Spirit.

ALL WELCOME!

The THREE SESSIONS:

Week 1: 17th September 2023: *'Exercises 1: LIVING the Gifts of the Spirit'.*

In this week we will pray the gifts of the Spirit. To complete the Exercise, in the evening we will be asked to pray a Particular Examen - a type of prayer to which you will be introduced - to see how God has been at work in my chosen gift of the Spirit.

Week 2: 24th September 2023: *'Exercises 2: LIVING the Fruits of the Spirit'.*

In this week we will pray the Fruits of the Spirit. To complete the Exercise, in the evening we will be asked to pray a Particular Examen to see how God has been at work in my chosen fruit of the Spirit.

Week 3: 1st October 2023: *'Exercises 3: LIVING the Work of Mercy for the Spirit'.*

In this week we will pray the Spiritual works of Mercy. To complete the Exercise, in the evening we will be asked to pray a Particular Examen to see how God has been at work in my chosen work of mercy.

PLEASE REGISTER WITH PARISH OFFICE

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QUESTIONS, ANYONE?

In response to requests for answers to questions on our faith's basics, a simple program is being created. Tentatively titled *Inquirers' Hour*, this will entail watching prerecorded sessions on our website. These will be uploaded to the Parish Website (all going well) by mid-September. They can be viewed by anyone accessing the website at any time thereafter.

These recorded sessions will be designed for adults wanting to know more about the church and our faith and will be especially useful for anyone seeking Confirmation. Some information about these sessions:

Firstly, they won't actually be an hour long. More like 20 minutes of listening/watching. There will be some simple exercises that you will be encouraged to engage in, so I guess the whole session might take up to an hour spread over the week.

Secondly, this is a new process so initially it will be a simple video recording of me (Fr Don) giving the presentation. Eventually, as our skill level increases, we will add more colour and variation to the sessions.

Thirdly, these sessions can be watched in your own time. However, there will be opportunities to come together with other 'inquirers' on a regular basis to share thoughts and ask questions.

Finally, feedback on these sessions (content, presentation etc.,) will be most welcome.

What's been happening?



Spring at St Peter's!



Someone stole out tap!

Collect & Readings

Sunday 27 August: Pentecost XIII

Isaiah 51: 1–6

1 Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord . Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. 2 Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. 3 For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord ; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

4 Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples.

5 I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out

and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath;

for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Psalms 138

R O Lord, your love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;

before the gods I will sing your praise.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name,
because of your love and faithfulness; **R**

3 For you have glorified your Name and your word above all things.

4 When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me. **R**

5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord. **R**

7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly;
he perceives the haughty from afar.

8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you keep me safe;

you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.

9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me;
O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands. **R**



Romans 12: 1-8

1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

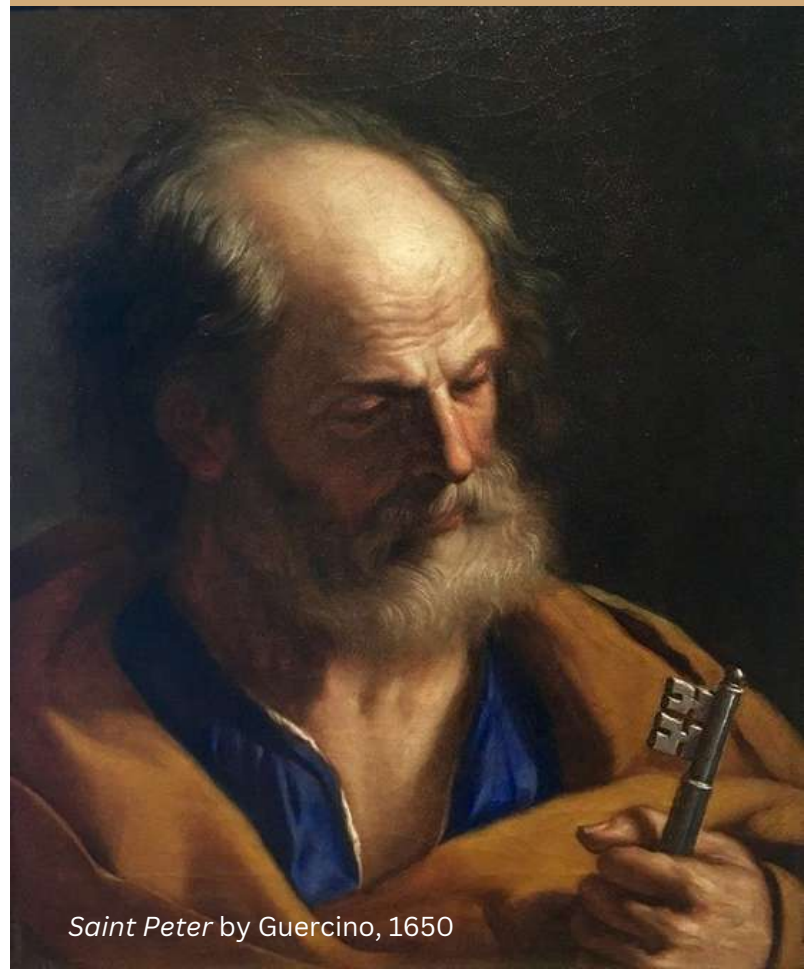
3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4 For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. 6 We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; 7 ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; 8 the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Matthew 16: 13 - 20

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' 14 And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 15 He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' 16 Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' 17 And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' 20 Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Collect for the Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

*O God, fount of all wisdom,
in the humble witness of the apostle Peter
you have shown the foundation of our faith:
give us the light of your Spirit,
that, recognising in Jesus of Nazareth the Son of the living God,
we may be living stones for the building up of your holy Church;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*



Saint Peter by Guercino, 1650

Collect & Readings

Sunday 3 September: Pentecost XIV

Jeremiah 15: 15–21

15 O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. 16 Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. 17 I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. 18 Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. 19 Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. 20 And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. 21 I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Psalm 26:1-8

R Your love, O Lord, is before my eyes.

- 1 Give judgement for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; examine my heart and my mind. **R**
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked. **R**
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, that I may go in procession round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides. **R**

Romans 12: 9–21

- 9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; 10 love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. 11 Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.
- 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. 17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. 18 If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' 20 No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.



Rembrandt, *Jeremiah Lamenting the Destruction of Jerusalem*, 1630

Matthew 16: 21 - 28

21 From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. 22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' 23 But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

24 Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

26 For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? 27 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. 28 Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

Collect Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

O God,
whose Son has shown the way of the cross to be
the way of life:
transform and renew our minds
that we may not be conformed to this world
but may offer ourselves wholly to you as a living
sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Saviour;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Sunday 27 August 2023

*The flowers in the Church are
to the Glory of God
and are given in loving memory by the
family of*

Dino Glerean



For All the Saints

Augustine ~ August 28

Bishop of Hippo, Teacher of the Faith

The most outstanding of early Christian thinkers in the western church, Augustine had a profound influence on the medieval world, and a continuing effect even beyond the period of the Reformation. Augustine was born in 354 in Thagaste in North Africa. His parents, Patricius and Monica, were ambitious for him and struggled financially to obtain the best possible education for him. While at university in Carthage, he developed a deep thirst for truth, which took him first into Manichaeism, a dualistic gnostic system of thought.

In 383 Augustine moved to Rome and soon obtained a position as professor of rhetoric at what was then the western imperial capital, Milan. By this time he had become dissatisfied with the Manichaean pseudo-scientific explanations of reality. He was greatly influenced by Bishop Ambrose, who introduced Augustine to Neoplatonic thought and a more spiritualised interpretation of Scripture than he had met in North Africa.

Like many of his time, Augustine saw that a commitment to Christianity was a total commitment to a disciplined life-style, dedicated to God. He struggled within himself over the cost of this commitment, but was eventually “converted” in 386. Abandoning the prospect of marriage and a brilliant public career, he received baptism from Ambrose at Easter in 387. Augustine resolved to return to North Africa and to live a monastic life of contemplation and prayer.

While looking for a suitable place for a monastic community, he was made a presbyter by the people of the church in Hippo, and became bishop of Hippo in 395, a position he held until his death in 430. In addition to his many responsibilities as bishop, Augustine carried on an extensive literary output in letters, treatises and sermons. He wrote at length against the Manichaeans and became embroiled in major debates in the western church over the nature of the church. The Donatists, a group of rigorists in North Africa, maintained a doctrine of the church as a body that must exhibit the purity of its life.

Augustine argued that the church’s purity is a gift of God, not something we attain, and therefore there is room in the church for the sinner.

Augustine entered into a similar long debate with the Pelagians over the question of moral effort and its relation to God’s saving grace. Where Pelagius was the moral reformer urging responsibility, Augustine was the redeemed sinner who knows that it is all God’s work in us.

Augustine’s most famous works are his *Confessions*, in which he uses his own personal life as an example of God’s working, and the *City of God*, a work occasioned by the sack of Rome in 410. This event shocked both pagans and Christians, whose sense of the favour of the gods or God was bound up with the city. Augustine answered with a view of the church as mingled here with the earthly city that is characterised by pride, but at the same time is on pilgrimage to the heavenly city of God that is characterised by love.



The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary ~ September 8
Mother of our Lord

In the early church, Mary, the mother of Jesus, was always held in the greatest respect, though the chief emphasis lay on her relationship to Eve: just as Eve was involved in the fall, so Mary was involved in our salvation.

In the fourth and fifth centuries, debates about the person of Christ had an effect on the position of Mary in Christian devotion as well. A clear affirmation of Christ's full humanity was accompanied by enhanced respect for Mary as "Mother of God". It was in this context that a number of feasts of Mary grew up, including the celebration of her birth. The feast was widely observed in the church, and was retained in the Book of Common Prayer at the Reformation.

There is no known reason why 8 September should have been chosen for the feast. Nothing reliable is known about the birth of Mary or about her parents. Various second and third century documents, written with the pious intention of providing additional details about the birth and early years of Jesus, also contain information about Mary, though none of it is historically reliable. It is from these that most of the stories and traditions about Mary are supplied.

The Collect

*Eternal God,
you called the blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of our Saviour;
grant that we, after her example,
may humbly accept the tasks you give us
and faithfully bring them to completion;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*



SEPTEMBER DIARY DATES

Friday 25 August

6:30 pm 'Our Fruits of the Spirit Holy Eucharist' followed by light refreshment

Sunday 27 August - Pentecost XIII

7:00 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9:30 am Holy Baptism & Eucharist (APBA) [SPARK—Sunday School]
5:45 pm Holy Eucharist (APBA)

Sunday 3 September – Pentecost XIV

7:00 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9:30 am Holy Eucharist (APBA) [SPARK]
5:45 pm Holy Eucharist (APBA)

Monday 4 September

10:00 am 'Coffee on Monday' - Parish Centre

Tuesday 5 September

6:00 pm Choir Practice—New members welcome

Wednesday 6 September

10:00 am Holy Eucharist (APBA)
11:00 am Bible Study (Zoom & Face-to-face)

Thursday 7 September

Midday Holy Eucharist (APBA)

Saturday 9 September

1:30pm 'Blessing of the Fleet'—Southport Yacht Club

Sunday 10 September – Pentecost XV

7:00 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9:30 am Holy Eucharist (APBA)—TSS/Battle of Britain Service [SPARK—Sunday School]
5:45 pm Sung Evensong followed by Holy Eucharist (APBA)

Monday 11 September

9:00 am Holy Communion at Abri
9:30 am Holy Eucharist at St Vincent's, Villa la Salle
10:00 am 'Coffee on Monday' - Parish Centre
7:00 pm Requiem Mass

Tuesday 12 September

6:00 pm Choir Practice

Wednesday 13 September

10:00 am Holy Eucharist (APBA)
11:00 am Bible Study (Zoom & Fact-to-face)
7:00 pm Parish Council

Thursday 14 September

Midday Holy Eucharist (APBA)
7:00 pm *All Saints Concert*

Sunday 17 September – Pentecost XVI

7:00 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9:30 am Holy Eucharist (APBA) [SPARK]
11:30 am *Ignatian Spiritual Exercises - 'a taster'*
5:45 pm Holy Eucharist (APBA)

Monday 18 September

10:00 am 'Coffee on Monday' in the Parish Centre

Tuesday 19 September

6:00 pm Choir Practice—New members welcome

Wednesday 20 September

10:00 am Holy Eucharist (APBA)
11:00 am Bible Study (via Zoom & Face-to-face)
4:00 pm Area Deanery

Thursday 21 September

Midday Holy Eucharist (APBA)
7:00 pm Holy Eucharist/Feast of St Matthew

Sunday 24 September – Pentecost XVII

7:00 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9:30 am Holy Baptism & Eucharist (APBA) [SPARK—Recess for School Holidays]
11:00 am *Ignatian Spiritual Exercises - 'a taster'*
5:45 pm Holy Eucharist (APBA)

Monday 25 September

10:00 am 'Coffee on Monday' in the Parish Centre

Tuesday 26 September

6:00 pm Choir Practice—New members welcome

Wednesday 27 September

10:00 am Holy Eucharist (APBA)
11:00 am Bible Study (via Zoom & Face-to-face)

Thursday 28 September

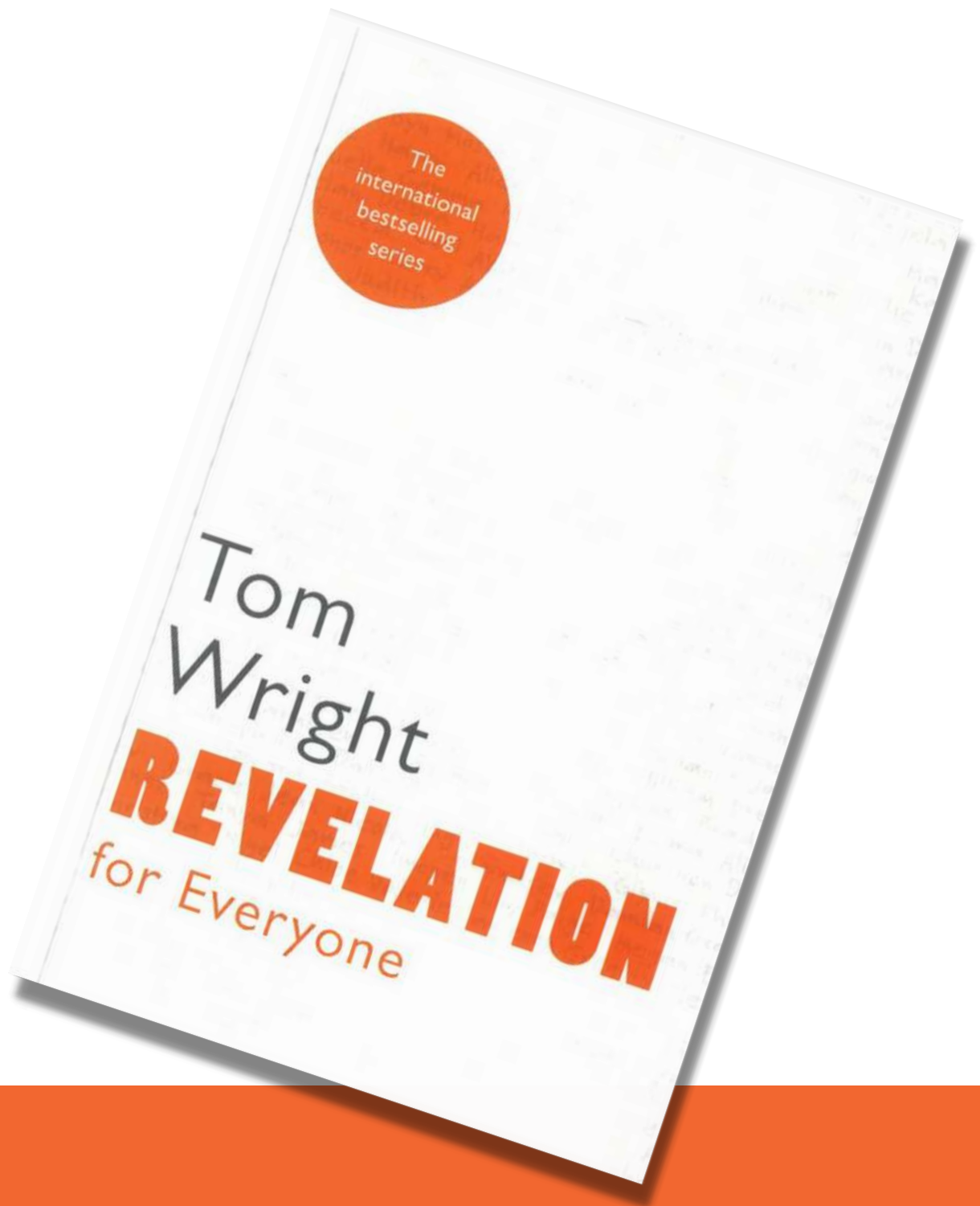
Midday Holy Eucharist (APBA)

Friday 29 September

7:00 pm Holy Eucharist/Feast of St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 1 October – Pentecost XVIII

7:00 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9:30 am Holy Eucharist (APBA) [SPARK—In recess for School Holidays]
11:00 am *Ignatian Spiritual Exercises (Final)*
5:45 pm Holy Eucharist (APBA)

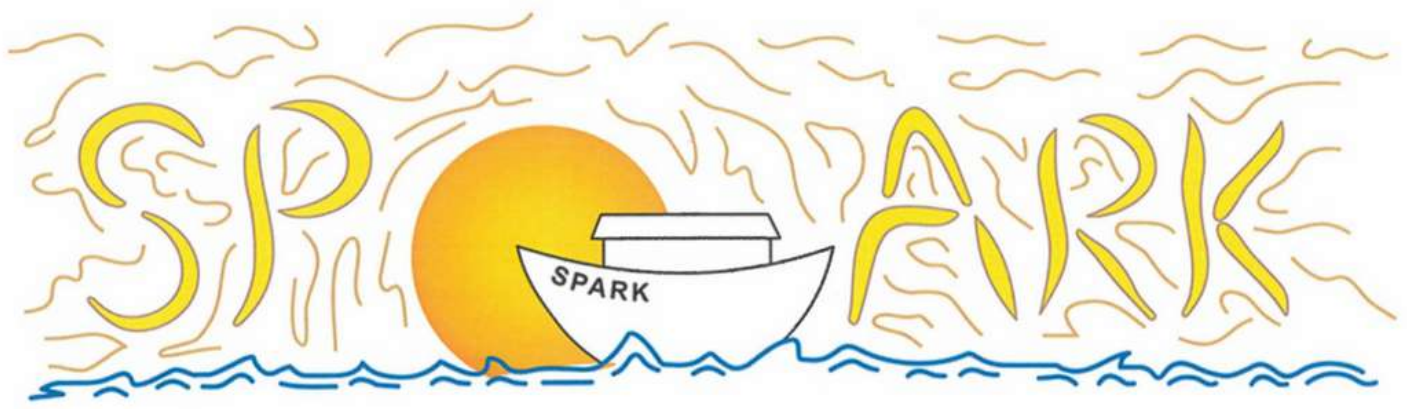


Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesdays at 11:00 am
(following our 10:00 am Holy Eucharist)

The Book of Revelation.

Join us in person (in the Parish Centre) or Zoom online
– *just let us know and we'll send a Zoom invite*



St. Peter's. Anglican Religious Kids

It has begun!

*Our SPARK! Sunday School is now running during
our 9:30 am service.*

Bring your children (or grandchildren) along for some excellent teaching and fun.

Volunteer if you want to help (contact Christine in the Office.)

St Peter's Church Southport, is a welcoming, hospitable community committed to the worship of God in beauty and holiness in the classical Anglican tradition.

You can find out more about us at

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SERVICES

Sunday

7:00am: Holy Eucharist (BCP)

9:30am: Holy Eucharist (APBA)

5:45pm: Holy Eucharist (APBA)

5:45pm: Choral Evensong

(2nd Sunday of the month)

Weekday Eucharist

10:00am – Wednesday

12:00pm – Thursday

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