

St Peter's
CHURCH SOUTHPORT



Sunday 5 November: *All Souls*
Sunday 12 November: *Remembrance Sunday*

Holidays & family

Holidays are wonderful things. 'Good' holidays are even better. A change of scenery is good for us all, but being with family is the 'icing on the cake' when it comes to having time away from the hustle and bustle. For me, that makes for a good holiday. Although we are fortunate to see our family quite often (now that the Covid days have passed the Tasman is shrinking in size...) I am still amazed at how much the grandchildren have grown and just how engaged with life they have become. Our grandson appears to want to play in every team sport that he can, so standing in cold wet fields watching him has become part of our holiday ritual.

We have a daughter in Auckland and another Palmerston North, about 500 kms apart, or just over six hours by car. I enjoy nothing more than renting a car and spending the day driving the distance. You must smile when you can drive past Hobbiton (saw no Hobbits this time, one day, maybe...) and within an hour or two get a whiff of the sulphury aroma of the Rotorua-Taupo geothermal region. It certainly clears the sinuses!

Two hours drive of Taupo you come across Waiouru, the Army's 'basic training' camp. True to military form, Waiouru is in the most inhospitable desert plateau. Inhospitable, yes, beautiful – absolutely. Driving past Waiouru fills me with nostalgia, and we can never resist stopping and having a coffee at the excellent Army Museum there.

On this visit, because Palmerston North was completely booked out for the long weekend, we rented an Air BnB on a farm about 40 minutes' drive away from our daughter and her expanding family. It was literally a farmhouse and its views were fantastic (when the weather allowed!) One inescapable point was the green grass. Such a contrast.

Lake Taupo - beautiful in any weather



Coffee at the War Museum, Waiouru - a must!

The view from our Air BnB window - fresh snow on Mt Ruapehu in the distance



Now as lovely as all this sightseeing was, we were back in NZ for a very special event: the birth of our third grandchild. Even before we left The Gold Coast, I knew it was likely that I would miss the birth by about 1 day. Of course, babies come when they come, so I was hoping that my calculations were off. Sadly, they were not. I was back in Southport on the day our granddaughter was born. Jill stayed in NZ to be mum and second midwife (well, sort of.) It's all been a very exciting few weeks.

But now I'm home (and by the time you read this so will Jill be.) Getting off the plane at Coolangatta I am yet again reminded that there's nothing like the Gold Coast. Thanks be to God for our friends and 'family' here.

[P.S. no discussion will be entered into on the Rugby World Cup final!]

Auckland by night...



No trip to Auckland is complete if you don't go to the Zoo

The great event!

Here you see what all the fuss has been about in the extended Parker family (and you can marvel at Jill managing to take a selfie while our granddaughter wants to sleep!)

So, this is our 3rd grandchild (no name yet). She was born at 10:00 am on Friday 27 October, weighing 9 pounds and 11 oz. Mum, Dad and Baby all doing well. Grandma and Grandpa OK too.



*All Creatures
Great and
Small!*



*St Francis Day
~ Blessing of
the Pets*









St Peter's Annual Fashion Parade



Collects & Readings

All Souls' Day - Sunday 5 November

Job 14: 1-14

1 'A mortal, born of woman, few of days and full of trouble, 2 comes up like a flower and withers, flees like a shadow and does not last. 3 Do you fix your eyes on such a one? Do you bring me into judgement with you? 4 Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? No one can. 5 Since their days are determined, and the number of their months is known to you, and you have appointed the bounds that they cannot pass, 6 look away from them, and desist, that they may enjoy, like labourers, their days. 7 'For there is hope for a tree, if it is cut down, that it will sprout again, and that its shoots will not cease. 8 Though its root grows old in the earth, and its stump dies in the ground, 9 yet at the scent of water it will bud and put forth branches like a young plant. 10 But mortals die, and are laid low; humans expire, and where are they? 11 As waters fail from a lake, and a river wastes away and dries up, 12 so mortals lie down and do not rise again; until the heavens are no more, they will not awake or be roused out of their sleep. 13 O that you would hide me in Sheol, that you would conceal me until your wrath is past, that you would appoint me a set time, and remember me! 14 If mortals die, will they live again? All the days of my service I would wait until my release should come.

Psalm 29:

R The voice of the Lord is upon the waters

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. **R**
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour. **R**
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. **R**
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forest bare. **R**
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. **R**



The Collect of All Souls

*We thank you, loving God,
for all your servants, known to us and unknown,
who have departed this life in your faith and fear:
give us grace so to follow their good examples,
that with them we may be brought to a joyful resurrection,
and be made partakers of your heavenly kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Romans 6: 3-9

3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For whoever has died is freed from sin. 8 But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

John 5: 19-29

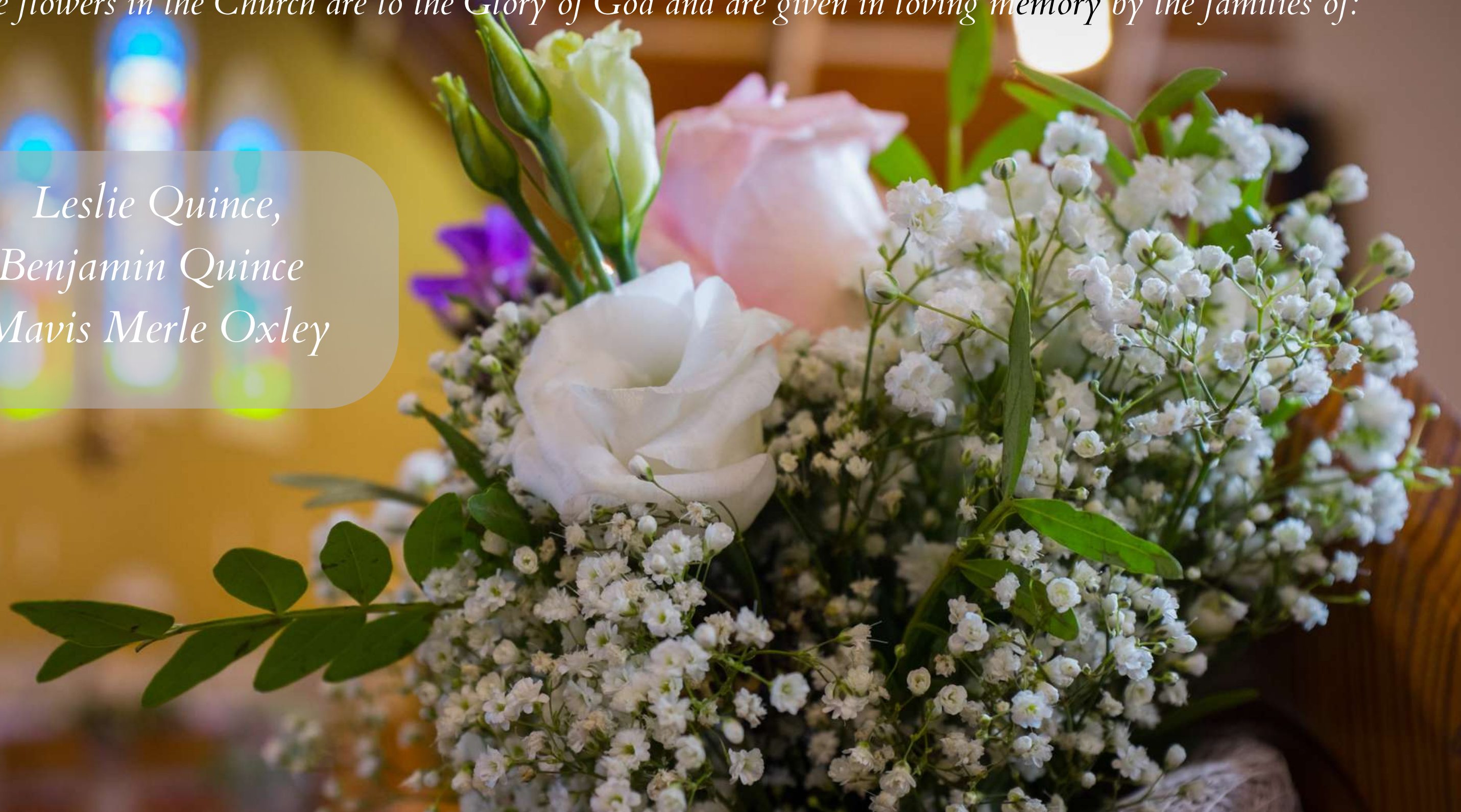
19 Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise. 20 The Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing; and he will show him greater works than these, so that you will be astonished. 21 Indeed, just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whomsoever he wishes.

22 The Father judges no one but has given all judgement to the Son, 23 so that all may honour the Son just as they honour the Father. Anyone who does not honour the Son does not honour the Father who sent him. 24 Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgement, but has passed from death to life. 25 'Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. 26 For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; 27 and he has given him authority to execute judgement, because he is the Son of Man. 28 Do not be astonished at this; for the hour is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice 29 and will come out—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

~ 12 November ~

The flowers in the Church are to the Glory of God and are given in loving memory by the families of:

*Leslie Quince,
Benjamin Quince
Mavis Merle Oxley*



Sunday 12 November: Remembrance Sunday

St Martin of Tours & Confirmation Sunday

Deuteronomy 15: 7-8, 10-11

7 “If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbour. 8 You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. 10 Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. 11 Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, ‘Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbour in your land.’

Psalm 15

R The righteous shall abide upon God’s holy hill.

1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? who may abide upon your holy hill?
2 whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, who speaks the truth from his heart. **R**
3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend;
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbour.
4 In his sight the wicked is rejected,
but he honours those who fear the Lord. **R**
5 He has sworn to do no wrong
and does not take back his word.
6 He does not give his money in hope of gain,
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
7 Whoever does these things shall never be
overthrown. **R**

1 Thessalonians 5: 4-11

4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 6 So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, 7 for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

John 13: 31-35

31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32 If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 33 Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ 34 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”



For All the Saints

St Martin ~ Bishop of Tours

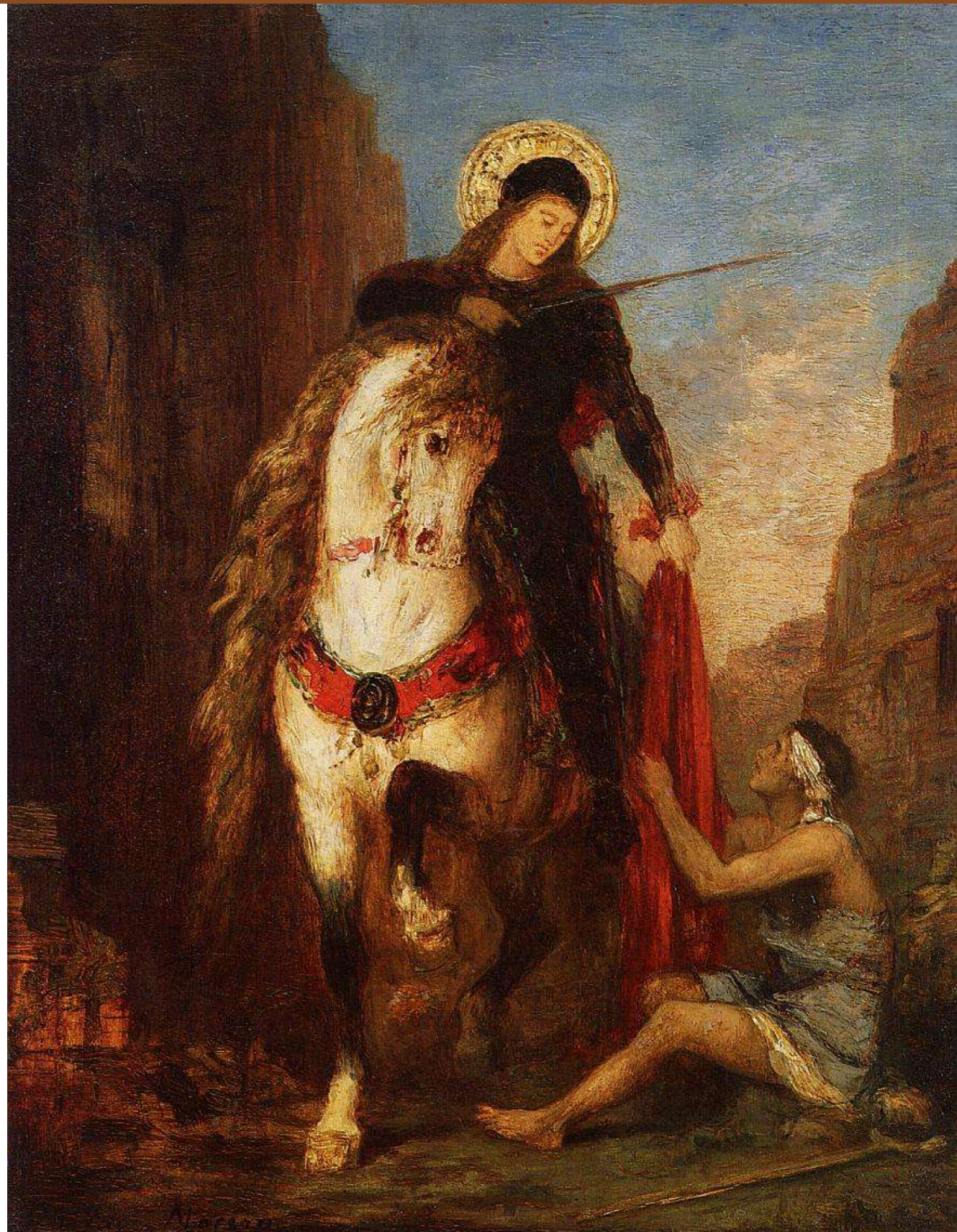
November 11

Martin of Tours became one of the most popular of all saints and is a patron saint of France. He was born about 316 in Pannonia (modern Hungary), of pagan parents. His father was in the Roman army, and Martin himself became a soldier. Under Constantine as the first Christian emperor, Christianity flourished, but so too did the idea of monasticism or asceticism as an ideal for the committed servant of God.

Martin was enrolled as a catechumen at an early age, and found his commitment to Christ in conflict with his position as a soldier. He was disciplined for his “conscientious objection”, and eventually discharged from the army. That was the occasion of the famous story of Martin cutting his cloak in two to share with a beggar, and then seeing in a dream Christ wearing half a cloak and saying, “Martin, a simple catechumen, covered me with this garment.”

In 360, Martin joined Bishop Hilary, whom he admired, at Poitiers, and founded nearby the first monastery in Gaul. Martin pioneered the monastic way as a means of converting the countryside, the church having been largely confined to the cities and towns till then. In 372 by popular acclaim he was made bishop of Tours, a position he accepted only on condition he could continue his ascetic lifestyle. He remained bishop of Tours till his death in 397. He continued to encourage the spread of Christianity among country people.

Martin also became involved in the contemporary theological debates, arguing firmly for the autonomy of the church against the state in the case of Priscillian. Priscillian was a quasi-gnostic, condemned by the church as a heretic. The state, becoming increasingly intolerant of any deviancies, was determined to execute Priscillian on the capital charge of sorcery. Martin argued (unsuccessfully in the end) that Priscillian’s views were a matter for the church, not the state. Martin’s stand against violent repression of heresy was unpopular with some of his fellow bishops, as was his austere life-style.



*Everloving God,
you called Martin from military service
to be a bishop in your church;
may we, following the example of his
compassion,
care for the needy
and deal gently with all people,
that we may be clothed with righteousness;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.*

St Hilda ~ Abbess of Whitby

November 17

Hilda, abbess of Whitby, was one of the most celebrated of the Anglo-Saxon abbesses, and one of the most influential women in English history. She was born in 614, the grandniece of Edwin, king of Northumbria. She was brought up in the pagan tradition, but was prepared for baptism by Bishop Paulinus of York, one of the companions of Augustine of Canterbury, and was baptised in 627 along with Edwin. She lived a quiet and devout life at court for 20 years until deciding to enter monastic life. She intended to join her sister in the monastery at Chelles near Paris, but Bishop Aidan, much impressed by her holiness, invited her to join a small community in East Anglia. A year later Aidan appointed her as abbess of a monastery near Hartlepool in Northumbria. Here she formed her rule of life on the basis of what Paulinus and Aidan had taught her. She gained the greatest respect from Aidan and other bishops and from princes for her wisdom and devotion.

Then in 657 Hilda founded a monastery at Whitby. Like a number of other Anglo-Saxon monasteries, it was a double community, for women and men, who lived in adjoining buildings and worshipped together. They lived in strict observance of Hilda's rule of justice, devotion, chastity, peace and charity. Much energy was devoted to study, and five of the monks later became bishops. The nuns were diligent students and particularly useful in the patient writing and copying of documents. Hilda fostered Latin education and the development of libraries, but she also gave warm encouragement to the religious poet Caedmon, who wrote in the vernacular. The historian Bede wrote that "all her acquaintances called [her] Mother because of her wonderful devotion and grace."

In 664 Whitby was the site of a famous synod, called to decide between the older Celtic traditions of the church in Britain and the newer Roman ones. The synod decided in favour of the Roman customs. Hilda had favoured the Celtic tradition, but graciously accepted the synod's decision. The last six years of Hilda's life were dogged by illness, though she continued without complaint to rule the abbey. She died on 17 November 680, surrounded by her monks and nuns and urging them "to maintain the gospel peace among themselves and with others".



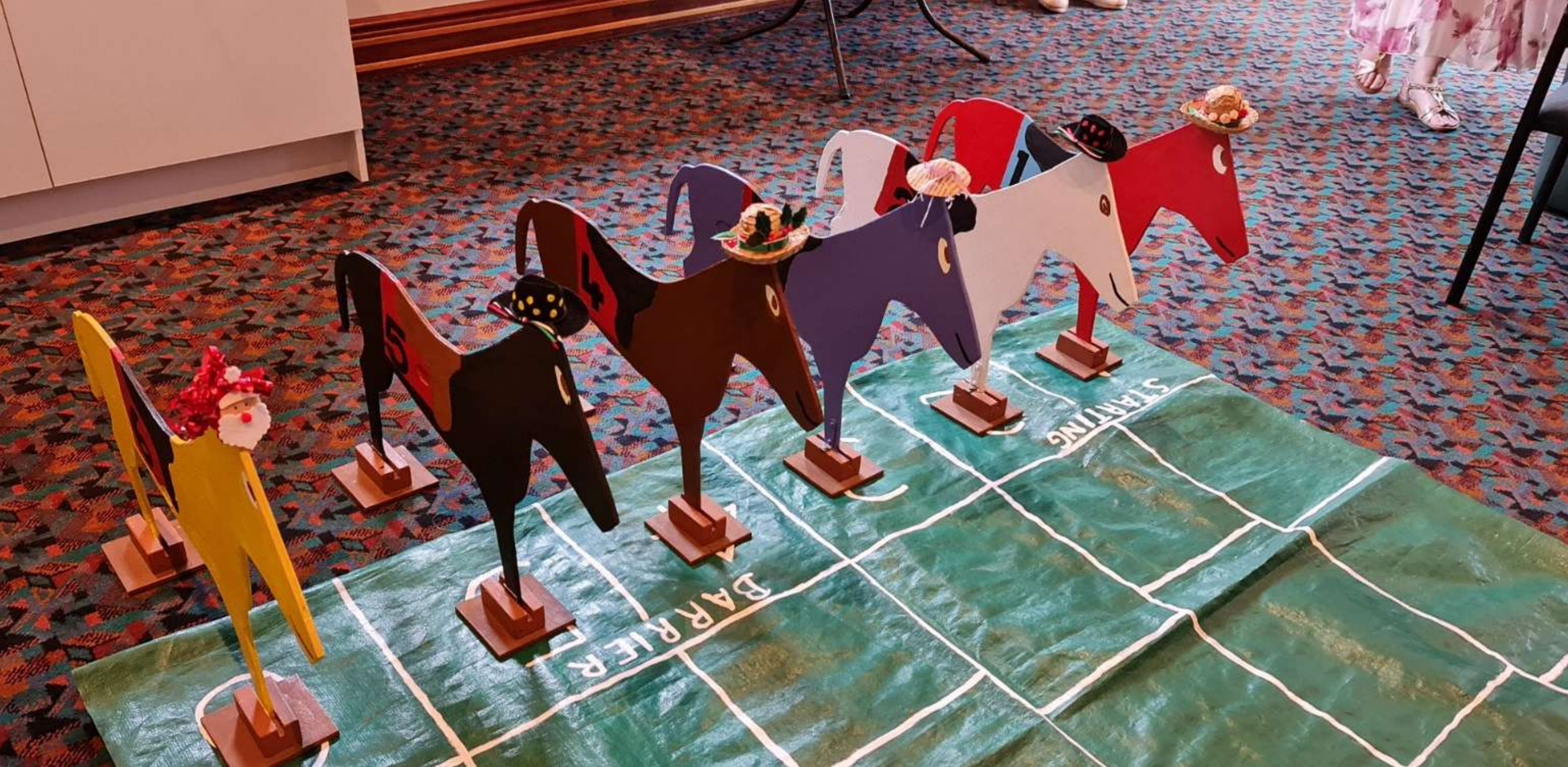
Forthcoming Events



All Souls' ~ Sunday 5 November

"Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord"





"The horses are ready and the track is firm"

~ Tuesday 7 November ~

11:30 am Melbourne Cup Chicken & Champagne Lunch –
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PARISH DIARY ~ NOVEMBER 2023

Sunday 5 November – ALL SOULS

- 7:00 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9:30 am Holy Eucharist (APBA) [SPARK—Sunday School]
11:00 am Baptism
3:00 pm Confirmation Class
5:45 pm Holy Eucharist

Monday 6 November

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

Tuesday 7 November

- 11:30 am Melbourne Cup Chicken & Champagne Lunch – Parish Centre
6:00 pm Choir Practice—New members' welcome

Wednesday 8 November

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

Thursday 9 November

- Midday Holy Eucharist (APBA)
Midday Phoenix Fellowship Christmas Lunch
7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting

Sunday 12 November – Pentecost XXIV – Remembrance Sunday

- 7:00 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9:30 am Holy Eucharist - Remembrance Sunday (APBA)
5:45 pm Confirmation with Bishop John

Monday 13 November

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

Tuesday 14 November

- 6:00 pm Choir Practice—New members' welcome

Wednesday 15 November

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (ABPA)
11:00 am Bible Study (via Zoom & Face-to-face)
1:30 pm St Hilda's Graduation Service
4:00 pm Area Deanery

Thursday 16 November

- Midday Holy Eucharist (APBA)

Sunday 19 November – Pentecost XXV

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

Monday 20 November

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

Tuesday 21 November

- 6:00 pm Choir Practice—New members' welcome

Wednesday 22 November

10:00 am Holy Eucharist (APBA)

Bible Study (via Zoom & Face-to-face)

Thursday 23 November

9:30 am Annual Speech Day—St Hilda's

Midday Holy Eucharist (APBA)

Sunday 26 November – CHRIST THE KING

7:00 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

9:30 am Holy Eucharist (APBA)

5:45 pm Holy Eucharist (BCP)

Monday 27 November

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

Tuesday 28 November

6:00 pm Choir Practice – New members' welcome

Wednesday 29 November

10:00 am Anglicare Carol Service & Holy Eucharist (APBA)

11:00 am Bible Study (via Zoom & Face-to-face)

Thursday 30 November

Midday Holy Eucharist (APB)

We Will Remember

"We, the people of Australia, respect and give thanks to all who have served in our defence force and their families." "We acknowledge the unique nature of military service and the sacrifice demanded of all who commit to defend our nation." "We undertake to preserve the memory and deeds of all who have served and promise to welcome, embrace and support all military veterans as respected and valued members of our community." "For what they have done, this we will do."

The family of St Peter's Anglican Parish, Southport, affirm this oath declared in The Australian Veterans' Recognition (Putting Veterans and their Families First) Act of 2019 which received Royal Assent on 30 October 2019.