

"We acknowledge, the Traditional Custodians of the land we gather on today, and all First Nations people. We pay our respects to Elders past and present. We commit ourselves to listening, healing and building relationship."

WELCOME

to the Parish of East Lake Macquarie

PARISH CLERGY TEAM



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PARISH COUNCIL SECRETARY

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SERVICE TIMES & LOCATIONS

WINDALE – Talinga Close

Church Of the Transfiguration
Sunday 8:00am

BELMONT - 24 Church St

All Saints
Sunday 9.30am Eucharist
Wednesday 10am (Not in Jan)

SWANSEA – 28 Josephson St

St Peters
Sunday 11:00am Eucharist
Thursday 10.00am (Not in Jan)

GENERAL CONTACT DETAILS:

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Advent 4

21st December 2025

Isaiah 7: 10-16
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25



CHRISTMAS

24 -25 December 2025

Isaiah 9:2-7
Titus 2:11-14

Psalm 96
Luke 2:1-20

May the Christ Child Bless you & your loved ones this Christmas

Prayers for the week ~~~~~

FOR THE WORLD: Peace in the Middle East and Ukraine, Myanmar and places of tension and conflict.

FOR THE CHURCH: Bp Peter, Asst Bps Sonia and Charlie; Family & Community Services – Family, Child, Youth & Adolescent Wellbeing Programs; The Anglican Church of Australia.

WIDER COMMUNITY: Premier and State Cabinet; unemployed and under-employed, those who are homeless; for agencies providing support for those without food and shelter. For the community of Bondi, the Jewish Community. May the Light of Chanukah overcome the darkness

PEOPLE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS: Andrew, Stan, Robert, Maree, Kath, Penny, Hilary & Ron, Shirley, Jeanette, Anne, Neil, Rose, Matthew, Stephen, Jenny, Guy, Graham and Melba.

FAITHFUL DEPARTED: For those who lost their lives in Bondi Sunday

Please note: If you would like to have yourself or someone else (with their permission) included in the prayers, please fill out a Prayer Request available from each centre or contact Fr Peter
People are only included for 1 month.

This is the Official statement from Dr Peter Stuart, Anglican Bishop of Newcastle as we all reflect on the recent tragedy in Bondi. Fr Peter

Newcastle Anglican stands with the Jewish community of Bondi, and wider Australia, in condemnation of the vile and evil acts of terrorism that unfolded on our peaceful shores.

Thousands of Sydneysiders spent a beautiful afternoon celebrating the season in whichever way suited them. Families and friends were enjoying precious time together. We live in a country where we anticipate that we can go about that freely and safely.

The introduction of violence by people who intended to cause great harm has no place in our community.

Our nation has been shaken. Our hearts are a little darkened. However, we cannot bow to those who undermine our values.

We live in a multi-faith, multicultural society which celebrates differences and holds it with the greatest respect. It is who we are. It is part of the contemporary Australian ideal.

Our Australian character stood up in the face of this horror last night. There are countless stories of incredible heroism. There will be countless more in the days to come.

Hanukkah and Christmas are about joy and peace.

Let us hold that close to us.

Let us pursue peace in the face of evil.

Let us come together to restore a brave space where people with different views can safely go about their daily lives.

Please look after yourself and those around you today, and in the coming days.

Grace and peace,
Bishop Peter



Readings for:

Christmas 1 – 28th December 2025

Isaiah 63:7-9 Psalm 148
Hebrews 2:10-18 Matthew 2:13-23

Epiphany - 4th January 2026

Isaiah 62: 6-12 Ps 97
Titus 3:4-8a Luke 2: 8-20

Clergy Roster:

DATE	SERVICE	WINDALE	BELMONT	SWANSEA
21/12/25	Advent 4	Rev Robyn	Fr Peter	Rev John
24/12/25	Christmas Services below	Rev Robyn	Fr Peter	Rev John
28/12/25	1 st Sunday after Christmas	Steve Evans	Fr Peter	Rev John
04/01/26	The Epiphany of the Lord	Fr Peter	Rev John	Fr Peter

For Your Diary:

EVENT	DATE	DAY	TIME	DETAILS
All Weekday Services will be cancelled during January				
Windale Op Shop & OZ Harvest will be closed from Tues. 23 rd Dec. and will return on the 13th of January 26				
Belmont MU January Meeting	20/1/26	Tuesday	5pm	The meeting will be our annual picnic tea at Croudace Bay Park. Bring your own food and drinks. For further information phone Helen on 0409151977.

ELMA's OP SHOPs

WINDALE & BELMONT

Lots of great recycled gifts
for Christmas
Drop in and find yourself
a Bargain

BELMONT –

1/550 Pacific Highway,
Belmont

(next to Lowes)

Monday – Friday 9am-3pm
& Saturday - 9am – Noon

WINDALE –

Merrigum St, Windale

Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday - 9am – Noon

GOOD DONATIONS – Always Needed & VOLUNTEERS – Always Welcome

Please contact us for more information - 0474 644 015



Christmas Service Times 2025

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF EAST LAKE MACQUARIE

Invites you to join us at any of our 3 locations -



BELMONT – All Saints Church - 24 Church St

SWANSEA – St Peters Church - 28 Josephson

WINDALE – Church of the Transfiguration - Cnr Merrigum St & Balemo Cres.

DAY/DATE	LOCATION	TIME	EVENT OR SERVICE
Wed 24 th Dec	Swansea	6pm	Family Service
Wed 24 th Dec	Windale	6pm	Family Service
Wed 24 th Dec	Belmont	6pm	Family Service
Thurs 25 th Dec	Windale	9am	Christmas Eucharist
Thurs 25 th Dec	Swansea	9am	Christmas Eucharist
Thurs 25 th Dec	Belmont	9am	Christmas Eucharist

If you would like to find out more about any of these services, please contact us on 0474 644 015

ZOOM MEDITATION - Wednesday mornings at 7.30am

A small meditation group meets on Wednesday mornings at 7.30am using Zoom
If you would like to join them or find out more, please contact Rev John on 0419 703 410

There will only be one Bulletin for January so if you have anything to include please send it to Fiona by
Sunday 28th December....

fionakeryn@gmail.com
or phone Fiona on 0451 677 702

HOW CAN YOU ASSIST OUR PARISH?

A. Volunteers are always welcome in a variety of areas.

For further information please speak to the Clergy or one of the Wardens.

B. Financial Support

Your generosity is very important to assist our Parish to Provide Mission & Ministry NOW, & into the future.

Financial Gifts can be offered for the Parish or for Mission in 2 ways:

1. Directly into the appropriate baskets before or after each service
2. By Electronic Funds Transfer. Donations this way can be easily arranged by speaking to your bank directly or set it up through internet banking.

BANKING DETAILS FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING: BSB: 705 077 Account Name: ELMAC Account Number: 000 405 34

The Anglican Church of Newcastle takes allegations of misconduct and abuse seriously.

We welcome and encourage everyone with concerns to come forward.

TO REPORT A CRIME TO NSW POLICE RING 131 444 OR RING 000 IN AN EMERGENCY
TO CONTACT CHILD PROTECTION HELPLINE RING 132 111 OR TO CONTACT THE PROFESSIONAL
STANDARDS DIRECTOR

Phone: 1800 774 945 Email: dps@newcastleanglican.org.au

Write: Director of Professional Standards – PO Box 494, Newcastle NSW 2300