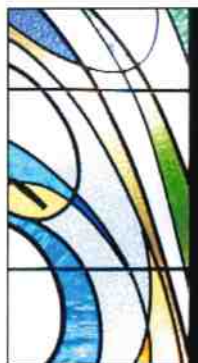




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Background to the Peter Windows

Over the past few years we at St Peter's by the Lake, Paynesville, have been seeking to create a more consciously sacred space, one that would create an atmosphere of welcome, hospitality and safety, a prayed in space, where those entering the church feel the close presence of God.

In mid 2009 a parishioner, Robert Fordham, proposed to Parish Council that stained glass windows would further enhance the sense of 'sacred space' within the St Peter's building and that families associated with the parish be given an opportunity to contribute financially to the project.

Bruce Hutton, a glass artist at Almond Glass, was commissioned and he suggested the idea of bringing together a contemporary glass design, suitable for St Peter's unique architectural style, with a more traditional stained glass motif placed within the leadlight design.

Within a few weeks the project was fully subscribed. The window inscriptions recognize the original custodians of this land, our Chinese heritage and those dear to donors. A full list of donors and their memorial inscriptions can be found on page 10.

This booklet was produced to mark the occasion of the dedication of the windows on 9 May 2010 by Bishop John McIntyre.

Rev Edie Ashley

Vicar

The story of Stained Glass

Historically, stained glass came to be used in cathedrals in the golden age of Gothic cathedral building between 1200 and 1340. During this time the new style of building with its flying buttresses and high soaring vaulting allowed the masons to build walls that were taller and finer and allowed for the inclusion of enormous stained glass windows. This opened up the big old buildings as light was refracted through the glass flooding the space with dazzling colours. This 'light' was known as the light of Christ and provided the onlooker with a mystical experience. More importantly, however, the windows were used to tell sacred stories – a necessity in those times when few were able to read.

Today our Peter windows follow this great tradition- the stained glass motifs tell the story of Peter's journey with Jesus while the light floods in through the more contemporary coloured leadlight surrounds full of symbolism representing God's creation.

The story of St Peter....

The twelve windows each contain a theological motif selected to chronicle the life of St Peter in such a way that the story of the gospel and the church would be told.

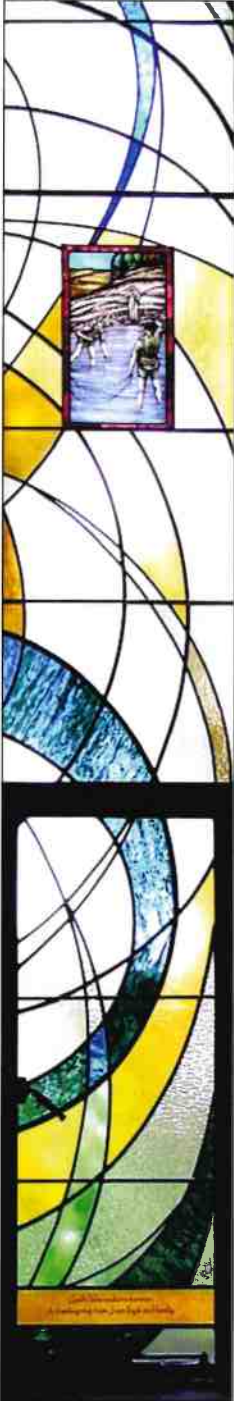
The development of the motifs was a parish endeavour. The Parish Council met with Bishop John to consider all the scriptural references to Peter in the four gospels, Acts and Galatians. From this reflection the key stories/images/moments were selected.

Bruce Hutton then brought these images to life in the motifs that you see in the windows as depicted in this small booklet.

The leadlight surrounds

Beautiful in colour and design, the surrounding leadlight speaks of God's creation, of wonder, water, earth and sky.

Peter's call to discipleship



and (below) they left everything and followed Jesus.

Matthew 4:20

Mark 1: 18

Luke 5: 10-11

(Above)- Simon Peter and his brother Andrew were working as fishermen, when Jesus called them

Matthew 4:18-19

Mark 1: 16-17

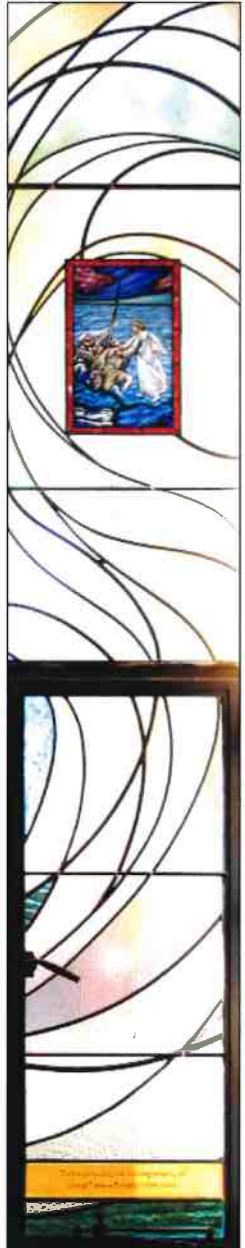
Luke 5:4-9



Peter 's journey of discipleship

A storm blew up and Jesus came to them walking on the water. Simon Peter got out of the boat , walking on the water towards Jesus...until he noticed the wind and the waves and became frightened. Starting to sink... Peter calls out for Jesus to save him. Jesus reached out his hand..

Matthew 14:22-33



Peter, as spokesperson for the band of disciples, declared that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of God. Jesus commended Simon Peter and renamed him Peter, 'rock' (he had previously been known as Simon) and gave him the keys of the kingdom.

Matthew 16:13-20

Mark 8: 27-30

Luke 9: 18-20

At the heart of discipleship – some hard lessons for Peter



Jesus took the role of a servant and washed the disciples' feet. Peter refused to have Jesus wash his feet. Jesus replied ' unless I wash your feet you have no part in me'.

Peter then realized the symbolism of Jesus' actions – that Jesus was speaking about his imminent death and calling the disciples on the same path through death....

John 13: 2-11



Peter denies Jesus

Peter proclaimed that he would never desert or deny Jesus. But Jesus replied 'before the cock crows you will deny me three times ... and when Peter heard the cock crow – he remembered'.

Matthew 26:31-35; 69-75

Mark 14: 27-31; 66-72

Luke 22: 31-34, 54-62

John 13: 36-38;

18: 15-18; 25-27

Jesus was crucified with two criminals – one on either side of him.

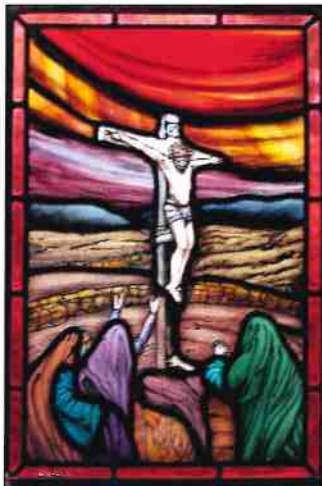
Peter was not present and in all accounts the women were the primary witnesses to the crucifixion.

Matthew 27:32-44

Mark 15:21-32

Luke 23: 23-43

John 19:17-30



Peter was absent from the crucifixion, but ran when he heard that the tomb was empty.



When Mary Magdalene told Simon Peter that Jesus body was not in the tomb, Peter ran to the tomb to see for himself.

Luke 24: 8-12

Peter meets the Risen Christ



Simon Peter had gone fishing with the other disciples. At daybreak Jesus stood on the beach and told the disciples to cast their nets on the right side of the boat... and they were unable to haul in their nets as there were so many fish. Simon Peter realised it was the risen Lord, put on his clothes and jumped into the sea to meet Jesus.

John 21: 1-8

Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved him. Each time Peter affirmed that he did love Jesus, and three times the risen Lord told Peter.. 'Feed my lambs', 'tend my sheep', 'feed my sheep'.

John 21: 15-19



When Peter was praying when God gave him a vision and told him eat. Peter refused, thinking that the animals were 'unclean – profane'. But God persisted. "What God has made clean, you must not call profane". Peter went on to meet Cornelius, a Gentile, and to take a primary leadership role in the mission to the Gentiles.

Acts 10:9-29



Peter proclaims that the Kingdom of God is for all people: Jews and Gentiles

Peter was speaking with all the people in the house of Cornelius, a Gentile, telling them about the good news of Jesus Christ and explaining that God shows no partiality. All nations and all people are acceptable to God. While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit came upon them and each person heard in their own tongue.

Acts 10:1-8, 17-48

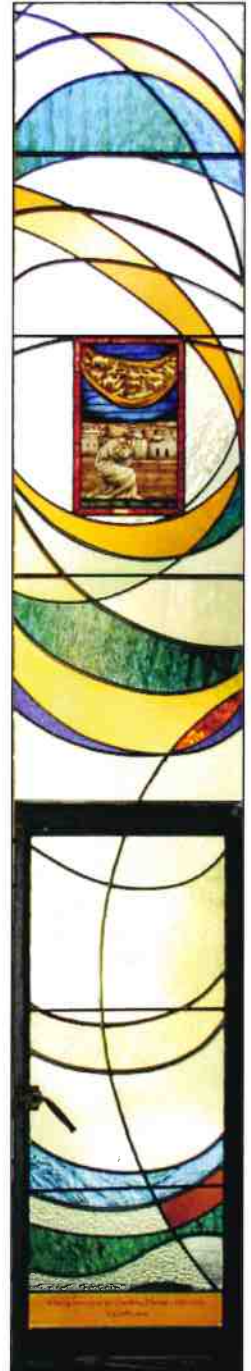
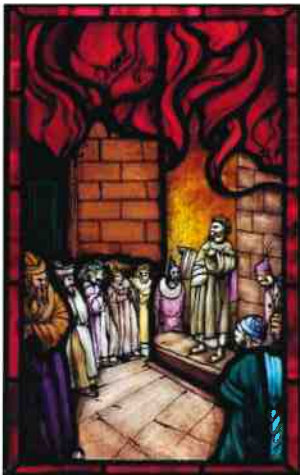


TABLE OF DONORS AND INSCRIPTIONS

Window	Title of Window	Donor	Inscription
1	Peter and his brother Andrew were fishing	Joan Ingle	God's love endures forever. A thanksgiving from Joan Ingle and family.
2	Jesus called them and Peter and Andrew follow. Peter attempts to walk on the water	Chas Heath	In loving memory of Kaye Heath 'helped so many' 1942 -1995
3	Peter attempts to walk on the water	Joan and Joe Proud	To the glory of God. In loving memory of Cheryl Patricia Brophy 1954-2008.
4	Peter declares that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God	Robert & Sue Fordham	To the Glory of God. A Thanksgiving from The Fordham and Wills Families
5	Jesus washes Peter's feet	June Treadwell	In memory of William (Bill) Doolan. Hero of Ambon: Killed February 1942.
6	Peter denies Jesus	Joan & Albert Ah Yee	To the Glory of God. A Thanksgiving from The Ah Yee Family
7	Peter is absent as Jesus is crucified	Viola Cummings	In loving memory of Charles Cummings (1922-1986), and children Christine (1948-1966), John (1950 - 1993) and Susanne (1958-2001).
8	Peter ran to the empty tomb	Gerard Veitch	In loving memory of Joyce Olive (1916-2001) and Gerard Harvey (1915 -) Veitch. Resting in peace with the Lord.
9	Simon Peter realizes it was the risen Jesus	Dale and Tom Dooley	For the joy and inspiration of those who worship here. A gift from the Dooley and Fenton families. 1 Corinthians 13
10	Jesus to Peter 'feed my sheep'	Ann and John Waller & June and Malcolm Thomasz	To the glory of God. A thanksgiving from the Thomasz and Waller families
11	God prepares Peter for the mission to the Gentiles	Gwen Harrap	In loving memory of Ian Geoffrey Harrap 1936-2009. In God's care.
12	Peter speaks at the home of Cornelius and the Holy Spirit came upon them	Edie Ashley/St Peter's by the Lake	To the glory of God. In acknowledgement of the original custodians of this land.

LAYOUT OF LEADLIGHT AND STAINED GLASS WINDOWS IN ST PETER'S BY THE LAKE

Sanctuary Window
looking into the Quiet Garden
and onto Lake Victoria

Altar and Sanctuary area of the church

Window 1

Window 12

Window 2

Window 11

Window 3

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