

# Actively Caring



The Parish of St. Peters recognises that every human being is born with an innate need to be known, valued, to belong, to live with dignity, meaning, and purpose.

Through the life of Jesus, God revealed to us that God cares about *every* aspect of human life: the physical, spiritual, social, emotional, and mental wellbeing of every person. God not only cares, God *actively* cares. God actively works to bring about change and transformation, to heal, to restore, to make new in all of us. It is God's mission to bring God's entire created order back home to Godself. This is what it means when we pray 'Thy kingdom come'.

We have many examples of God's active care gifted to us throughout Scripture. We can read and know about God's active care through the life and work of Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit.

When the crowds were hungry, Jesus said to St. Peter and the other disciples to feed the people. He said to his friends "you yourselves give them something to eat" (Luke 9:10-17). It is an important part of the Church's calling to do the same. To feed the people. St. Peter's 'gives food' when we actively care for each other, for all people, for all life.

God calls all creation back to Godself. Human life, animal life, insect life, all life! Including plant life. St. Peter's commitment to being an actively caring community also means we take seriously the environmental plight of the earth. We commit ourselves to saving our planet, to actively care for creation.

St. Peters Church prays that this call to 'actively care' God will place on the hearts of all her members.

Observant, ready, active and generous hearts is what St. Peters seeks to foster in her people. We have captured this reality in the image of 'Active Hands'. Hands working to bring about God's mission to renew all things back to Godself for all time.

