

S^T JOHN'S, TOORAK



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

16 July, 2017

WELCOME

A very warm welcome to St. John's, Toorak. This is a wonderful and historic parish, founded in 1859, and is a vibrant part of the Toorak and Melbourne community. This parish is part of the Anglican Church of Australia and a member of the global Anglican Communion, which is comprised of some 80 million people. We worship God in the richness of the 1500 year old Anglican tradition, using *A Prayer Book for Australia* (1995) for all our services of worship. The Parish of St. John's welcomes everyone to all services and events, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race or background.

Our service today can be found here in this printed booklet with hymns found in the red hymnal *Together in Song* in each pew. You are also very welcome to use the green prayer books, *A Prayer Book for Australia*, which are also found in each pew. The scripture readings come from the *New Revised Standard Version* of the Bible and follow the *Revised Common Lectionary*, which 'sets' the readings to be read each week, such that we with Anglicans and other Christians around Australia and across the world are reading together the same parts of scripture, emphasizing our unity as members of the one body of Christ.

If you're visiting for the first time do please introduce yourself to a welcomer or member of the clergy, and fill out the brief information form found in the foyer so we can stay in touch with you.

Welcome and God bless you.

The musical setting of the Eucharist used today is found at number 756
in *Together in Song*

*The 8am service begins with the Introductory Rite, below.
The 10am service begins with the processional hymn 430.*

INTRODUCTORY RITE *All stand*

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Hymn 430 'Your words to me are life and health'
At the 8am service only the first and last verses are sung

The Collect for Purity *said together*

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires
known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the
thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your
holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Two Great Commandments

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord your God is one; you shall love the
Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and
with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said:
'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like
it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Confession

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in
God's forgiveness.

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned
against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have
failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we
have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and
are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to**

love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis said at 8.00am; sung at 10.00am

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect for The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

The celebrant prays the collect, after which all are seated

The Children's Address

At the 10am service children are invited to join together at the chancel step

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lesson Genesis 25.19-34

Read at 8am by S. Kincaid and 10am by S. Maclarn

¹⁹These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac. ²⁰and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. ²¹Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. ²²The children struggled together within her; and she said, 'If it is to be this way, why do I live?' So she went to inquire of the Lord.

²³And the Lord said to her, 'Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger.'
²⁴When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. ²⁵The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. ²⁶Afterwards his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.
²⁷When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. ²⁸Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. ²⁹Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. ³⁰Esau said to Jacob, 'Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!' (Therefore he was called Edom.) ³¹Jacob said, 'First sell me your birthright.'
³²Esau said, 'I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?' ³³Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright
*Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

Psalter Psalm 119.105-112 *said together*

¹⁰⁵Your word is a lantern to my feet:
and a light to my path.

¹⁰⁶I have vowed and sworn an oath:
to keep your righteous judgements.

¹⁰⁷I have been afflicted beyond measure:
Lord, give me life according to your word.

¹⁰⁸Accept, O Lord, the freewill offerings of my mouth:
and teach me your judgements.

¹⁰⁹I take my life in my hands continually:
yet I do not forget your law.

¹¹⁰The wicked have laid a snare for me:
but I have not strayed from your precepts.

¹¹¹Your commands are my inheritance for ever:
they are the joy of my heart.

¹¹²I have set my heart to fulfil your statutes:

always, even to the end.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

The Epistle *Romans 8.1-11*

Read at 8am by T. Craddock; and at 10am, by R. Williams

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

Gradual Hymn at 10am 126 'God moves in a mysterious way'

The Gospel *Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23*

*The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew, Chapter 13, commencing at the First verse. **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a

boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!' ¹⁸Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon The Rt. Rev'd Ian George

Anthem Hear my prayer WoO 15

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Nicene Creed *said together, standing*

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one

being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People *kneeling*

Intercessor at 8am C. Papageorge, and at 10am J. Horan

The Prayers end with the following

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.
Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Greeting of Peace *standing*

We are the body of Christ. **His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All share with each other the sign of peace, customarily shaking hands, with only those around them, and saying, 'Peace be with you'

Parish Notices *given by a member of the parish clergy*

Offertory Hymn 595 'O Jesus I have promised'

During which a collection for the life and ministry of St. John's will be taken

Prayer for Receiving the Offertory

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

All stand for the Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The celebrant prays the Great Thanksgiving Prayer until the following

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The celebrant continues to pray the Great Thanksgiving Prayer until the following

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The celebrant continues to pray the Great Thanksgiving Prayer, which ends with the following

...Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. We who are many are one body, **for we all share in the one bread.**

Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

Invitation to Communion

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper. **Lord I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Administration of Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you do not wish to receive communion and would like a blessing, please come forward and indicate your desire to do so by keeping your arms behind your back.

Communion Anthem Lord, what is man? Z 192

Henry Purcell (1685 – 1759)

Post Communion Prayers *kneeling*

Living God, in this holy meal you fill us with new hope. May the power of your love, which we have known in word and sacrament, continue your saving work among us, give us courage for our pilgrimage, and bring us to the joys you promise.

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

Final Hymn 215 'Ye Servants of God'

At the 8am service only the first and last verses are sung

Blessing *to which the response is 'Amen.'*

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude Fugue in e

Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)



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Breakfast, Morning Tea & Fellowship

Join us for breakfast in the Guild Room following the 8am service and for morning tea and coffee immediately after the 10am service, in the Guild Room. All welcome.

Cover Image

Vincent van Gogh, *The Sower* (after Millet)

October-November 1889, Saint-Rémy

Oil on canvas, 64 x 55 cm Rijksmuseum Kröller-Müller, Otterlo

About the Music Today

The music performed as part of the liturgy by Jenny Stokes is drawn from one of Mendelssohn's most popular Anthems, *Hear my prayer*. This work was popularised by the 1927 recording of Master Ernest Lough with George Thalben-Ball at the Temple Church, London.

Lord, what is man sets words by William Fuller (1608-1675) [Bishop of Lincoln]. Fuller's flowery text was amply set by Purcell during 1693, and published in Volume 2 of Playford's *Harmonia Sacra* [Sacred Harmonies].

Mendelssohn's *Fugue in e* is a piano work, transcribed by the performer for organ.

Parish Notices

Vicar on leave

Our Vicar Peter will be on leave from 8 July to 19 July. During that time The Rt. Rev'd Ian George will be in charge of the parish and will lead the Sunday morning services.

Confirmation service

A service of Confirmation will be held on Sunday 6 August, during the 10.00am service. All inquiries to the Vicar, please.

We have a new Altar Guild!

A big thank you to Sam Shepherd and Amanda Bagot who join stalwart Claire Beecher to form a new Altar Guild at St. John's. Along with Brenda Mouritz, who makes and cares for many of the altar cloths and coverings, the Altar Guild has responsibility for looking after the cleaning and ironing of the altar linen (purificators, corporals, handtowels), altar cloths and coverings, as well as keeping our newly restored brass, silver and gold in great shape. I'm grateful to them all for being willing to serve the church in this way. Peter.

We have the start of a new Servers Guild!

And a big thank you to Brenda Mouritz, Brenda Williams and Dougal Colhoun who join long-serving Annette Wilson, in forming a new Servers Guild! The Servers Guild assists in the many services of the church, especially on Sunday mornings, serving as crucifers, servers, acolytes, and Gospel Book bearers. But we have more spots available! So – if you would like to offer your skills in making our worship run beautifully with plenty of lay leadership, please speak with the Vicar immediately to join this other great avenue of service at St. John's.

Prayer Chain

Is made up of parishioners who commit themselves to pray for those in need. If you know of someone who would appreciate prayer, please contact the Prayer Chain Co-ordinator, Annette Wilson, at annettelouisewilson@gmail.com so the Prayer Chain can be activated.

Prayers for Christian Unity

10.00am Thursday 27 July at Toorak Uniting Church.

Ecumenical Candle

The lit ecumenical candle can be seen in front of the pulpit. This candle is a sign and celebration of the great ecumenism enjoyed by the churches of the Toorak Ecumenical Movement: Toorak Uniting Church, The Swedish Church, St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church and of course, St. John's. Each of the member churches has the candle for a month and proudly displays the candle after which it travels to the next church, and so on and so forth.

The St John's Social Committee

Feeling social? The St John's Social Committee will be meeting soon to plan upcoming events. Please send your ideas and suggestions to marlenejcb@yahoo.com.au for consideration.

Book launch and Seminar

The Gospels Speak: Addressing Life's Questions by

The Rev'd Canon Professor Dorothy Lee.

On Monday 24 July 2.30pm-4.30pm. Old Warden's Lodge, Trinity College. Followed by a Book Launch at 5pm.

To register www.trybooking.com/295027 or email theologyevents@trinity.edu.au or call 9348 7127. See flyer on noticeboard for more information.

Save the date

The Annual Archbishop's dinner, 6.30pm Wednesday 30 August, Trinity College, Parkville. In support of the *Faith in our Future Appeal*. Enquiries to Sarah Cooke

events@trinity.unimelb.edu.au

In the Church Foyer

The following pamphlets/newsletters are currently in the foyer for your perusal:

- *Letter from Katete*, early July 2017. Liz Hawthorne newsletter

Photography in the Church, Hall and Parish Grounds

Please be aware that photographs of St. John's, the church, hall, gardens and congregation often take place to help us with our publicity and social media presence. If you do not wish to be photographed, please alert the photographer.

Members and visitors to St. John's are reminded that photography of minors (people under the age of 18) is expressly forbidden.

Worship Next Week, 23 July Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

8.00am Service of Holy Communion

First Reading: Genesis 28.10-19a read by B. Mouritz
Second Reading: Romans 8.12-25, read by B. Williams
Gospel Reading: Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43
Intercessor: B. Williams
Celebrant: The Rev'd Dr Peter French
Preacher: Ms Brenda Williams

10.00am Service of Holy Communion

First Reading: Genesis 28.10-19a, reader required
Second Reading: Romans 8.12-25, read by A. Gedge
Gospel Reading: Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43
Intercessor: B. Williams
Celebrant: The Rev'd Dr Peter French
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Morning Tea - Volunteers required

**Celebrant & Preacher at All Saints, Kooyong - Emeritus
Archdeacon Philip Newman**

Significant Dates in the Parish Calendar

Confirmation Service 6 August, 10.00am, Church

Blessing of the Pets 15 October, 4pm, Church, followed by
BBQ in the Garden

All Souls Service 2 November, 7pm, Church

Remembrance Day Service 12 November, 10am, Church

Christmas Eve Children's service, 5.00pm Church

Midnight Mass, 11.30pm (Carol singing from 11pm-11.30pm)

Christmas Day Services 25 December, 8 & 10am, Church

For Your Prayers

From the Anglican Cycle of Prayer

We pray for Anglican Christians working for peace in all parts of the world. We pray this week for the Diocese of Ontario, Canada (Bp George Lindsey Russell Bruce and Coadjutor Bp Michael Oulton); The Diocese of Riverina (Bp Rob Gillion, Clergy and People); Korowa Anglican Girls' School (Helen Carmody, Principal; Fiona Raike, Chaplain); Holy Trinity, Kew (Robert Newton); Broadmeadows Anglican Church – Pastoral Visit (Bp Philip Huggins); Consecration of Bishop-Elect Fr Ninos Elya as Bishop for the Diocese of Victoria and New Zealand of the Assyrian Church of the East (Bp Philip Huggins); Church of the Ascension, Springvale – Pastoral Visit (Bp Paul Barker).

Those celebrating birthdays: Elizabeth Johnson on Sunday.

For schools in our parish: Geelong Grammar School Toorak Campus (Glamorgan), Head of Campus Rachel George; St Catherine's School, Principal Michelle Carroll; Toorak Primary School, Principal Julie Manallack; Scotch College, Principal Tom Batty, and St. John's Kindergarten, Director Baiba Thompson.

For those who lead us in the Anglican Church: Our Primate The Most Revd Philip Freier, Archbishop of Melbourne, and our Bishop, The Right Revd Genieve Blackwell.

The Toorak Ecumenical Movement: Our partner churches, St Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Toorak Uniting Church, and The Swedish Church.

For Those in Mission Work: for The Anglican Board of Mission, and for parishioner Liz Hawthorne.

For the sick and all in need: David; Matthew; John Saunders; Alan; Paul Dalton; Samuel; Robert John; Kate; Marie Dieni; Grace; Rosemary Griffith; Penny and Geoff Clapp; Noriece Bradbury; Alan and Rhonda Cook; James Griffith; Olivia; Philip; Sam; Sandra, John; Charles; Julia Jones; the family of John Ball.

For those in aged care and those who are house bound: Randall Watt; Dorothy Hughes; Michael Moore; Don Sawers; Lynton Morgan, Teri Lawrence; Janet Field and Beverley Joyce.

Give thanks for those whose Anniversary of Death is this week: Bill Grau, Doris Syme, Tony Hooper, Donald Murchie, Betty Tartakover.

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In the event of an **after-hours** pastoral emergency and you urgently require a priest, please telephone this number to reach the clergyperson on duty. This is for emergencies only.