



ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
TOORAK
EST. 1859



Fourth Sunday
in Lent

11 March, 2018

Welcome

On behalf of everyone at St. John's, Toorak, a very warm welcome to this church and faith community. St. John's welcomes everyone to all services and events, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race or background.

This is a wonderful and historic church, founded in 1859, and is a vibrant part of the Toorak and Melbourne community. This parish church is part of the Anglican Church of Australia and a member of the global Anglican Communion, comprised of 80 million people.

Regular services of worship during the year take place here each Sunday at 8am and 10am, on Wednesdays at 7pm and on Thursdays at 12.15pm. Services are often followed by times of fellowship over food and drinks to which everyone is also welcome.

This church actively follows Jesus' command to love God, love one's neighbour and to care for all people. Our clergy and parishioners regularly visit the sick, home-bound, and the dying. We care for the poor and needy through service and charitable giving, through our Opportunity Shop run in partnership with the local Catholic and Uniting churches, and by supporting the work of Anglicare, The Brotherhood of St. Laurence and The Anglican Board of Mission. Our clergy regularly baptise new members of the church, preside at weddings and care for the grieving through our funeral ministry. If we can be of service to you or your family, please do not hesitate to get in touch. If you would like to give of your time and talents in the service of others, please also contact the church and we will gladly welcome your contribution.

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.

The 8am service begins with the Introductory Rite, below.

The 10am service begins with the processional hymn 84.

The sung responses for this service, other than those included, can be found in the hymn book 758 (Lord, have mercy) & 757 (Holy; Blessing; Lamb of God)

INTRODUCTORY RITE *All stand*

**Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,
whose mercy endures for ever.**

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

Hymn 84 'Give to our God immortal praise'

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.

Kyrie Eleison *(said at 8am, sung by choir and congregation at 10am)*

(choir) Lord have mercy, *(congregation)* **Lord have mercy.**

(choir) Christ have mercy, *(congregation)* **Christ have mercy.**

(choir) Lord have mercy, *(congregation)* **Lord have mercy.**

Confession

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off. Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

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

Collect for the Fourth Sunday in Lent

The celebrant prays the collect, after which all are seated

The Children's Address

All children are invited to join together at the chancel step

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Old Testament Lesson Numbers 21.4-9

Read at 8am by V. Randall and at 10am by B. Brown

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' ⁶Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

Psalter Psalm 107.1-3, 17-22 *said at 8am, sung by the choir at 10am*

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
for his loving mercy is for ever.

² Let the Lord's redeemed say so:
whom he has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,

³ And gathered in from every land,
from the east and from the west:
from the north and from the south.

¹⁷ Fools were far gone in transgression:

and because of their sins were afflicted.

¹⁸ They sickened at any food:
and had come to the gates of death.

¹⁹ Then they cried to the Lord in their distress:
and he took them out of their trouble.

²⁰ He sent his word and healed them:
and saved their life from the Pit.

²¹ Let them thank the Lord for his goodness:
and for the wonders that he does
for the children of Adam;

²² Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving:
and tell what he has done with shouts of joy.

The Epistle Ephesians 2.1-10

Read at 8am by C. Papageorge and at 10am by J. Smith

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – ⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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

At 10am, please stand for the Gradual Hymn

Gradual Hymn 407 'Breathe on me, breath of God'

At both services we stand and turn to face the gospel as it is read

The Gospel John 3.14-21

*The Holy Gospel according to St. John, Chapter 3, commencing at the fourteenth verse. **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

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

The Sermon The Vicar, The Revd Dr Peter French

Anthem *The Lord is my shepherd* [Ps 23]

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

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 K. Beecher

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 those around them, and saying, 'Peace be with you'

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

Offertory Hymn 341 'My song is love unknown'

At the 8.00am service verses 1,2,6 & 7

At the 10.00am service verses 1,2,5,6 & 7

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 remain standing

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.

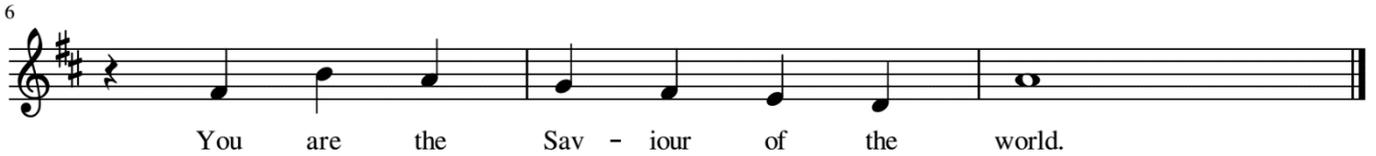
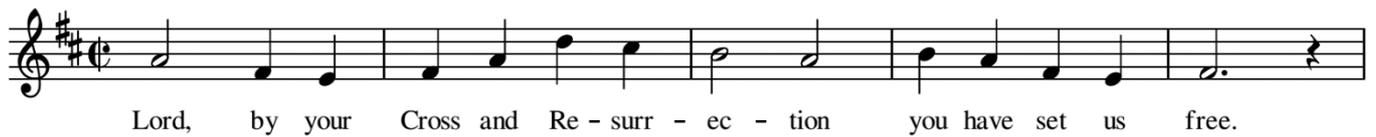
The celebrant prays the Great Thanksgiving Prayer until the following

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

...In faith we acclaim you, O Christ (*said at 8am, sung at 10am*)



*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.**

*Please pray the Lord's Prayer in your own language
or using one of the following translations*

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.**

**Our Father, who art in
heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily
bread.
And forgive us our
trespasses
as we forgive those who
trespass against us.
And lead us not into
temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and 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 *kneeling or standing*

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 *kneeling or standing*

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 *O bone Jesu* Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643)

Post Communion Prayers *kneeling*

God of mercy, may we who have shared in this holy meal know your forgiveness in our lives, bring your reconciliation to others, and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world. Most loving God, **you send us into the world you love. Give us grace to thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit.**

Final Hymn 145 'The King of love'

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

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.



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You are welcome to take this service booklet home with you or you may leave it in the church foyer, where it will be recycled. Large print copies of this service booklet are available, samples of which are in the church foyer.

Morning Tea & Fellowship

Join us for breakfast after the 8am service and for morning tea and coffee after the 10am service, in the guild room, to the east of the church.

Cover Image

Sébastien Bourdon *Moses and the Brazen Serpent*
1653-54 Oil on canvas, 105 x 89 cm
Museo del Prado, Madrid

Music Notes

Laetare Sunday with its Rose vestments and Simnel Cake is a moment of refreshment [not to mention the original Mother's Day!] before we plunge inexorably towards Holy Week.

The Lord is my shepherd is a German setting of Psalm 23 by Franz Schubert.

O bone Jesu. O good Jesus, enlighten my eyes, lest I sleep in death; lest my enemy say I have prevailed against him.

[Ps 13:4] Into thy hands O Lord I commit my spirit; thou hast redeemed me, Lord God of truth [Ps 31:5].

Hard-core Royalists will recall the postlude which was first heard in 1977 at the Silver Jubilee Queen Elizabeth II, as she celebrated 25 years on the throne.

Parish Notices

'Younger Members' Brunch

Peter and Robyn invite younger members of the church (those around 50yo and under) to brunch at the vicarage following the 10am service on Sunday 18th March. Please RSVP to vicar@saintjohnstoorak.org.

Morning Tea Drive

The time is right for all parishioners who attend the 10am Sunday service to make a concerted effort to contribute to and help improve our morning tea, a time for catching up with others, welcoming new members, enjoying a good cup of coffee and delightful refreshments. To achieve this, we require a roster of two parishioners each Sunday who would be responsible for the setting up, providing the refreshments and cleaning up. We envisage a ten-week roster cycle. Please do join us by adding your name to the signup sheet available in the foyer of the church.

Weekday Services Resume

With the commencement of Lent, St. John's weekday services have resumed. The Wednesday evening service is at 7pm, with wine and cheese served in the vestry following. The Thursday service of Holy Communion has recommenced at the new revised time of 12.15pm. It is hoped that such a time will allow for more people to attend such a service, especially as it is set for lunchtime and will run for only 30 minutes.

Sunday School

Each Sunday during term time, excluding public holidays. On the Fifth Sunday there will be activities at the back of the church. All children welcome to attend. Volunteers are needed to assist in this vital ministry. Please see the clergy to assist with the Christian education of the children of the parish.

The Sally Beddison Garden

Work continues on the grounds south of the driveway and in front of the vicarage, with the laying of bluestone paths, the pouring of the new vicarage driveway, the installation of new irrigation systems and the continued planting of new plants.

Pastoral Care

The pastoral care of all members of the parish is of great importance. If you, or someone you know is in need of visiting by the clergy and/or members of the pastoral care committee, please do contact the parish office on 98261765 or enquiries@saintjohnstoorak.org

Prayers for Christian Unity

On Thursday 22 March, 10.00am, at St Peter's Church.

Volunteers to assist with cleaning and Palm Sunday decorations

On Saturday 24 March, 10am-12pm, in the church. Please bring along dusters, cloths and the like. Tasks include: General dusting, dusting out alcoves and woodwork around altar plus removing wax on the carpet in front of pulpit. And setting up palms for Palm Sunday!

Roster availability forms

Are enclosed with this pewsheet. If you are available and would like to assist, please complete a form and send back to the Parish Office.

The Toorak Opportunity Shop

In 1980 the Toorak Opportunity Shop was founded by St. John's, along with Toorak Uniting Church and St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, as a natural extension of the fine ecumenical ministry the three churches already enjoyed. Since then the income the Op Shop has generated has steadily increased and, each year, such income is divided between the three churches for distribution to Christian missions and agencies. In 2017 the Op Shop distributed \$84,000 to each of the three churches, a record distribution and an outstanding testament to the hard work of so many volunteers - and the support of many shoppers!

In 2017, as Vicar I determined that the following organisations be supported by donations from that disbursed \$84,000. Donations ranged from \$5,000 to \$10,000 each in support of the important work of the following churches and church agencies: St. Martin's Anglican Church Hawksburn Food Distribution Ministry; St. Mark's Anglican Church Community Centre Fitzroy; Dixon House, Monash (a ministry of Anglicare and All Saint's Anglican Church, Clayton); the Richmond Hill Churches Food Centre (of which St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Richmond is a part); The Little Mission of Christ Church Anglican Church, St. Kilda (assisting the homeless); The Karen Foundation (assisting Karen refugees); E-Qubed Australia (education and life-skills teaching for disaffected youth in Broadmeadows); The Order of St. Lazarus (helping the sick, poor and homeless through Anglicare); The Breakfast Club (run by the Brotherhood of St. Laurence, providing breakfast and educational programs to needy children on the Fitzroy Housing Estate); and Sunday Suppers (a homeless dinner program run by St. Silas Anglican Church, Albert Park). These programs provide hands-on assistance to the homeless, hungry, sick and underprivileged.

How can you be a part of this success story? Shop at the Op Shop! 1A Carters Avenue, Toorak, right next door to Mercedes Benz Toorak. The shop is open 10am - 4pm Monday to

Saturday and there is ample parking directly opposite. Give a couple of hours a week to volunteer at the Op Shop! Drop your unwanted clothes and other eligible household items at the Op Shop, during the day or in the after-hours chute! Pray for the Op Shop and give thanks to God for extraordinary life and mission of this enterprise.

Childrens' Ministry at St. John's

The care, nurture and Christian education of the children of St. John's is of paramount importance. With the Vicar, the Parish Council is working hard on ensuring that all childrens' ministry is conducted with the safety and nurture of our children first and foremost in mind. The clergy, the Wardens, Parish Council and key volunteers working with our children have all completed Working With Children clearances, required by the Diocese of Melbourne and in keeping with best practice.

St John Passion

The Choir of Christ Church South Yarra & Choral Scholars of St John's East Malvern, together with the Melbourne Baroque Orchestra will present the St John Passion by J S Bach, directed by Michael Fulcher. Sunday 18 March 2018, 4pm at Christ Church, Cnr Toorak & Punt Roads, South Yarra. Not to be missed! www.trybooking.com/tmpr. Flyers in the Narthex.

Join in Prayer for Those in Need

St. John's Prayer Chain is a group of people who, when asked, pray particularly for those who have asked of the prayers of this church. If you would like to be a part of the Prayer Chain, please notify Co-ordinator Annette Wilson at annettelouisewilson@gmail.com or 9822 8968.

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, 18 March **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

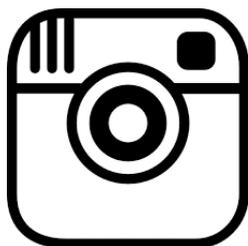
8.00am Service of Holy Communion

First Reading: Jeremiah 31.31-34 read by S. Maclarn
Second Reading: Hebrews 5.5-14, read by S. Kincaid
Gospel Reading: John 12.20-33
Intercessor: V. Randall
Celebrant: The Revd Dr Peter French
Preacher: The Revd Elizabeth Murray

10.00am Service of Holy Communion

First Reading: Jeremiah 31.31-34, read by C. Beecher
Second Reading: Hebrews 5.5-14, read by J. Griffith
Gospel Reading: John 12.20-33
Intercessor: J. Horan
Celebrant: The Revd Dr Peter French
Preacher: The Revd Elizabeth Murray
Morning Tea – Volunteers are required.

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Toorak Ecumenical Council invites you to...

A Lenten Pilgrimage to the Heart:



*may we be always ready to give up what we cannot
keep in order to gain what we cannot lose*

Join us for thoughtful reflection and discussion
during this season of Lent

Tuesday 6 March, 7.30-9pm

Topic The Pilgrim's Journey: Taking and Leaving

Venue St John's Anglican Church

cnr Toorak and Orrong Roads

Tuesday 13 March 7.30-9pm

Topic Becoming Fully Present

Venue Toorak Uniting Church 603 Toorak Road

Tuesday 20 March 7.30-9pm

Topic Seeing Clearly – New Horizons

Venue St Peter's Catholic Church 585 Toorak Road

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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 The Church of England (Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby); Diocese of Bathurst (Bp Ian Palmer Clergy & People); Chinese Ministry (Richard Liu, Missioner); Parish of St John's, Sorrento w. St Andrew's, Rye (Nicholas Wallace); Holy Trinity Hastings – pastoral visit (Bp Paul Barker).

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.

For Reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians: we pray for Aboriginal Anglican clergy and lay-leaders around Australia, their spiritual health and physical well-being, and the people they care for. For Aboriginal and Government leaders and their work together.

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.

Those celebrating birthdays: Lynton Morgan on Friday.

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.

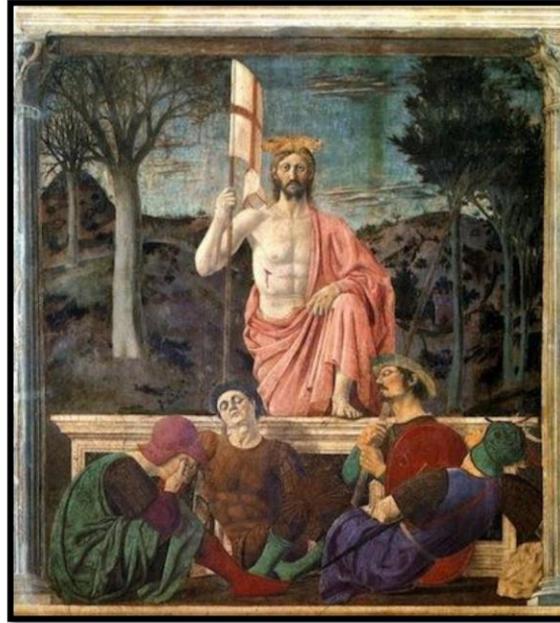
For the sick and all in need: David; Matthew; John Saunders; Alan; Paul Dalton; Kate; Grace; Rosemary Griffith; Noriece Bradbury; Rhonda Cook; Philip; Sam; Sandra, John; Charles; Julia Jones; Mary; Brenda Williams; Debra Moore; Maggie Perkins; Chong Lim; Tracey Webster.

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

Give thanks for those whose Anniversary of Death is this week: Michael Dale; Jeanette Ricketson; Pamela Gronow; Mavis Archibald; William Charters; Beryl Veall; Lorna Grimwade; Roderick Allen.

Holy Week & Easter

at St. John's, Toorak



Piero della Francesca, *Resurrection* c. 1460s Fresco Museo Civico, [Sansepolcro](#)

Palm Sunday

Services 25 March, 8am & 10am

Maundy Thursday

Service 29 March, 7pm

Good Friday

Service 30 March, 10am, followed by
Ecumenical Walk of Witness

Easter Vigil

Service 31 March, 7pm

Easter Day

1 April, 10am

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