

ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH TOORAK EST. 1859



Fourth Sunday of Easter

12th May, 2019

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 celebrating our 160th year! We are part of the Anglican Church of Australia and a member of the global Anglican Communion, comprised of 80 million people.

Regular services of worship are held each Sunday at 8am and 10am, Wednesday at 7pm, and Thursday at 12.15pm. All are welcome. Services are 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 blue 'Welcome' card found at the end of every pew so we can stay in touch with you.





Cover Image

Marcantonio Raimondi, *Jesus before the Temple*, Engraving, 260 x 336 mm, British Museum, London. The 8am service begins with the Introductory Rite below. **The 10am service begins with the processional hymn 215**

INTRODUCTORY RITE please 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.** Christ is risen, Alleluia! **He is risen indeed, Alleluia**!

Hymn 215 'You servants of God, your master proclaim' *At 8am, first & last verses only*

The Collect for Purity

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, the Lord 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

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

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 pronounced by the celebrant

Gloria in Excelsis at 8am said together, at 10am sung with the choir

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.

The Collect for Fourth Sunday of Easter

The celebrant prays the collect, after which all are seated

The Children's Address

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson Acts 9.36-43

Read at 8am by Ted Mouritz and at 10am by Doug Harrah

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

Psalter Psalm 23 said together at 8am, sung by the choir at 10am

¹ The Lord is my shepherd:

therefore can I lack nothing.

² He will make me lie down in green pastures: and lead me beside still waters.

³ He will refresh my soul:

and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.

⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.

⁵ You spread a table before me in the face of those who trouble me: you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

⁶ Surely your goodness and loving-kindness

will follow me all the days of my life:

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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 Second Lesson Revelation 7.9-17

Read at 8am by Keiron Jones, and at 10am by Gaynor Gould

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, ¹²singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' ¹⁴I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.' Hear the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

At the 10am service please stand for the Gradual Hymn

Gradual Hymn (At 10am only) 201 'King of glory'

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

The Gospel John 10.22-30

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, Chapter 10, commencing at verse twenty two. **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' ²⁵Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one.'

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

The Sermon The Curate

Anthem 'The Strife is o'er'

Henry Ley 1887–1962

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 At 8am by Keiron Jones and at 10am by Keith 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 223 'How sweet the name of Jesus sounds' *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 Great Thanksgiving Prayer continues 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 singing:

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 Great Thanksgiving Prayer continues until the following

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

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer ends with the following

... songs of never ending praise. *or* ... now and for ever. **Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Please pray the Lord's Prayer of your custom or in your own language or using the following translation

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 said, 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 Lord, let thy servant Elizabeth' William Byrd (c.1543-1623)

Post Communion Prayers *the celebrant leads this prayer which ends with* 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 376 'I know that my redeemer lives' *At 8am, first & last verses only*

Blessing to which the response is 'Amen.'

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia: **In the name of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude Concerto in D: fugue

J.S. Bach/A. Vivaldi (1685-1750)

(Buy D)

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Breakfast & Morning Tea

Join us for breakfast after the 8am service in the Guild Room and for morning tea and coffee after the 10am service, generously provided this morning by Gail Ankers and Claire Morgan, in Buxton Hall (immediately behind the church) or, weather permitting, in the garden.

Music Notes

Please avail yourself of the small coloured flyers in the narthex which advertise the **Fifth Sunday Concert Series** commencing at the end of June. More information on this development will be at hand shortly.

Notre-Dame Paris Concert On Friday May 17 at 6.30pm a fund-raising concert will be held in St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne to raise funds for the organs of Notre-Dame de Paris. The Choir Organ has been damaged beyond repair while the west-end Grand Orgue has escaped the flames, but will require restoration and complete cleaning. Parts of this instrument go back to the Baroque era and it is very fortunate that it remains free of serious damage.

All admission collected goes to Notre-Dame. Prominent Melbourne musicians will perform French organ music in support of the French nation and the Cathedral's famous musicians; also giving thanks for the amount left un-damaged.

Parish Notices

Parish Trivia Night, Saturday 1 June

Our Parish's major social activity and community fundraiser (again for the work of BSL and local foodbanks) for the year will be a Trivia Night on Saturday 1st June, commencing at 6pm. Please see the flyer in this pewsheet for further details, and please keep the date and spread the word to all your friends and family. You can buy tickets after church on Sunday or from the parish office. We are collecting prizes for the raffle. If you are able to assist please contact Diana Saul, Jane Anderson, Carmen Papageorge or the parish office.

Ladies of the Parish - Lunch, Monday 20 May

Are invited to lunch on the third Monday of the second month, meeting at 12.30pm at the Toorak Uniting Church cafe. The next get-together is on Monday 20 May. Please rsvp to the Parish Office by Friday 17 May 9826 1765 / enquiries@saintjohnstoorak.org or write your name on the sign-up sheet at church on Sunday morning.

Prayers for Christian Unity

On Thursday 30 May, 10.00am at St Peter's Church. All welcome.

Oxfam Walk Against Want

Jenny Stengards and Barbara Brown would like to thank those that sponsored them on the 2019 Oxfam Walk against Want. "We did our walk in Central Park Malvern enjoying our companions, the local folk who were walking their dogs. We raised \$765, \$132 more than last year! This will support the community based self-help programs in many countries around the world as well as in indigenous Australia. So once again, many, many thanks! And an extra thank you to Lena a little girl who was having a swing in the playground and she asked us did we take coins? We said yes, and she gave us her \$2.00 pocket money!"

Assistant Curate on Annual Leave

The Reverend Elizabeth Murray will be on leave 15 May - 4 June inclusive. She will not be responding to emails during that time. Urgent matters can be handled through the parish office.

Parish Stewardship 2018 - 2019: Update

We are now mid-way through our Stewardship for the period of 2018 - 2019, which is an opportune time to review where we stand in relation to our stewardship of the parish. Interestingly, our current parish recorder, Helen Ballantyne, who has held this position since October 2014, has informed me that in her time of recording this is **our best year to date** with anticipated pledges for the year 2018 -2019 on track to be close to \$150,000. When we consider for the year 2014 – 2015 this was in the vicinity of \$100,000, and pledge income for the years 2014, 15, 16 and 17 was also received from All Saints Kooyong, this is a most pleasing result. Many thanks to all of you who contribute to our church in this fashion.

Nevertheless we cannot afford to be complacent! To give you a few facts:

- Our annual stipend and salary expenditure for Peter, Elizabeth, Sally and Chris is a modest \$300,000.

- The estimated maintenance and cleaning costs alone for our properties is \$55,000.

- We thus have to rely on investments and rental incomes to make up the rest of our \$550,000 annual budget.

- We have approximately 180 households on our parish roll of which 66 (a third) are pledging - imagine how much better off we could be if more parishioners were committed to pledging? If you do not do so already, please give this your prayerful consideration.

I remain very positive about our future as we are blessed with parishioners who support, volunteer and are committed to the spiritual, financial and fellowship growth of St John's.

Peter

What's Happening at St. John's?

For the latest details on what is planned in the parish this year, go to <u>https://www.saintjohnstoorak.org/community-events/</u>

From the Website above:

Sunday 26 May, 8am & 10am, GUEST PREACHER – The Revd Dr Robert Derrenbacker, Dean of Trinity College Theological School

Saturday 1 June, Parish Trivia Night (Fundraiser) 6-9pm See full page flyer for details.

Sunday 30 June, 12-1pm Concert in Church - Organ *Plus* Series. Organist Christopher Cook, Director of Music at St. John's Anglican Church Toorak. Guest artist Richard Thornton, Trumpet

Sunday 28 July, 8am & 10am, GUEST PREACHER – The Reverend Dr J.T. Hollis (Fr Turi), Vicar of Christ Church St. Kilda, representing "The Little St. Kilda Mission" & Community Centre

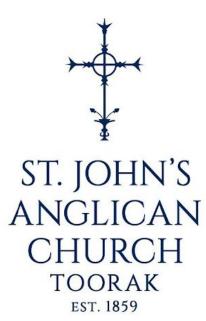
Sunday 18 August, 10am Confirmation Service - Bishop Genieve presiding. Please pray for those preparing for Confirmation: Sanae, Diana, Ella, Zoe, Keira, Lucas

Sunday 8 September, 8am & 10am, GUEST PREACHER – The Reverend Rob Ferguson, Senior Chaplain Anglicare Criminal Justice Ministry

Sunday 29 September, 12-1pm Concert in Church - Organ *Plus* Series. Organist Christopher Cook, Director of Music at St. John's Anglican Church Toorak. Guest artist Paola Bastreri-Grey, Mezzo-Soprano

Sunday 13 October, 4-6pm Blessing of Pets, in the Church Garden

Sunday 20 October, 8am & 10am, GUEST PREACHER – Bron Davis-Jones, Volunteer Manager for The Richmond Churches Food Centre



TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 1st June 2019

6pm-10pm

St. John's Church Hall

86 Clendon Road

Toorak VIC 3142

BYO food, snacks and soft drinks to share Beer and Wine for Sale

TRIVIA * SILENT AUCTION * RAFFLE * GAMES GALORE *

Tickets: \$30 for an individual *OR* \$25 each for a table of 10 Please credit St. John's Church general a/c at Westpac BSB033086 a/c no. 871931

Tickets available from: St. John's Parish Office 9826 1765 Jane Anderson 0407 861 484 Carmen Papageorge 0401 946 102 Diana Saul 9827 7878

A Community Fundraiser supporting Fitzroy Food Bank | Launch - Youth Homelessness | Brotherhood of St. Laurence

For Your Prayers

From the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Anglican Church of Korea (Abp Revd Moses Nagjun Yoo); Diocese of Newcastle (Bp Peter Stuart, Clergy & People); Converge International (Jenny George, CEO, and Chaplains); Brimbank Parish (Simon Koefoed); ARCIC meetings Jerusalem (Abp Philip Freier); St Stephen's Mount Waverley – Confirmation Service (Bp Paul Barker); Brimbank parish visit - Mother's Day (Bp Kate Prowd).

For all those who lead us in the Anglican Church, especially: 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: 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 The Anglican Board of Mission, The Brotherhood of St. Laurence, and Anglicare.

For schools in our parish: Geelong Grammar School Toorak Campus, Head of Campus Rachel George; St Catherine's School, Principal Michelle Carroll; and Toorak Primary School, Principal Julie Manallack.

For the sick and all in need: David; Matthew; John Saunders; Alan; Paul Dalton; Grace; Rosemary Griffith; Rhonda Cook; Philip; Sam; Sandra, John; Julia Jones; Mary; Christopher Morgan; Maggie Perkins; Helen Kent; Elizabeth Haes; Jacob Henriss-Anderssen; Rhonda Ritchie; Augustus and Victoria; Sean and Valerie; Gordon D'Rosario; Audrey Leeton; Brenda Mouritz; Annette B and Mark.

For those in aged care and those who are housebound: Randall Watt; Teri Lawrence; Janet Field; and Beverley Joyce.

Give thanks for those whose Anniversary of Death is this week: Rodney Moss; Joan Stewart; Beryl Webb; Joan Carter; James Hancock; Rod McKenzie; Sarah Ormiston; Betty Rose; Ken Holder; Elizabeth Miller and Brian Ritter.

The prayer petitions above follow closely the daily prayer regimen of the Anglican Church of Australia, which you can follow everyday here:

http://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/faith/CallingMelbourne2Prayer/Pages/ Prayer-resources.aspx How about making this part of your daily prayers?

THIS WEEK

Sunday 12th May Fourth Sunday of Easter 8am Service of Holy Communion First Reading: Acts 9.36-43, read by Ted Mouritz Second reading: Revelation 7.9-17, read by Keiron Jones

Gospel Reading: John 10.22-30 Intercessor: Keiron Jones Celebrant: The Revd Dr Peter French Preacher: The Revd Elizabeth Murray Breakfast: Vivienne Randall and Carmen Papageorge

10am Service of Holy Communion

First Reading: Acts 9.36-43, read by Doug Harrah Second Reading: Revelation 7.9-17, read by Gaynor Gould Gospel Reading: John 10.22-30 Intercessor: Keith Beecher Celebrant: The Revd Dr Peter French Preacher:The Revd Elizabeth Murray Morning Tea: Gail Ankers and Claire Morgan

<u>Tuesday 14th May</u>

7pm Parish Council meets, Vicarage <u>Wednesday 15th May</u> 7pm Evening Prayer, Angel Chapel, with refreshments in the vestry following <u>Thursday 16th May</u> 12.15pm Holy Communion, Angel Chapel

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 19th May Fifth Sunday of Easter 8am Service of Holy Communion

First Reading: Acts 11.1-18, read by Lindsay Hosking Second reading: Revelation 21.1-6, volunteer reader required Gospel Reading: John 13.31-35 Intercessor: volunteer required Celebrant: The Revd Dr Peter French Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter French Breakfast: Sarojini Maclarn and Jenny Garner 10am Service of Holy Communion First Reading: Acts 11.1-18, read by Rex Williams Second Reading: Revelation 21.1-6, read by Keith Beecher Gospel Reading: John 13.31-35 Intercessor: John Horan Celebrant: The Revd Dr Peter French Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter French

Morning Tea: Jenny and Darcy Smith



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