



ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
TOORAK  
EST. 1859



The Third Sunday of Advent

15th December, 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 anniversary this 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, and Wednesday at 7pm. 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 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.



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## Cover Image

Lippo Memmi *St John the Baptist* c. 1325  
Tempera on panel, 89 x 42 cm  
National Gallery of Art, Washington

*The 8am service begins with the Introductory Rite, below.  
The 10am service begins with the processional hymn 272.*

## INTRODUCTORY RITE

*The Third Candle on the Advent Wreath is lit, using the following prayer*  
God our Father, you gave to Zechariah and Elizabeth in their old age a son called John. He grew up strong in spirit, prepared the people for the coming of the Lord, and baptized them in the Jordan to wash away their sins. Help us, who have been baptized into Christ, to be ready to welcome him into our hearts, and to grow strong in faith by the power of the Spirit. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world.  
**Amen.**

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

**Hymn 272** 'Come thou long-expected Jesus' *At 8am vv 1 & 2 are sung*

**The Collect for Purity** *said together*

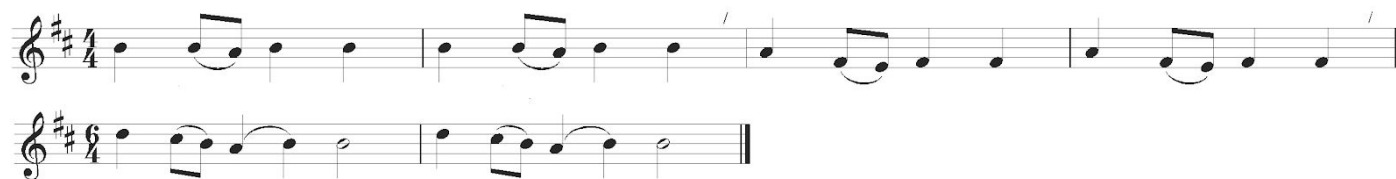
**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Kyrie eleison** *said at 8am and sung at 10am*

Lord, have mercy, **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ have mercy, **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy, **Lord, have mercy.**



## Confession

The Lord comes, bringing to light things now hidden in darkness, and disclosing the purposes of the heart.

*Silence is kept*

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming, 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** *Here absolution is pronounced by the celebrant*

### **The Collect for Third Sunday of Advent**

*The celebrant prays the Collect, after which all are seated*

### **The Children's Address**

*At the 10am service, any children present are invited to join together at the chancel step*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **Old Testament Reading** Isaiah 35.1-10

*Read at 8am by Keiron Jones; and at 10am read by Vivienne Crompton*

<sup>1</sup>The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. <sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. <sup>8</sup>A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. <sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. <sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

**Canticle** The Song of Mary ('The Magnificat,' from St. Luke 1)

*said together at 8am, at 10am the choir will sing Hymn 161 'Tell out my soul'*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:

my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant:

from this day all generations will call me blessed;

The Almighty has done great things for me:

and holy is his name.

God has mercy on those who fear him:

from generation to generation.

The Lord has shown strength with his arm:

and scattered the proud in their conceit,

Casting down the mighty from their thrones:

and lifting up the lowly.

God has filled the hungry with good things:

and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel:

to remember the promise of mercy,

The promise made to our forebears:

to Abraham and his children for ever.

**New Testament Reading** James 5.7-10

*Read at 8am by Cindy Kalai and at 10am read by Keiron Jones*

<sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. <sup>9</sup>Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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) 282 'The voice of God goes out' verses 1, 2 & 5

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

## **The Gospel Matthew 11.2-11**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 11, commencing at verse two. **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

<sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." <sup>11</sup>Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. For the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **The Sermon The Assistant Curate**

**Anthem** (At 10am only) *This is the Record of John*

Orlando Gibbons (1539/40 or 1543-1623)

**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 led by Keiron Jones, and at 10am led by John 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 those around them, and saying, 'Peace be with you'*

**Parish Notices** *given by The Vicar*

**Offertory Hymn 270 'On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry'**

*During which a collection for the life and ministry of St. John's is 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 GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*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, 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 forever. 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.**

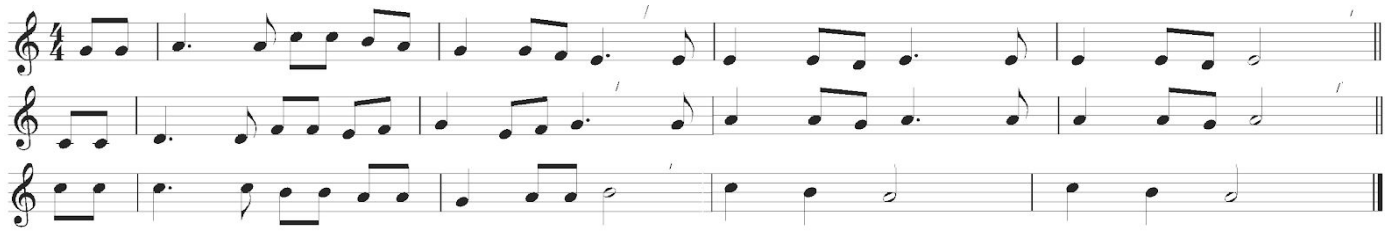
**Agnus Dei** at 8am said together, at 10am sung together, kneeling or standing

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us,  
**have mercy on us.** (Repeat)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace,



grant us 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 baptised 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** (at 10am only) *Agnus Dei [Missa O quam]*  
Tomás Luis de Victoria (c 1548-1611)

### **Post Communion 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 288** 'Not the powerful, not the privileged'

*At 8am, only 1, & 4 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** Praeludium in C

Georg Böhm (1661-1733)

Order of Service from A Prayer Book for Australia 1995. Broughton Books by E.J. Dwyer (Australia) Pty Ltd, Unit 13, Perry Park, 33 Maddox Street, Alexandria, NSW 2015. © 1995, The Anglican Church of Australia Trust Corporation.

With the Liturgical Psalter, Inclusive Language Version English text © 1995 by David L Frost, John A. Emerton, Andrew A. Macintosh. Used with permission. *A note on music used at 10am Eucharist:* during Advent we use a compilation of musical settings found at TiS 758 [Lord have mercy], 761 [Holy], 766 [Lamb of God]. The Eucharistic Acclamations are found as part of 757.

## **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 Celia Langford and Fiona Singleton in Buxton Hall (immediately behind the church) or, weather permitting, in the garden.

## **Advent**

Advent is a season of expectation and preparation, as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming (Latin *adventus*) of Christ in his incarnation, and also looks ahead to his final advent as judge at the end of time. The readings and liturgies not only direct us towards Christ's birth, they also challenge the modern reluctance to confront the theme of divine judgement: 'Every eye shall now behold him robed in dreadful majesty.' (Charles Wesley) The characteristic note of Advent is therefore expectation, rather than penitence, although the character of the season is easily coloured by an analogy with Lent. The anticipation of Christmas under commercial pressure has also made it harder to sustain the appropriate sense of alert watchfulness, but the fundamental Advent prayer remains 'Our Lord, come.' (1 Corinthians 16.22). Purple is the traditional liturgical colour, the colour of the light at dawn. The church is decorated with purple and with bare wreaths and trees in preparation for Christmas. The tradition of lighting of candles on an Advent wreath was imported into Britain from northern Europe in the nineteenth century, and is now a common practice across the Anglican Communion. The Third Sunday of Advent was observed in medieval times as a splash of colour in the restrained atmosphere of Advent (Gaudete or 'Rose Sunday'), and the last days of Advent were marked by the sequence of Great 'O' Antiphons, which continues to inspire modern Advent hymns and meditations.

## **The Advent Wreath**

The Advent Wreath has three purple candles and one pink candle in a ring around a white candle. The three purple candles reflect the liturgical colour for Advent, with the pink candle for the Third Sunday ('*gaudete*' Sunday), when rose-pink vestments were traditionally worn. The first candle is lit on Advent Sunday; additional ones are lit, one on each Sunday, and the white or gold one on Christmas Day. There are several traditions about the meaning or theme of each candle; the most popular (and indeed most helpful) is the following: On Advent 1 the Patriarchs and Matriarchs of the Church are remembered; on Advent 2, the Prophets; on Advent 3, John the Baptist; on Advent 4, The Virgin Mary, and on Christmas Day, Jesus the Christ. Each of the four Sundays then reminds us of those who prepared for the coming of Christ. 'The Patriarchs and Matriarchs' naturally focus on Abraham and Sarah, our parents in faith, and David, the ancestor in whose city Jesus was born. 'The Prophets' gives an opportunity to reflect on the way the birth of the Messiah was 'foretold'. John, who proclaimed the Saviour, and Mary, who bore him in her womb, complete the picture.

## Parish Notices

### **Welcome Mr. Jack Lindsay, New Ordinand Serving at St. John's**

'Hi, everyone! My name's Jack Lindsay, and I'll be joining you all as an ordinand on placement for the next little while. So, just a little bit about me, by way of an introduction. I'm in my final year of a Bachelor of Arts at the University of Melbourne, majoring in Islamic Studies and History. I'm also in my final year of a Bachelor of Theology at the University of Divinity, based at Trinity College Theological School. I work as a Verger at St Paul's Cathedral, and also freelance as an organist and chorister, and try to play/sing around the place whenever I can! In August next year, I'm beginning a research Masters at an Episcopal seminary in the United States, looking at contemporary Anglican polity, governance, and ecclesiology. I've spent the past eighteen months on placement at St Mary's, North Melbourne, and was confirmed as a candidate for ordination in October. I can't wait to get to know the St. John's community!' *Jack*

### **Thank you, from Keiron Jones**

Dear friends, I want to thank you so much for all your prayers and support this year. I couldn't have wished for a more welcoming, kind and encouraging community in which to learn and grow in my journey of ministry. I'm enormously blessed to have been part of this Christian family and to have shared weekly services with you as well as many other events. I'm eternally grateful to The Rev Dr Peter French and The Revd Elizabeth Murray for their guidance, wisdom and prayerful support; it has been a profound privilege to learn from them and work alongside them. Many thanks to Jane and Anthony who have been the backbone of my Field Committee; their support and advice have been wonderful. God willing, I will be ordained on 8 February 2020 and return to St. John's as Assistant Curate on Sunday 9 February. Please pray for me and accept my deepest thanks for your warmth and encouragement this year. God's many blessings for a happy Christmas and peaceful New Year. Keiron

### **Sale of books and aprons on Sunday morning**

Our new parish history *The Church on Toorak Hill A History of St John the Evangelist* by Geoffrey Quail, along with St John's aprons, will be on sale at the end of each Sunday morning service at the back of the church, in the lead-up to Christmas. The book is priced at \$30.00 and aprons \$25.00, with our special bonus offer of \$50, if you buy both. Don't miss this opportunity!!!!

### **Darnlee Carols 16 December - Singers Wanted for TOMORROW!**

Every year, a group of volunteers from St. John's goes to lead the residents of Darnlee in some carol singing. It is great fun and means a lot to those living and working there. This year, carol singing will be TOMORROW at 4pm, Monday 16 December at Darnlee, 33 Lansell Road. If you enjoy singing carols and are available, please let Elizabeth Murray know or write your name on the sign-up sheet. All levels of singing ability welcome.

## **Christmas Pageant Volunteers**

The Christmas Pageant service at 6pm on Christmas Eve is a fun and friendly way of sharing the Christmas story, and we need your help. We need people to help coordinate the dress-ups and help guide all our angels, shepherds and donkeys to the front in correct order. If you are available, please let the parish office know, along with your current Working with Children Check card details.

## **Anglicare Christmas Toy & Food Appeal**

St. John's will be collecting brand new toys (unwrapped) plus gifts for teenagers and non-perishable food, in the lead-up to Christmas, no later than Friday 20 December, please. There will be a basket in the narthex on Sunday mornings or you may drop your donation off at the parish office during the week.

## **A Thank You Gift for The Revd. Elizabeth Murray**

On the 2nd of February 2020, Elizabeth's last Sunday with us, the parish would like to present Elizabeth with a thank you gift for her ministry with us as Assistant Curate for these last two years. If you would like to contribute to this thank you gift you can do so in the following ways: by direct bank transfer to St. John's BSB 033 086 Acc. No. 871931 with 'FAREWELL' in subject/memo line; by cash or cheque in an envelope either in the offertory plate, directly to the Vicar, or to the Parish Office, Monday to Thursday, 9.30am-4.30pm. Thank you.

## **Ministry to the Melbourne Business Community**

The Reverend Richard Wilson, a priest in the Diocese of Melbourne and a former businessman who is working in ministry to the business community, is looking for business people who would be interested in forming an advisory group to set up a business ministry based in Melbourne CBD. If you are interested, please contact Richard on 0417 014 595.

## **The Oxford & Cambridge Singing School at St. John's, January 2020**

Aimed at children between the ages of 7-13, the School was established in 2013 at Cambridge University. Beginning of 2020 it is coming to Melbourne and will be based here at St. John's (20-22 January 2020). For more information - [www.oxbridgesingschool.com](http://www.oxbridgesingschool.com) or email [oxbridgess@gmail.com](mailto:oxbridgess@gmail.com) or collect a flyer in the foyer.

## **Sermons Available**

Audio recordings of recent sermons preached at St. John's are available on our website. Go to [www.saintjohnstoorak.org/worship/sermons/](http://www.saintjohnstoorak.org/worship/sermons/)

## **Nametags**

If you would like a church nametag (which very much helps in getting to know everyone's name!), please contact the Church Office on 98261765 during business hours to order one. A \$5 donation is requested.

## **Clergy Days Off**

Our clergy work six days a week and have one regular day off per week. The Vicar has Friday off and The Assistant Curate Monday. Please respect their time away from work and unless in an emergency, please refrain from telephoning, texting, visiting the vicarage, or emailing them on these days. Thank you.

### **Support St. John's**

Your support of St. John's is greatly appreciated. The church often gets requests from members and friends about how best to support the church financially. With this in mind, donations can always be made directly to: St. John's Anglican Church General Account, Westpac, 509 Toorak Road, Toorak, Victoria, 3142, Australia. Account Name is St. John's Anglican Church. BSB is 033 086. Account No. is 871931. For international transfers please include SWIFT code WPACAU2S.

### **In the Church Foyer**

The following pamphlets and newsletters are currently in the foyer:

- *Australian Anglican Church Calendar 2020* order form
- *The Melbourne Anglican* December edition

### **What's Happening at St. John's?**

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

### **2019**

*For Christmas service details, see page 15*

### **2020**

**Sundays 29 December, 2019 - 26 January, 2020** One Service at 9am

**Sunday 2 February, 2020** The Revd Elizabeth Murray's Last Sunday at St. John's. Elizabeth will preach and preside and the 10am service will be followed by a farewell.

**Saturday February 8, 2020, 10.30am** The Ordination of Keiron Jones as Deacon, St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. A reception to celebrate with Keiron will take place at St. John's from 1pm -3pm.

**Sunday February 9, 2020, 8am & 10am** Commissioning of The Revd Keiron Jones as Deacon in the Parish of St. John's, Toorak.

**Thursday February 20, 2020, 7pm** Commissioning of The Revd Elizabeth Murray as Priest-in-Charge at Holy Trinity, Williamstown [2 Pasco Street, Williamstown]

## **For Your Prayers**

**From the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for all members of the Anglican Communion around the world. Nigeria (Bp Augustin Omole); El Salvador (Bp Juan David Alvarado Melgar); Diocese of Grafton (Bp Murray Harvey, Clergy & People); Archdeaconry of Geelong (Jill McCoy); St Martin's Belgrave Heights (Martin Oliver); St Paul's Ringwood - Pastoral Visit (Bp Paul Barker); St Oswald's, Glen Iris - Carol Service (Bp Paul Barker); Holy Trinity East Melbourne - Pastoral Visit (Bp Genieve Blackwell); All Saints' Clayton - Pastoral Visit (Bp Brad Billings); The Parish of St Paul's Gisborne w. Church of the Resurrection, Macedon Ranges and St John's Riddell Creek - Confirmation Service (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 wellbeing, 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, Anglicare, The Mission to Seafarers and Anglican Prison Chaplaincy.**

**For those celebrating birthdays:** Shirley Patterson on Saturday 14th; Valma Whitehead on Sunday and Clive Wright on Saturday.

**For those who mourn:** The family of John Devine.

**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; Christopher Morgan; Maggie Perkins; Helen Kent; Elizabeth Haes; Jacob Henriss-Anderssen; Augustus and Victoria; Sean and Valerie; Annette B; Mark; Lorilee von Schoenberg; Clair Rouse; Angela; Lachie Sullivan; David Morley; John; Saxton Maclean; Sarojini Maclarn; Susan; Judy Aracosta & Elizabeth Johnson.

**For those in aged care and those who are housebound:** Teri Lawrence; Janet Field; Beverley Joyce; Nona Wilson; Flora Grimwade; Iris Nankivell; Janet Field; Val Hurst; Marcia Larsson; Marjorie van Valzah; Gordon Kennett; Anne Myers, Billee Edwards.

**For those who have died:** John Devine.

**Give thanks for those whose Anniversary of Death is this week:** Henry Karsz; Francine Shearman; Richard Court and Reginald Noye.

*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?*



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## Christmas Services 2019



**St. John's hosting St. Lucia 8pm,  
Friday 13th December**

*A traditional candlelit Swedish Christmas concert*

**Children's Pageant and Nativity Service  
6pm Christmas Eve, 24th December**

**Midnight Mass 11.00pm  
Christmas Eve, 24th December  
with Melbourne University Choral Society  
& Majestic Brass Ensemble  
Carol singing at 10.30pm before Mass**

**Holy Communion 8am & 10am  
Christmas Day, 25th December**

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## THIS WEEK

### Sunday 15th December 3rd Sunday of Advent

#### 8am Service of Holy Communion

First Reading: Isaiah 35.1-10, read by Keiron Jones

Second reading: James 5.7-10, read by Cindy

Kalai

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11.2-11

Intercessor: Keiron Jones

Celebrant: The Revd Dr Peter French

Preacher: The Revd Elizabeth Murray

Breakfast: Jenny Garner

#### 10am Service of Holy Communion

First Reading: Isaiah 35.1-10, read by Vivienne Crompton

Second reading: James 5.7-10, read by Keiron Jones

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11.2-11

Intercessor: John Horan

Celebrant: The Revd Dr Peter French

Preacher: The Revd Elizabeth Murray

Morning Tea: Celia Langford & Fiona Singleton

### Monday 16th December

4pm - 6pm Carols at Darnlee

### Wednesday 18th December

7pm Eucharist, Angel Chapel

### Saturday 21st December

1pm Wedding of Aytunc Dislen and Kalolaine Takau

4pm Wedding of Joshua Eady-Gosling and Harriet Munckton

## NEXT WEEK

### Sunday 22nd December 4th Sunday of Advent

#### 8am Service of Holy Communion

First Reading: Isaiah 7.10-16, read by Cindy Kalai

Second reading: Romans 1.1-7, read by Ted Mouritz

Gospel Reading: Matthew 1.18-25

Intercessor: Volunteer required

Celebrant: The Revd Dr Peter French

Preacher: The Revd Elizabeth Murray

Breakfast: Volunteers required

#### 10am Service of Holy Communion

First Reading: Isaiah 7.10-16, read by Andrew Ankers

Second reading: Romans 1.1-7, read by Barbara Brown

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Intercessor: Jenny Smith

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Morning Tea: Jane and Anthony Mannering



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