



ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
TOORAK  
EST. 1859



# The Third Sunday of Easter

18<sup>th</sup> of April, 2021

# 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, 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

Duccio di Buoninsegna, *Appearance to the Apostles* (Panel 7), (1308-11)  
Tempera on wood, 40 x 52 cm,  
Museo dell'Opera del Duomo, Siena.

## INTRODUCTORY RITE *please stand*

### HYMN 'Light's reddening dawn'

*Gtr. Capo 1* Eb(D) Cm(Bm) Bb(A) / Eb(D)

Eb(D) Cm(Bm) Bb(A) / Eb(D) Ab(G) Eb(D)  
 F(E) Bb(A) / Eb(D) Ab(G) Eb(D) Bb(A) / Eb(D)  
 Eb(D) Ab(G) Eb(D) Bb(A) / Ab(G) Bb(A) Eb(D) / Ab(G)  
 Bb(A) Cm(Bm) / F(E) Bb(A) / Eb(D)  
 Ab(G) C7(B7) Fm(Em) Bb(A) Bb7(A7) Eb(D)

1. That Eastertide with joy was  
bright,  
the sun shone out with fairer  
light,  
when to their longing eyes  
restored  
th'apostles saw their risen Lord.

2. He showed to them his hands,  
his side,  
where yet the glorious wounds  
abide:  
the tokens true which made it  
plain

their Lord indeed was risen  
again.

3. Jesus, the king of gentleness,  
come now yourself our hearts  
possess,  
that we may give you all our  
days  
the tribute of our grateful praise.

Anon., Latin *c.*7th cent. *tr.* John Mason Neale 1818-66  
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INVOCATION

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

GREETING

Christ is risen. Alleluia! **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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 *said at 8am, sung at 10am*

**Gloria**

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord. God,  
heaven-ly King, al-migh-ty God and Fath-er, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fath-er,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on  
us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fath-er: re-ceive our prayer. For  
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High Je-sus  
Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fath-er. A - men.

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### COLLECT FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Gracious Father, who in your great mercy made glad the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such awareness of his presence with us that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life, and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CHILDREN'S ADDRESS *At 10am, all children are invited to the chancel step*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING Acts 3.12-20 *Read at 8am by Lindsay Hosking and 10am by James Griffith*

<sup>12</sup>When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are

witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. <sup>17</sup>And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, <sup>20</sup>so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus.

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

THE PSALM Psalm 4, *said together at 8am and sung by the choir at 10am*

<sup>1</sup> Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness:

when I was hard-pressed you set me free;  
be gracious to me now and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup> Children of earth, how long will you turn my glory to my shame:

how long will you love what is worthless  
and seek after lies?

<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord has shown me his wonderful kindness:

when I call to the Lord he will hear me.

<sup>4</sup> Tremble, and do no sin:

commune with your own heart upon your bed  
and be still.

<sup>5</sup> Offer the sacrifices that are right:

and put your trust in the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> There are many who say 'Who will show us any good?:

the light of your countenance, O Lord,  
has gone from us.'

<sup>7</sup> Yet you have given my heart more gladness:

that they have when their corn, wine and oil increase.

<sup>8</sup> In peace I will lie down and sleep:

for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

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

THE SECOND READING 1 John 2.15-17; 3.1-6

Read at 8am by Vivienne Randall and 10am by Rex Williams

<sup>15</sup>Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; <sup>16</sup>for all that is in the world – the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches – comes not from the Father but from the world. <sup>17</sup>And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live for ever. <sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him.

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

*Please stand for the Gradual Hymn at 10am and for the Gospel at 8am*

GRADUAL HYMN 'Jesus Christ is risen today'

The image shows the musical notation for the Gradual Hymn 'Jesus Christ is risen today'. It consists of four staves of music in 4/4 time, with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on the first staff, and the accompaniment is written on the second, third, and fourth staves. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: C, F, C, F, G7, C, F, Dm, G, C, F, G7, C, G, G7, C, G, Am, D7, G, G7, C, F, C, F, G7, C.

1. Jesus Christ is risen today,  
*alleluia!*  
our triumphant holy day,  
*alleluia!*  
who so lately on the cross  
*alleluia!*

suffered to redeem our loss,  
*alleluia!*

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing  
unto Christ, our heavenly king,  
who endured the cross and grave  
sinners to redeem and save.

3. But the pain that he endured  
our salvation has procured;  
now exalted he is king,  
and the angels ever sing:

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THE GOSPEL Luke 24.36b-48

*At 10am* Cantor: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

*At 10am* Cantor: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and  
be glad in it. **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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

*At All* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. John.  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>36</sup>While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.

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

SERMON The Assistant Curate, The Revd. Keiron Jones



*(Trans.) Bide with us, for evening shadows darken, and the day will soon be over.*

THE 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. Volunteer required for 8am. At 10am led by Jenny Smith*

*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 a 'socially distanced' sign of peace, saying, 'Peace be with you.'*

PARISH NOTICES *given by The Vicar*

OFFERTORY

*A monetary collection for the life and ministry of St. John's is taken here. You may give by contributing to the brass collection plate or paypoint at the rear of the church, or by prior arrangement with the parish office.*

OFFERTORY HYMN 'By your kingly power, O risen Lord'

*Gr. Capo 1*      *Refrain*

By your king - ly power, O ris - en Lord,  
 all that A - dam lost is now re - stored:  
 in your re - sur - rec - tion be a - dored.

*Verses*

1 Sing the joy - ful Ea - ster cry, sound it to the  
 souls in pri - son, shout our tri - umph to the sky:  
 sing Christ ri - sen, sing Christ ri - sen.

*By your kingly power, O risen Lord,  
 all that Adam lost is now restored:  
 in your resurrection be adored.*

1. Sing the joyful Easter cry,  
 sound it to the souls in prison,  
 shout our triumph to the sky:  
 sing Christ risen, sing Christ  
 risen.
2. Sing the joyful Easter cry,  
 let all times and peoples listen:  
 death has no more victory,

sing Christ risen, sing Christ  
 risen.

3. Death has lost and life has won;  
 every newborn soul we christen  
 has the Father's child become:  
 sing Christ risen, sing Christ  
 risen.

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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** *said at 8am, sung at 10am*

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 priest continues to pray the Thanksgiving Prayer until*


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:

**Sanctus**




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are

**Benedictus**



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*The priest continues to pray the Thanksgiving Prayer until*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Acclamation**



Christ has died. Christ is ri - sen. Christ will come a - gain.

*The priest continues to pray the Thanksgiving Prayer until*

**Acclamation**

Bless - ing and hon - our and glo - ry and power are  
yours— for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:  
**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** *said at 8am, sung at 10am*

**Agnus Dei**

Je - sus, Lamb of— God, have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our  
sins, havemer-cy on us. Je-sus, re-deem-er of the world, grant us your peace.

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**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 to receive a blessing, please come forward and indicate your desire to do so by keeping your arms behind your back. Due to COVID restrictions we can only communicate the bread, not the wine.*

**COMMUNION ANTHEM** *at 10am Alleluia, Christus surrexit*

Felice Anerio (1560-1614)

Refer to 'Music Notes' for translation

POST COMMUNION PRAYERS *kneeling*

**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.**

POST COMMUNION HYMN 'Now the green blade rises' *verses 1 & 6 at 8am*

Em A Em Am Bm Em  
Em A Em Am Bm Em  
Em B Em B  
Em A Em Am B7 Em

1. Now the green blade rises  
from the buried grain,  
wheat that in the dark earth  
many days has lain:  
love lives again,  
that with the dead has been:

*Love has come again,  
like wheat that springs  
up green.*

2. In the grave they laid him,  
Love whom hate had slain,  
thinking that he never  
would awake again,  
laid in the earth,  
like grain that sleeps unseen.  
*Love has come again, ...*

3. Up he sprang at Easter,  
like the risen grain,

he who for the three days  
in the grave had lain,  
raised from the dead  
my living Lord is seen:  
*Love has come again, ...*

4. When our hearts are wintry,  
grieving, or in pain,  
then your touch can call us  
back to life again –  
fields of our hearts  
that dead and bare have been:  
*Love has come again, ...*

John Macleod Campbell Crum 1872–1958 *alt.* Words  
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BLESSING

DISMISSAL

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





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## PARISH NOTICES

### **The Venerable Philip Newman OAM 1940 - 2021**

Philip Newman died peacefully on Monday 12 April, 2021. He died after a short illness and was surrounded by his family. Philip served with distinction as the Ninth Vicar of St. John's, Toorak, from 1988 - 2004, the third longest vicar of this parish. His time here was distinguished by a great flurry of activity, on many fronts, with the vast expansion of the marriage ministry, which, at its height, saw 150 couples married here in a year. Ecumenical and inter-faith activities were at the forefront of his time, as was his engagement with the local community and his enthusiastic support of the ordination of women to all orders of the church. Philip is well-remembered and admired by many in Toorak and beyond.

Philip served as Assistant Curate at All Saints', East St. Kilda (1967-69) and at St. Peter's, Box Hill (1969-70), before becoming Priest-in-Charge and later Incumbent at the Church of the Ascension, Burwood East, from 1970-74. He was appointed Archbishop's Chaplain and Examining Chaplain in the Diocese of Melbourne from 1974-77, and later Incumbent of St. Mark's, Templestowe (1977-85). He was collated as Archdeacon of Essendon in 1984, serving in that capacity until 1988, whilst also Incumbent of St. Paul's, Ascot Vale in the same period. From 1988 until 2004 he served as Vicar here, and as Archdeacon of Malvern from 1989-2007. Most recently he voluntarily looked after All Saints, Kooyong, in 2017, the final year of its five-year association with St. John's, Toorak. He celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination and his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday here at St. John's in the past two years.

Philip served as a Member of the Council of St. Catherine's School from 1988 to 2005, as a Director of Anglicord from 1991-2014 and as Archdeacon for Christian Unity and World Religions from 2007-10. At his death he remained a Director of Anglican Overseas Aid and an Emeritus Archdeacon in the Diocese of Melbourne.

Our condolences and prayers are with Becky and their family.

May Philip rest in peace, and rise in glory. Amen.

Funeral service at St Paul's Cathedral, Monday 19 April at 11am.

### **Morning Tea After 10am Service Today**

Morning tea after the service this morning will be served in Buxton Hall, with thanks to Jenny and Darcy Smith and Amanda Bagot.

### **The Roster Availability Form**

All our ministries are supported by volunteers. The Roster Availability Form for May and June is NOW AVAILABLE. Please decide how you can contribute to the ministry of this church. If you have any queries please talk to the clergy after church on Sunday or contact the parish office.

### **Wednesday Night at 7pm Services**

Each Wednesday at 7pm everyone is welcome to this quiet service of eucharist in the Angel Chapel. Please do come along and experience this hidden gem in the middle of a week, especially if you're unable to attend church on Sunday or need some prayer and community during a busy week.

### **The Melbourne Anglican (TMA)**

The link to the latest edition of TMA is [here](#). The link to this week's Newstand is [here](#). The link to the April Prayer Diary and prayer resources is [here](#).

### **Prayers for Christian Unity**

On Thursday 29 April at 10am, at Toorak Uniting Church. An ecumenical service open to all.

### **Ecumenical Candle**

Next to our pulpit, you will see a small candle burning. This is the candle which moves every month from each member church of the Toorak Ecumenical Movement, The Catholic, Swedish, Anglican and Uniting Churches, to symbolise our unity in Christ. The word 'ecumenical' comes from the ancient Greek word 'oikumene,' meaning 'the whole (inhabited) earth,' and simply means churches who come together to better understand each other and to live into Christ's call for all his followers 'to be one.' St. John's has been a proud founding member of the Toorak Ecumenical Movement for over 40 years.

### **Clergy Days Off**

Our clergy have one regular day off per week. Our Vicar Peter has Friday and our Assistant Curate Keiron 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.

## **MUSIC NOTES**

Josef Gabriel Rheinberger (1839 - 1901) was responsible for a huge amount of fine chamber music, songs etc, but is almost solely remembered as an organist. Although his father was the treasurer for Aloys II, Prince of Liechtenstein, Josef was resident

for most of his life in Germany. Before that, and from the age of seven, he served as organist of the Vaduz parish church, and his life-sized statue still stands outside the adjoining Conservatorium named after him. His Opus 69 No 3 is an exquisite setting of the narrative of Jesus' Revelation on the road to Emmaus, as relayed in Luke's Gospel. [Luke 24:29] translation is: *Bide with us, for evening shadows darken, and the day will soon be over.*

The Anthem, *Alleluia, Christus surrexit*, takes for its text: 1 Cor.15:20-22 "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept. Alleluia. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. Alleluia. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive;" Rom. 4:25 "He died for our offences, and was raised again for our justification;" 1 Cor. 5:8 "Therefore let us keep the feast... with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia."

Mr. Christopher Cook, Director of Music and Organist

### **ST. JOHN'S PARISH CHOIR**

Fr Peter French and I have had considerable and thoughtful discussion regarding the current COVID situation, as well as the broader direction of the Parish Choir and music. We have reached the conclusion there we will operate as a one-voice per part ensemble for the foreseeable future. We are not precluding augmenting the group from this base, [as we have for Easter] but funding and space pose limitations.

Health restrictions continue to exist for singers, and very rightly so. Our building, while amazingly beautiful, is proscriptive regarding square metre space, which further impedes a workable resolution. In a number of areas overseas where covid is now minimised, masks and distancing are mandated.

In reaching this conclusion we are mindful of, in particular, the aspects of physical constraints in the Chancel and Choir Room, and the health and welfare of some long-serving members. We have to look at musical continuity and results; and what is physically achievable with one person acting as organist and director. There are a number of related and intersecting pastoral aspects to the conclusion which may not be immediately apparent, but which are keenly felt on a weekly basis by myself and by the clergy.

We have come to this decision following much prayerful and considered discussion, being aware of the not inconsiderable service given by long-term members of the Parish, and also of the willingness of outside musicians to assist the parish on a weekly basis. This decision has been canvassed with Wardens and Parish Council.

To give clarity to how this will work, I've discussed with a few members their conclusion of service in the Choir, and with others, that I'll look at rostering into the small group scenario, as this is feasible, and as I am able to administratively.

I am very conscious of the loyalty of our senior members, who rightly view their participation as weekly, [and every week!]; yet whose participation due to infirmity and age makes this duty increasingly problematic.

Thank you - all - for your ongoing contribution to the life of St John's Parish and especially through the agency of the parish choir.

I apologise for the protracted time-line and inability to discuss this at an earlier part of the year, which has caused angst to members, and certainly to me. Earlier this year, Easter had been the time determined to make this announcement.

Easter is a Season of renewal and rebirth, and I trust this will be the overarching sentiment, in due course.

If you have concerns, please address Fr Peter or myself.

Christopher Cook, Director of Music, 0400 255 216

### **COVID SAFE DIRECTIONS**

*as at 18 April, 2021*



**This is the QR code for the church.**

- Please do not come to church if you are unwell
- Use hand sanitiser, found at each of the doors
- Sign-in digitally or manually; *It is a condition of entry that you sign in one of these two ways. No exceptions.*
- Masks are not required to be worn indoors but it is recommended that they be worn when singing
- Please maintain physical distancing of at least 1.5m from another person unless you are sitting in a family group
- Please do not shake hands or hug other people
- The church is cleaned after services
- Service Density Quotient Remains at 170

### **Electronic sign-in by QR Code**

When arriving at the church, please use the QR code and your phone to register your attendance. Having an electronic sign-in process allows St. John's to permit more people to attend services; and it speeds up the process of signing in.

### **Holy Communion in 'One Kind'**

Until government restrictions ease, Communion will be celebrated as usual but only administered in 'one kind,' that is, by people receiving the consecrated bread only. This is, and always has been, considered as communion in full and in no way diminished. Please note the clergy use hand sanitiser immediately before the Great Thanksgiving prayer and before administering Communion and giving blessings.

### **Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and Interment Services**

All of these important pastoral services provided by the church are again able to take place.

## **FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

**From the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Church of Ireland; The Diocese of Sydney (Abp Glenn Davies, Regional Bps Chris Edwards, Michael Stead, Peter Hayward, Peter Lin, Malcolm Richards, Gary Koo, Clergy & People); Lay Ministry; St Stephen's and St Mary's Mount Waverley (Dianne Sharrock, Greg Wong); St Luke's Mulgrave - Pastoral Service (Bp Paul Barker); St Agnes' Glenhuntly - Confirmation Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Holy Trinity Williamstown - Confirmation Service (Bp Kate Prowd).

**For all those who lead us in the Anglican Church, especially:** Our Primate The Most Revd Geoffrey Smith, Our Archbishop The Most Revd Philip Freier, and our Bishop, The Right Revd Genieve Blackwell.

**For those who lead us in Government:** Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II; Governor General David Hurley AC; Prime Minister Scott Morrison; Federal Member of Parliament for Division of Higgins, Dr. Katie Allen; Premier of Victoria, Daniel Andrews; Member for Malvern and Leader of the Opposition, Michael O'Brien.

**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.

**For 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 those celebrating birthdays:** Madeleine Nye on Sunday.



**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:** Rosemary Griffith; Maggie Perkins; Rosie Creswell; Gwen; Audrey Leeton; Jean James; Lachie Sullivan; James Griffith; Mary; Delta; and Sue; Adrian Hall.

**For those who have died, and the families who mourn them:** Barry Cooper; The Venerable Philip Newman OAM.

**For those in aged care and those who are housebound:** Teri Lawrence; Janet Field; Beverley Joyce; Val Hurst; Marcia Larsson; Gordon Kennett; Anne Myers; Billee Edwards; Elizabeth Johnson.

**Give thanks for those whose Anniversary of Death is this week:** Shirley Clements; Lauraine Diggins; Dagmar Kubes; Peter Garrison; Angus Armstrong; Timothy Connell; Judith Hartley; Anthony Luxton.

*These prayer petitions above closely follow the daily prayer regimen of the Anglican Church of Australia, which you can follow everyday [here](#).*

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Prayer requests can be sent to [prayers@saintjohnstoorak.org](mailto:prayers@saintjohnstoorak.org). The clergy check emails for prayer requests daily, and pray in solidarity with anyone who would like prayers said for them.

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday 18th April, Third Sunday of Easter**

**8am Service of Holy Communion**

First Reading: Acts 3.12-20, read by Lindsay Hosking

Second reading: 1 John 2.15-17; 3.1-6, read by Vivienne Randall

Gospel Reading: Luke 24.36b-48

Intercessor: Volunteer required

Celebrant: The Revd Dr. Peter French

Preacher: The Revd Keiron Jones

**10am Service of Holy Communion**

First Reading: Acts 3.12-20, read by James Griffith

Second reading: 1 John 2.15-17; 3.1-6, read by Rex Williams

Gospel Reading: Luke 24.36b-48

Intercessor: Jenny Smith

Celebrant: The Revd Dr. Peter French

Preacher: The Revd Keiron Jones

Morning tea: Jenny & Darcy Smith; Amanda Bagot

**Wednesday 21st April**

7pm Evening Eucharist

**NEXT WEEK**

**Sunday 25th April, Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**8am Service of Holy Communion**

First Reading: Acts 4.5-12, volunteer reader required

Second reading: 1 John 3.16-24, read by Brenda Mouritz

Gospel Reading: John 10.11-18

Intercessor: Vivienne Randall

Celebrant: The Revd Keiron Jones

Preacher: The Revd Dr. Peter French

**10am Service of Holy Communion**

First Reading: Acts 4.5-12, read by Doug Harrah

Second reading: 1 John 3.16-24, read by Gaynor Gould

Gospel Reading: John 10.11-18

Intercessor: John Horan

Celebrant: The Revd Keiron Jones

Preacher: The Revd Dr. Peter French

Morning tea: Anne Bottomley and Barbara George



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