



ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
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The Seventh Sunday of Easter

29th of May, 2022

Welcome

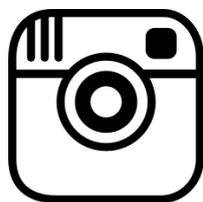
On behalf of everyone at St. John's, Toorak, a very warm welcome to this church and faith community. St. John's welcomes everyone to all services and events, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race or background.

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.

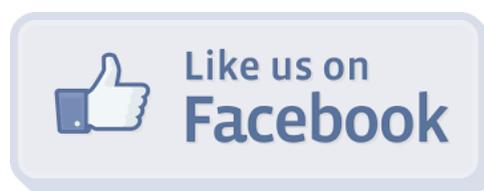
Regular services of worship are held each Sunday at 8am and 10am, and Wednesday at 7pm. All are welcome. Services are followed by times of fellowship over food and drinks to which everyone is also welcome.

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.



@stjohnstoorak



Cover Image

Bartolo di Fredi *St John the Evangelist* 1350 - 1400
Tempera on wood, gold ground
Musée du Petit Palais, Avignon

As you enter the church, please ensure your telephone is switched off or to silent. Please also use the time before the service for prayer and quiet reflection and allow others to do the same.

INTRODUCTORY RITE *please stand*

THE INVOCATION

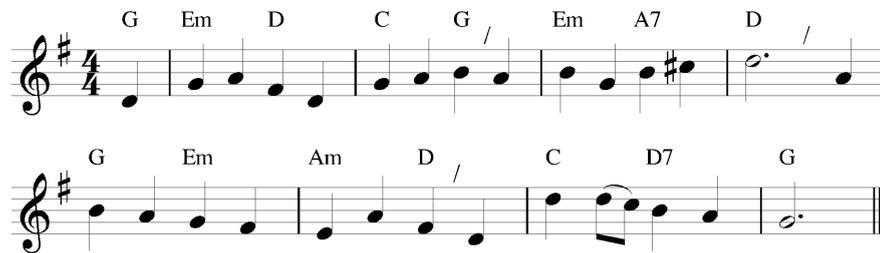
Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

THE GREETING

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

HYMN 'The head that once was crowned with thorns' *verses 1 & 6 only at 8am*



1. The head that once was crowned with thorns
is crowned with glory now;
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty victor's brow.
2. The highest place that heaven affords
is his, is his by right,
the King of kings and Lord of lords
and heav'n's eternal light,
3. the joy of all who dwell above,
the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love
and grants his name to know.
4. To them the cross, with all its shame,
with all its grace, is given,
their name an everlasting name,
their joy the joy of heaven.
5. They suffer with their Lord below,
they reign with him above,
their profit and their joy to know
the mystery of his love.
6. The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him;
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.

Thomas Kelly 1769-1855

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.

CONFESSION

Christ has entered heaven itself, there to appear before God on our behalf. Let us therefore draw near in full assurance of faith, and confess our sins to the God of grace.

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

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 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Almighty God, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he are one: grant that your Church, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom you have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING Acts 16.16-34 *Read at 8am by Vivienne Randall; at 10.00am read by Michael Kirwan*

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour. ¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. ²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud

voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' ³¹They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

THE PSALM Psalm 97, *said together at 8am and sung by the choir at 10am*

- ¹ The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice:
let the multitude of islands be glad.
- ² Clouds and darkness are round about him:
righteousness and justice
are the foundation of his throne.
- ³ Fire goes before him:
and burns up his enemies on every side.
- ⁴ His lightnings light the world:
the earth sees it and quakes.
- ⁵ The mountains melt like wax before his face:
from before the face of the Lord of all the earth.
- ⁶ The heavens have proclaimed his righteousness:
and all peoples have seen his glory.
- ⁷ They are ashamed, all those who serve idols
and glory in mere nothings:
all gods bow down before him.
- ⁸ Zion heard and was glad,
and the daughters of Judah rejoiced:
because of your judgements, O God.
- ⁹ For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth:
you are exalted far above all gods.
- ¹⁰ The Lord loves those that hate evil:
the Lord guards the life of the faithful,
and delivers them from the hand of the ungodly.
- ¹¹ Light dawns for the righteous:

and joy for the true of heart.

¹² Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous:

and give thanks to his holy name.

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 READING Revelation 22.12-22 *at 8am read by Angus McLeay; at 10.00am read by Barbara Brown*

^{12'}See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.' ¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁵Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practises falsehood. ^{16'}It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.' ¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.' And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. ¹⁸I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book; ¹⁹if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. ²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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

Please stand, if you are able, for the hymn and/or the Gospel reading

GOSPEL HYMN 'God of mercy, God of grace' *sung at the 10am service only*

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1. God of mercy, God of grace,
show the brightness of your face;
shine upon us, Saviour, shine,
fill your church with light divine;
and your saving health extend
to the earth's remotest end.

2. Let the people praise you, Lord!
be by all that live adored;
let the nations shout and sing
glory to their Saviour king;
at your feet their tribute pay,
and your holy will obey.

3. Let the people praise you, Lord!
earth shall then its fruits afford;
God to us his blessing give,
we to God devoted live:
all below, and all above,
one in joy and light and love.

Henry Francis Lyte 1793–1847 *alt.* from
Psalm 67

We turn and face the Gospel as it is read

THE GOSPEL John 17.20-26

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.' **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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

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

²⁰I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will

make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

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

THE SERMON The Assistant Priest, The Revd. Dr. Wendy Crouch

ANTHEM *Holy is the true light*

William Harris (1883 – 1973)

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. At 8am led by Vivienne Randall; at 10am led by James Griffith*

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.

PARISH NOTICES

THE GREETING OF PEACE *standing*

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

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you. And also with you.

All share with each other a 'COVIDsafe' sign of peace

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, at the paypoint at the rear of the church, or by prior arrangement with the parish office.

OFFERTORY HYMN 'Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour'

Gr. Capo 3 Bb(G) Gm(Em) Cm(Am) F7(D7) Bb(G)

Gm(Em) C(A) F(D) F7(D7) Bb(G) Cm(Am)

F7(D7) Bb(G) F(D) C7(A7) F(D)

Bb(G) Bb7(G7) Eb(C) Bb(G) Cm(Am) F7(D7) Bb(G)

1. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first-begotten from the dead,
you alone our strong defender,
lifting up your people's head:
alleluia, alleluia,
Jesus, true and living bread.
2. Here our humble homage pay we,
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray
we,
lest we fail to know you now:
alleluia, alleluia,
you are here, we ask not how.
3. Though the lowliest form now veils
you
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there your angels hail you,
branch and flower of Jesse's stem;
alleluia, alleluia,
we in worship join with them.
4. Paschal Lamb, your offering,
finished
once for all when you were slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall for evermore remain,
alleluia, alleluia,
cleansing souls from every stain.
5. Great High Priest of our profession
through the veil you entered in;
by your mighty intercession
grace and mercy you can win:
alleluia, alleluia,
only sacrifice for sin.
6. Life-imparting heavenly manna,
stricken rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud
hosanna
worship you, the Lamb who died,
alleluia, alleluia,
ris'n, ascended, glorified!

George Hugh Bourne 1840-1925 *alt.*

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 to 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/singing:

Sanctus

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

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

Benedictus

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

The musical notation consists of three staves. The first staff is labeled 'Sanctus' and is in G major, 4/4 time. The second staff is labeled 'Benedictus' and is in G major, 4/4 time. The third staff is in G minor, 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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The Great Thanksgiving Prayer continues to the following

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith

Acclamation

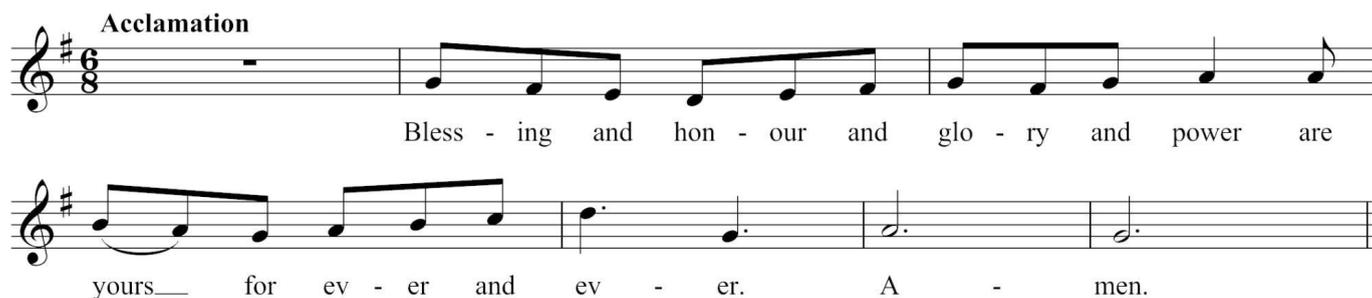
Christ has died. Christ is ri - sen. Christ will come a - gain.

The musical notation is on a single staff in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer ends with the following

... songs of never ending praise. or ... now and for ever.

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

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 for ever. Amen.

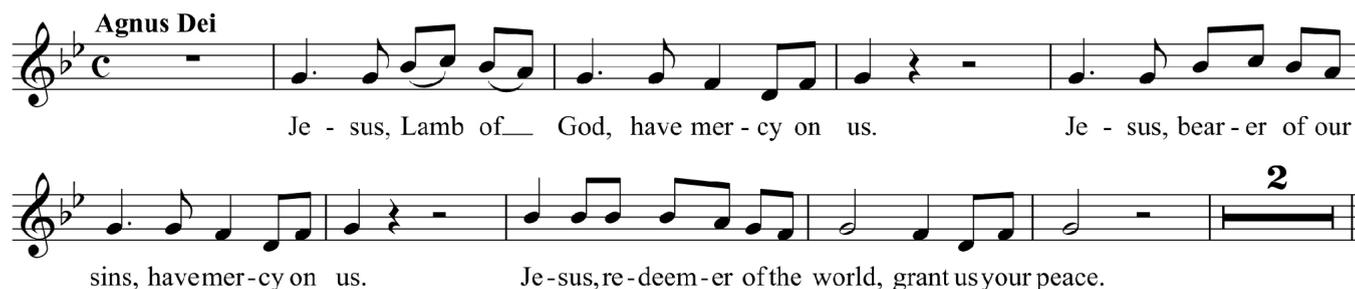
THE BREAKING OF BREAD

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

Agnus Dei



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

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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. Communion is given in both kinds, consecrated bread and wine. The wine is served by two chalices: one for drinking from; the other for

intinction (for dipping of the wafer). If you do not wish to receive communion and would prefer a blessing, please come forward and indicate your desire to do so by keeping your arms behind your back.

COMMUNION ANTHEM *O salutaris hostia*

Edward Elgar (1857 – 1934)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, giver of life, in the breaking of bread we know the risen Lord. May we who celebrate this holy feast walk in his risen light and bring new life to all creation. 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 'Hail the day that sees Him rise' *At 8am, 1st & 6th verses*

G C D / G D Em G
hal - le - lu - jah!

A D Bm Em A Dm C G7 C Am
hal - le - lu - jah!

D Bm Em / Dm C D
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le -

Bm Em C Am D7 G
- lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

1. Hail the day that sees him rise,
hallelujah!
to his throne above the skies;
hallelujah!
Christ, a while to mortals given,
enters now the highest heaven.
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
hallelujah!
2. There for him high triumph
waits;
lift your heads, eternal gates!
Wide unfold the radiant scene,
let the King of glory in!
3. Heaven now its Lord receives,
yet he loves the earth he leaves,
though returning to his throne
still calls humankind his own.
4. See! he lifts his hands above;
see! he shows his prints of love;
hark! his gracious lips bestow
blessings on his church below.
5. Still for us he intercedes,
his prevailing death he pleads;
near himself prepares our place,
he the first fruits of our race.

6. There we shall with you remain,
partners of your endless reign;
there your face unclouded view,
find our heav'n of heav'ns in
you.

Charles Wesley 1707–88 *alt.*
Music: Sydney H. Nicholson
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BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE Exultemus [Seven Sketches on Verses of the Psalms]
Percy Whitlock (1903 – 1946)

As the postlude is played please remain seated or leave quietly



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PARISH NOTICES

Support Ukraine - UPDATED

St. John's has donated \$5000 to Anglican Relief and Development Fund Australia for the support of the people of Ukraine. Much of this money has gone to support rescue and delivery missions in Kyiv. This donation comes from funds generated by the Toorak Op Shop. For information on supporting the people of Ukraine and where our support has gone so far, please see:

<https://ardfa.org.au/ukraine-crisis/posts/relief-going-into-ukraine>

<https://ardfa.org.au/ukraine-crisis/posts/refugees-receiving-support>

Mask Wearing at St. John's no longer mandatory - but recommended!

Further to the government's further easing of Covid restrictions and the consequent advice from the Archbishop's Office, mask wearing during church services is no longer mandatory. Given the continued pandemic, the rising number of cases (including those at St. John's) and the continuing need to look after each other - especially those who are most vulnerable to infection - I recommend that we do continue to wear masks, especially when we are unable to physically distance ourselves from one another. *The Vicar.*

Support Our Choir and Music Program

In the lead-up to the end of the financial year, please consider making a tax deductible donation in support of our wonderful choir. Go here:

<https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/maf-donation-page/> Under "Fund," select MACO and then St. John's, Toorak. Do speak with Chris Cook or our Vicar if you need further assistance. Thankyou. Every gift, large and small, makes us sing!

Return of the Distribution of Wine at all Services of Communion

On St. John's Day, May 8, we returned to the sharing of consecrated wine at all our services of Communion. It has now been two years since we have been able to receive the consecrated wine at Communion and I trust this is a welcome return to a central expression of our communion with Christ. We have received advice from the Archbishop's Office to say that this is now a possibility, given the health advice shared with the Diocese by the Health Department. As is our custom, on Sundays two chalices of consecrated wine are available: the first can be sipped from; the second, wafers can be partially dipped into. With the shared chalice, please know this is very hygienic: all our chalices are made of pure metal (and thus do not absorb anything), the wine (a port, which is fortified wine) has an alcohol content of 22% which kills germs and the chalice is wiped with a clean, linen cloth, and rotated, after each person has drunk from it. With the chalice for intincting, this also is hygienic, *as long as people do not dip their fingers into the wine itself*. For those of you concerned more broadly about the hygienic nature of wine at communion, please know that at each service of Communion one of the clergy consumes all of the remaining consecrated wine, as it should not be kept. If this was not hygienic, your clergy would be sick all the time, which we are not! In fact, clergy are some of the longest living members of the community (in England at least, where this practice is common)! Naturally if you do not wish to receive the wine at Communion, you may simply leave after receiving the bread.

Pentecost Sunday, June 5

We celebrate Pentecost at both the 8am and 10am services, and at 10am host a visit from a variety of Commonwealth Societies, celebrating with us the Queen's Birthday.

You are also invited to an ecumenical service of celebration on Pentecost at 2pm at Toorak Uniting Church, with The Revd Lydia Thangadurai as our preacher. Afternoon tea to follow. This event is hosted by the Toorak Ecumenical Movement and all of our churches are invited to attend.

Brotherhood of St. Laurence Morning Tea at St. John's, June 9

Members of St. John's are warmly invited to a morning tea in the church hall from 10.30am - 12noon on June 9 to celebrate the work of the Brotherhood of ST. Laurence working for an Australia free of poverty. Donors and supporters from across the diocese will also be present. St. John's is a proud supporter of the Brotherhood, and a donor, and is providing the hall space free of charge.

General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia, 2022

For a comprehensive review of this synod, which has been much in the news, please visit <https://anglican.org.au/the-general-synod/general-synod-sessions/> for papers and media releases.

Safe Ministry Training Program for all church volunteers

Thank you to everyone who has completed the Safe Ministry training courses, either online individually or in the two group sessions held recently. The Parish Council has committed itself to excellence in our care of young and vulnerable people in our parish and this training is an important part of providing and establishing this. A special thankyou to Vivienne and Marcus Brown, for running these sessions. If you are a volunteer, or would like to be a volunteer at St. John's, then you must complete the Level 1 course. You can do so here:

www.openlearning.com/courses/adom-safe-ministry-essentials Please contact Sally in the Office on 9826 1434 or enquiries@saintjohnstoorak.org for further information.

Confirmation Service, September 18

Our bishop, The Rt. Revd. Genieve Blackwell, will preside and preach at the annual service of Confirmation on 18 September, 2022, at the 10am service. If you or someone you know is considering Confirmation, please contact the church office.

Wednesday Eucharist at 7pm

Our regular celebration of the eucharist on Wednesday evening is a lovely, quiet service in the peaceful Angel Chapel, to which everyone is always welcome, and to supper in the vestry following.

The Melbourne Anglican (TMA)

The link to the latest edition of TMA is [here](#). The link to the May Prayer Diary and prayer resources is [here](#)

Be part of our Sunday Services

All our ministries at St John's are supported by our volunteers. The rosters for May and June are now available.



If you would like to assist with any duties please contact the parish office or fill in the roster form by scanning the QR code to the left or visit <https://forms.gle/ModxaTqpYY5hvc6z7>

Good Books to Borrow!

Our previous Assistant Curate, The Revd Keiron Jones, has donated some books to the parish. If you would like to borrow one they are available in the Parish Office.

Titles and authors are as follows:

Rowan Williams *Luminaries: Twenty lives that illuminate the Christian Way*

Stephen Cottrell *How to pray alone with others at any time in any place*

Paula Gooder *Body. Biblical spirituality for the whole person*
David Adam *Radiance of his Glory. Prayers for the Church: A, B & C*
Collected Poems by Malcolm Guite *The Singing Bowl*
Mary Zournazi & Rowan Williams *Justice and Love. A Philosophical dialogue*

Prayer apps to help us pray

Along with prayer books and the Bible, a number of apps are available, which can help us maintain an active and engaged prayer life. Here are a few for you to consider: [epray](#) [Daily Prayer app and podcast](#) [Pray as you go](#)

Prayer Requests

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

Clergy Days Off

Our clergy have one regular day off per week. Our Assistant Curate Lydia has Monday and Vicar Peter has Friday. Wendy works Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday only. 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.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

From the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of South India (United); The Diocese of Grafon (Bp Murray Harvey, Clergy & People); Archdeaconry of Kew (Greg Allinson); St Aidan's Parkdale (Daniel Gebert); St John's Bentleigh - Pastoral Visit (Abp Philip Freier); St John's Malvern East - Pastoral Visit (Bp Genieve Blackwell).

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 in the year of her Platinum Jubilee; 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.

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: Sue Kincaid on Tuesday.

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: Rosie Creswell; Gwen; Jean James; Lachie Sullivan; Mary; Sue; Samantha; Anthea; Bp. Andrew St. John; Matthew; Mike; Cathy; Tracey, and Sam.

For those in aged care and those who are housebound: Teri Lawrence; Beverley Joyce; Val Hurst; Marcia Larsson; Gordon Kennett; Anne Myers; Elizabeth Johnson; and Ian Reid.

Give thanks for those whose Anniversary of Death is this week: John Ashworth; Noelle Heathcote; Sally Bennett; Janet Field; Leonie O'Hanian; Edward Miles Birkett; Rowan Ashworth; George Footit; William Pettigrew.

The Flowers by the Book of Remembrance are in loving memory of Edward Miles Birkett.

Toorak Ecumenical Movement



FOOD FOR FRIENDS

On behalf of St Peter's we have now delivered food to St Joseph's, South Yarra, John Pierce Centre for the Deaf, Aboriginal Catholic Mission, and MacKillop Family Services. All these agencies are most grateful for the assistance we provide.

St John's has also delivered food to St Mark's, Fitzroy, the Brotherhood of St Laurence, the Richmond Churches Food Bank and Christ Church Mission.

Toorak Uniting Church has made deliveries to the Church of all Nations in Carlton and to Prahran Mission.

We are able to provide this support thanks to the generosity of the parishioners of our parish, St John's Anglican and Toorak Uniting Churches.

Deirdre Heffernan
Treasurer



THIS SUNDAY

8am Service

First Reading: Acts 16.16-34, Volunteer required
Second reading: Revelation 22.12-22, Angus McLeay
Gospel Reading: John 17.20-26
Intercessor: Volunteer required
Preacher: The Revd Dr. Wendy Crouch
Celebrant: The Revd Dr. Peter French

10am Service

First Reading: Acts 16.16-34, Michael Kirwan
Second reading: Revelation 22.12-22, Barbara Brown
Gospel Reading: John 17.20-26
Intercessor: James Griffith
Morning Tea: Jenny Smith & Judy Richardson
Preacher: The Revd Dr. Wendy Crouch
Celebrant: The Revd Dr. Peter French

NEXT SUNDAY, 5 June

8am Service

First Reading: Acts 2.1-21, Lindsay Hosking
Second reading: Romans 8.14-17, Ted Mouritz
Gospel Reading: John 14.8-17
Intercessor: Volunteer required
Preacher: The Revd Lydia Thangadurai
Celebrant: The Revd Dr Wendy Crouch

10am Service

First Reading: Acts 2.1-21, Jenny Smith
Second reading: Romans 8.14-17, Volunteer required
Gospel Reading: John 14.8-17
Intercessor: John Horan
Morning Tea: Robyn Whitaker & Chris Garnaut
Preacher: The Revd Lydia Thangadurai
Celebrant: The Revd Dr Wendy Crouch



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