



ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
TOORAK
EST. 1859



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

7th of August, 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. 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

Donatello *Pentecost* 1460-65 Bronze
San Lorenzo, Florence

The Church

The church is decorated in green today,
the liturgical colour of the Sundays following Pentecost

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. Please stand as the clergy enter the church.

INTRODUCTORY RITE

THE INVOCATION

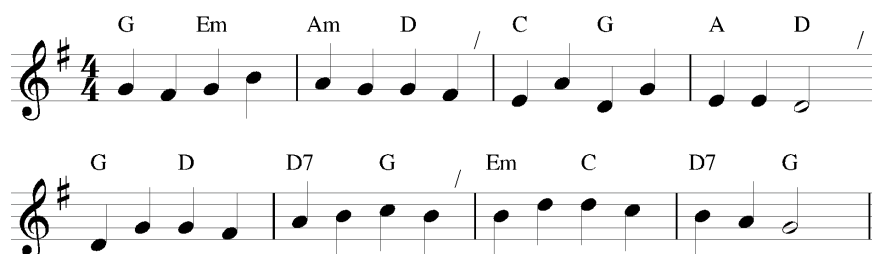
Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

THE GREETING

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

HYMN 'You we praise, high priest and victim' *at 8am 1st & 2nd verses*



1. You we praise, high priest and victim,
of our hearts the shepherd-king;
living, dying, rising, saving:
now let alleluias ring.
2. Here we see the mystery telling
of your wondrous love for all;
here in prayer and sacred symbol
we your boundless love recall.
3. Here in adoration bending
we receive the grace you give,

join the angels' song unending,
feed by faith on you, and live.

4. Praise to you, eternal Saviour,
praises from the earth ascend;
praises from the saints in heaven,
alleluias without end.

William Robinson 1888–1963 *alt.*
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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

As we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and sacrament, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

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 2

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for_ your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

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 Fa - ther: 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 Spi - rit, in the_ glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

From Christ Church Mass - Philip Matthias (b. 1954)

COLLECT FOR THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Kindle in our hearts, Father, the same faith that impelled Abraham to set out from his home and to live as a pilgrim in a foreign land. As we, like him, look for the city that none but you can design and build, keep us watchful for your Son's coming, that we may be found faithful stewards of all that you have entrusted to us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING Genesis 15.1-6 *at 8am volunteer reader required; at 10am by James Griffith*

¹After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.'
²But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' ³And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.'
⁴But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.'
⁵He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.'
⁶And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

THE PSALM Psalm 33.13-21 *said together at 8am and sung by the choir at 10am*

- ¹³ The Lord looks down from heaven
and surveys all the children of Adam:
he considers from his dwelling-place
all the inhabitants of the earth;
¹⁴ He who fashioned the hearts of them all:
and comprehends all that they do.
¹⁵ A king is not saved by a mighty army:
nor is a warrior delivered by much strength;
¹⁶ A horse is a vain hope as a deliverer:
nor can he rescue any by his great power.
¹⁷ But the eye of the Lord is on those that fear him:
on those that trust in his unfailing love,
¹⁸ To deliver them from death:
and to feed them in the time of dearth.
¹⁹ We have waited eagerly for the Lord:
for he is our help and our shield.
²⁰ Surely our hearts shall rejoice in him:
for we have trusted in his holy name.
²¹ Let your merciful kindness be upon us, O Lord:

even as our hope is in you.

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 Hebrews 11.1-3, 11.8-16 *at 8am read by Vivienne Randall; volunteer reader required at 10am*

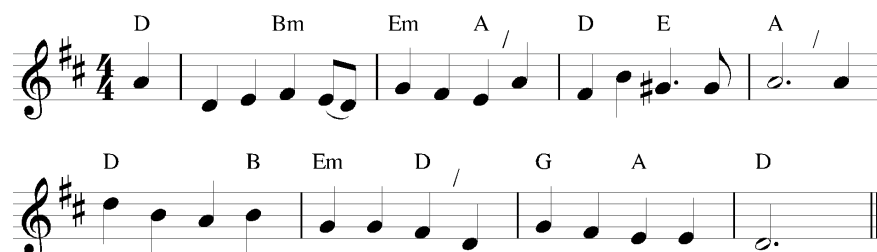
¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised.

¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.' ¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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 'In Christ there is no east and west' *sung at the 10am service only*



1. In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide
earth.

2. In Christ shall true hearts
everywhere
their high communion find,
his service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind.

3. Join hands, then, people of the
faith,
whate'er your race may be;

who serves my Father as his
child
is surely kin to me.

4. In Christ now meet both east and
west,
in him meet south and north,
all Christlike souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide
earth.

William Arthur Dunkerley
('John Oxenham') 1852–1941 *alt.*

We turn and face the Gospel as it is read

THE GOSPEL Luke 12.32-40

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

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

³²Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken

into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

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

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

AT 10AM, THE ANTHEM *Gloria, Tibi Domine*

William Byrd (1539/40-1623)

(trans.) Glory to you, O Lord who was born of a virgin;
With the Father and the Holy Spirit,
World without end. Amen.

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 *At 8am led by Brenda Mouritz; at 10am, led by Keith Beecher*

The Prayers end with the following

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers. Grant that what we have asked in faith, we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PARISH NOTICES

THE GREETING OF PEACE *standing*

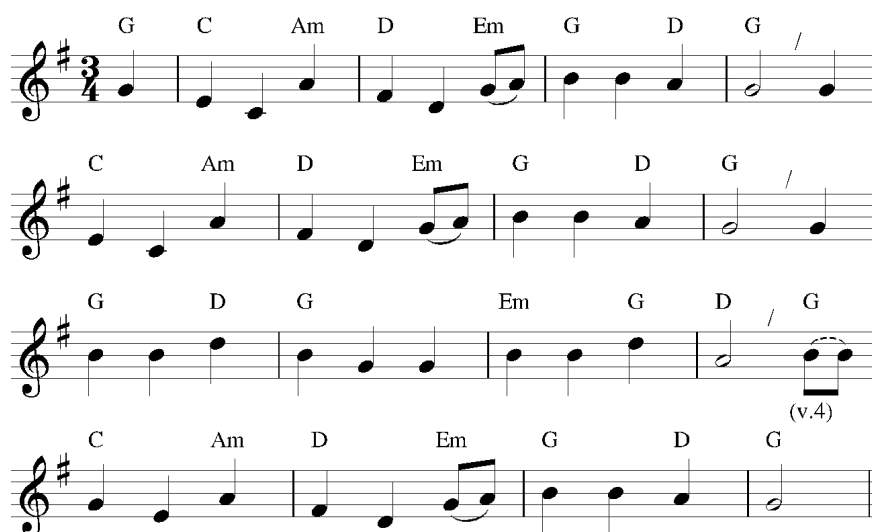
We are the body of Christ. **His Spirit is with us.**

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

All share with each other a '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 'Immortal, invisible'



1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, but ruling in might;
your justice like mountains high soaring above,
your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. You give life to all, Lord, to both great and small,
in all life now living, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on a tree,
then wither: but ever unchanged you will be.
4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;
of all your rich graces this grace, Lord, impart —
take the veil from our faces, the veil from our heart.

5. All praise we would render:
reveal to our sight
what hides you is only the
splendour of light;
and so let your glory, Almighty,
impart,

through Christ in the story, your
Christ to the heart.

Walter Chalmers Smith 1824–1908 *alt.*

PRAYERS FOR RECEIVING THE OFFERTORY

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have ourselves to offer, fruit of the womb and formed by your love. We will become your people for the world. **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 2

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Heav'n 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.

From Christ Church Mass - Philip Matthias (b. 1954)

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer continues until the following

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith

Acclamation

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

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 pow'r are yours, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

From Christ Church Mass - Philip Matthias (b. 1954)

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 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 2

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, grant us your peace.

From *Christ Church Mass* - Philip Matthias (b. 1954)

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 for intinction (for dipping of the wafer) only. 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. If you wish for communion to be given to you in your pew, please advise an usher or another member of the congregation who will alert the clergy.

AT 10AM, COMMUNION ANTHEM 'Agnus Dei,' from Mass for Three Voices

William Byrd

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 'Faith will not grow' at 8am 1st & 4th verses

UNISON

F Gm Dm Bb / Gm

Gm C F C / D Gm F

Bb / Gm C C7 F

1. Faith will not grow from words
alone,
from proofs provided, scripture
known;
our faith must feel its way about,
and live with question-marks
and doubt.
2. The pattern Jesus showed, we
share:
life comes through death, hope
through despair.
God is made known in
brokenness,
and faith feeds on God's
emptiness.
3. The church still tells how Jesus
came
through death to glorious life
again —
the strangest story! Yet, maybe,
our faith will thrive on mystery.
4. Faith takes the little that we
know,
and calls for hope, and tells us:
Go!
Love and take courage, come
what may;
Christ will be with us on the way.

Elizabeth J. Smith 1956–
Words © E. J. Smith

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE Prelude in C [Op 109] Camille Saint-Saëns (1835 - 1921)

As the postlude is played, please remain seated or leave quietly



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PARISH NOTICES

Covid Update and Safety Measures

Given the continued pandemic and increasing numbers of cases, hospitalisations and death, I am instigating new safety measures with regards to Covid. It is strongly recommended that we wear masks, to physically distance and to avoid physical contact with each other. Upon advice from Parish Council, today we resume offering a live stream of the regular 10am Sunday service, via Zoom. The link is here:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81091944551?pwd=VGp0QlZLMdhhcXdxYXptUDFES2J5dz09>

Communion will still be offered in both kinds (bread and wine) *but the wine for intinction only*. Please ensure that you dip only the wafer into the consecrated wine (and not your fingers!) Those who do not wish to receive the wine may simply not do so. Those requesting a blessing should ask the clergy at the communion rail.

Morning Tea after the 10am Service

Please come and enjoy morning tea in the Church Hall following the 10am Service, provided by volunteers from the congregation. A donation is appreciated to support the cost of morning tea.

Sunday School Returns

If you are between the ages of three and twelve, come join the fun learning at Sunday School during the 10am service each Sunday during school term. We encourage parents to bring their children to the 10am service, who will then gather in the Whitney King Room in the Church Hall, for the middle part of the service. The trained and child-safety certified Sunday School teachers will lead exciting activities, songs, crafts, games and stories. For enquiries and further information please contact the Parish Office on 03 9826 1434, email the office at enquiries@saintjohnstoorak.org or use the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Spiritual Growth Program Events - Save the Dates! Indicate your attendance now!

1. Thursday, 1st September, 7.30 - 9pm. Supper provided.
Lecture: *Emotional and spiritual wellbeing*. Presenter: Revd Dr Wendy Crouch
Parish Hall. Further information on flyer in narthex.
2. Friday, October 7 – Sunday October 9
St John's Parish Weekend Retreat: Santa Casa, Queenscliff. *Exploring my identity in God*. Leader Wendy Crouch. Limited numbers. Please indicate interest now on the sign up sheet.
3. Saturday, December 3, 10am-1pm. More details provided in September.
Advent Quiet Morning: *Entering the Advent Space*. St John's church

Program Flyers with more details and sign up sheets available in the narthex.

The Annual Archbishop's Dinner

The Annual Archbishop's dinner, 6.30pm Wednesday 14 September, Trinity College, Parkville. In support of the Building our Future Appeal, Trinity College Theological School. There is a flyer for the event in the Narthex. [Click here to RSVP](#) by COB **Wednesday 7 September 2022**. Enquiries to Briony O'Halloran 9348 7536 events@trinity.unimelb.edu.au. If you are attending, please specify you wish to be on the St. John's table.

Confirmation Service, September 18 at 10am

Our bishop, The Rt. Revd. Genieve Blackwell, will preside and preach at a service of Confirmation at 10am on September 18, 2022. Confirmation preparation classes commence next Sunday, August 14, and will be held over five Sunday afternoons. The preparation classes will be led by the Assistant Curate, the Revd. Lydia Thangadurai. Please pray for those being confirmed: James Condon, Katlyn Condon, Sam Hartley and Lucille Parfit, as they prepare for this next step in their journey of faith. Anyone interested in being confirmed or received into the Anglican Church is invited to contact the Parish office by August 12.

Safe Ministry Training Program for all church volunteers

Thank you to those who have completed the Safe Ministry training courses. 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

If you are unable to complete the course on your own, another group version of this training has been organised on Sunday the 4th of September 2022, after morning tea in the Hall, led by Lydia Thangadurai, the Assistant Curate. Please contact Sally in the Office on 9826 1434 or enquiries@saintjohnstoorak.org for further information.

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.

Be part of our Sunday Services

All our ministries at St John's are supported by our volunteers. 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/QBKp1WUiq1E8rFze8>

The rosters for July and August are now available [here](#).



The Melbourne Anglican (TMA)

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

Good Books to Borrow and Read!

Our former Assistant Curate, The Revd Keiron Jones, has donated some books to the parish in appreciation of her time here. 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*

Asst. Priest On Leave

Wendy is on annual leave from Monday 8th to Tuesday 23rd August.

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. Donations can 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.

Music Notes

As the new financial year commences, I wished to include a thank-you note to parishioners for their support: moral, verbal and financial, during this more tricky period of liturgical celebration, and thus the music entailed.

This Sunday sees a number of regular choristers on other duties, giving us the opportunity to sing some of the wonderful writing for alto, tenor and bass. This music is under-explored in the parish setting, and today the personnel for it are ideal.

Another Melbourne parish choir recently sang Byrd's Mass for Three Voices, and horrified parishioners asked if the other choir members all had COVID. They didn't, and it was a decision based on musical and vocal developmental considerations. For us that not unreasonable "conclusion" is only slightly different.

The reality is that many people are affected by COVID, short and long term. We have a core member with residual effects of COVID, gradually improving but not able to dependably sing, yet. Two others are recovered but not yet entirely in optimal singing order.

This weekend we participated in the joy of Finn Gilheany and Alicia Groves' Wedding. We congratulate them and wish them a wonderful honeymoon over the next fortnight, and a long married life.

Members who participate in other choirs, and who have interstate family and business arrangements are wonderful, but similarly make planning less standardised. This situation is the same for 99% of choirs, and one of the tasks of the next few years is to make this element less of an impediment to long-term planning.

While it is not simply a matter of funding, the healthy finances emerging from the Gibb Fund make this task more straightforward. I close this brief thank-you with a reprise of the sentiments at the beginning.

More in the parish reports, but for now simply, thank you!

Christopher Cook

Director of Music

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

From the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church in the Province of the West Indies (Bp John Holder); The Diocese of North West Australia (Bishopric vacant, Clergy & People); Angliss Health Services; St John's Camberwell (John Baldock, Helen Creed).

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 Anthony Albanese; Federal Member of Parliament for Division of Higgins, Dr. Michelle Ananda-Rajah; 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: Barbara Brown on Friday.

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; Tracey; Sam; Annette; Stella Jongebreur; Bruce Fordham; James; Sam.

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

Give thanks for those whose Anniversary of Death is this week: Jean Adams; Billie King; Marvin Hurnall; Alan Rose; Margaret McFarlane; Agnes Johnston; Jennifer White; John Darling; John Bell; Cherry McCardel; Allan Wright; Cam Johnston.

For those who have died and their families who mourn them: Sandie Crawford-Fish; Jane Roysmith.



The Most Revd Dr Philip Freier
Archbishop of Melbourne

INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

THE ANNUAL ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER 2022

IN SUPPORT OF THE
BUILDING OUR FUTURE APPEAL

The Archbishop of Melbourne, the Most Revd Dr Philip Freier, along with his wife Joy, invite you to join them at the 2022 Archbishop's Dinner.

Date: Wednesday 14 September 2022

Time: Evensong from 5.45 – 6.15pm

Dinner from 6.30 – 10pm

Location: Trinity College Dining Hall, 100 Royal Parade, Parkville, VIC 3052

Dress: Lounge suit

Cost: \$110 per person

RSVP: By COB Wednesday 7 September 2022. RSVP details on p.15

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This Week at St. John's

TUESDAY, 9 August
5.30pm - Op Shop Meeting, WKR
7.00pm - Parish Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, 10 August
7pm - Eucharist, Angel Chapel

THURSDAY, 11 August
4pm - Toorak Ecumenical Council Meeting,
Toorak Uniting Church

FRIDAY, 12 August
9am - Geelong Grammar Chapel Service, St John's

Next Sunday, 14 August

8am Said Eucharist

First Reading: Isaiah 5.1-7, Sam Shepherd
Second Reading: Hebrews 11.29-12.2, Brenda Mouritz
Gospel Reading: Luke 1:26-38
Intercessor: volunteer required
Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter French
Celebrant: The Revd Dr Peter French

10am Sung Eucharist

First Reading: Isaiah 5.1-7, volunteer required
Second Reading: Hebrews 11.29-12.2, Nick Langford
Gospel Reading: Luke 1:26-38
Intercessor: James Griffith
Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter French
Celebrant: The Revd Dr Peter French
Morning Tea - Anne Bottomley, Barbara George and Craig Cooper

3.30pm Confirmation Class

With The Revd Lydia Thangadurai



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