



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, TOORAK

The Eagle

September 2026

FROM THE VICAR

Welcome to this edition of 'The Eagle,' an occasional newsletter of St. John's, aiming to keep everyone up to date about what's happening in and around the parish. A particular welcome to you if you're reading this for the first time as one of many new members of the church - you join a long line of people who have worshipped and prayed here over the past 167 years.

As spring bursts forth in the beautiful gardens surrounding the church, I am reminded of the cycle of life and the great Christian hope and promise of life after death that maps so well onto gardens and their seasons. Naturally if we lived in the northern hemisphere, this would map on perfectly! At St. John's we're blessed to have such a fine garden surrounding the church. Designed by Paul Bangay in 2018, it was given by the Beddison family in memory of Sally Beddison, a great aficionado of gardens and a green thumb herself. The next time you're at the church, take the time to wander through the gardens, give thanks for the generosity of those who gave it and say a prayer of thanksgiving for the gift of spring buds, flower and season.

In this edition you'll have chance to read more about gardens and the link between creation, God and St. Francis, whose feast day we celebrate in October with the annual blessing of the pets service, at which we have a special guest speaker. Included too are a collection of digital resources for prayer and the Christian life; details of our financial position at the end of July; as well as an introduction to our part-time Assistant Curate Victoria. Take a look too at the many services conducted by the clergy over the past few months and pray for those mentioned.

Christ's peace and blessings to you,

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INTRODUCING OUR ASSISTANT CURATE

Revd Victoria Bakerov

My life has been shaped by two enduring passions: medicine and ministry. I was born in Ukraine and have lived in Australia since 1997. I am grateful to continue living out both callings as an Anglican Chaplain at the Royal Melbourne Hospital and as a curate at St. John's, Toorak. I am blessed with three grown daughters. One is married, and I delight in being a grandmother. My husband passed away 14 years ago, and since then I have continued life's journey on my own, sustained by faith, family, and community. In lighter moments, I enjoy what I like to call my "three S's": singing, sailing, and studying. I am a member of the choir at St. Paul's Cathedral, enjoy sailing at Black Rock when the wind is kind, and am currently studying at Trinity College. As part of my Master's degree, I am writing a minor thesis on the Lord's Prayer in the context of Intensive Care. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to spend my second year of curacy with the community at St John's, and I look forward to sharing in its life and ministry, until February, 2027.



Prayer for Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.



O divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

St Francis of Assisi

On Sunday 4 October at 4pm, we will hold our annual Blessing of the Pets. This year we are joined by guest speaker from the Anglican Society for the Welfare of Animals (ASWA), Janine McDougall.

THE ANGLICAN SOCIETY FOR THE WELFARE OF ANIMALS

The Anglican Society for the Welfare of Animals was founded over 30 years ago in the U.K. where its base remains. Membership worldwide is steadily growing though the membership base in Australia is small. The A.S.W.A. aims to make Christians and others, including community groups, aware of the need to care for the whole of creation, particularly God's creatures. A.S.W.A. encourages churches to include animal welfare concerns in their prayers, helps churches hold animal blessing services and raises awareness of the need to care for God's creation via a quarterly magazine and other printed material, exhibitions, meetings, talks and preaching.

A.S.W.A. believes the Bible teaches us to care for God's creatures, that scripture teaches God has given us a responsibility for sentient beings with whom we share God's world. Hence, animal issues are theological issues that belong on the church's radar. Intensive farming, animal experimentation, the ill treatment of companion animals, the killing of wildlife for commercial purposes and the killing of any animal for pleasure all raise ethical questions. A.S.W.A. encourages Christians to reflect upon animal welfare issues in the light of our stewardship calling and to seek a positive, informed and practical response.

JANINE MCDOUGALL

I was thrilled to have the privilege of becoming an ASWA Speaker for Victoria in 2025. I was an Authorised Honorary Lay Minister in the Anglican Parish of Gisborne from 2019-early 2025 which entailed mainly preaching including often at the annual Parish Blessing of the Animals Service. From 2016 – early 2025 I was Co-convenor of the Anglican Parish of Gisborne's Animal Welfare Group, the rationale of which was in line with the aims of the A.S.W.A. I believe God has called me to raise awareness and help facilitate positive change amongst Christians and community groups regarding the unacceptable cruelty and exploitation of God's creatures in our Western way of life. I am happily married to Keith and we are owned by two senior companion fur babies, Grace, the tricolour red kelpie, aged 15, and Ginger, the white & tortoiseshell cat, aged 14. Ours is a senior household! Keith and I attend St. Mary's Anglican Church, Woodend. *Janine McDougall, August 2026*

ST FRANCIS

Patron Saint of Animals and Ecology

Ahead of our annual blessing of the pets, learn about the patron saint of animals and ecology, St. Francis of Assisi.

Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone (c. 1181-1226), known as Francis of Assisi, was an Italian mystic, poet and Catholic friar who founded the religious order of the Franciscans. Inspired to lead a Christian life of poverty, he became a beggar and an itinerant preacher.

Francis set out to replicate Christ and literally carry out his work. He and his followers celebrated and even venerated poverty; this was so central to his beliefs that in his last written work, the Testament, Francis said that absolute personal and corporate poverty was the essential lifestyle for members of his order.

Francis had a great love for animals and the environment. He believed that nature itself was the mirror of God. He called all creatures his "brothers" and "sisters", preached to birds and supposedly persuaded a wolf in Gubbio to stop attacking some locals if they agreed to feed the wolf. Francis' declared that "he considered himself no friend of Christ if he did not cherish those for whom Christ died".

The Fioretti ("Little Flowers") is a collection of legends and folklore that sprang up after Francis' death. One account describes how one day, while Francis was travelling with some companions, they happened upon a place in the road where birds filled the trees on either side. Francis told his companions to "wait for me while I go to preach to my sisters the birds." The birds surrounded him, intrigued by the power of his voice and not one of them flew away. He is often portrayed with a bird, typically in his hand.

On 29 November 1979, Pope John Paul II declared Francis the patron saint of ecology. On 28 March 1982, John Paul II said that Francis' love and care for creation was a challenge for contemporary Catholics and a reminder "not to behave like dissident predators where nature is concerned, but to assume responsibility for it, taking all care so that everything stays healthy and integrated, so as to offer a welcoming and friendly environment even to those who succeed us." The same Pope wrote on the occasion of the World Day of Peace, 1 January 1990, that Francis "invited all of creation – animals, plants, natural forces, even Brother Sun and Sister Moon – to give honour and praise to the Lord. The poor man of Assisi gives us striking witness that when we are at peace with God we are better able to devote ourselves to building up that peace with all creation which is inseparable from peace among all peoples."



In 2015, Pope Francis published his encyclical letter *Laudato si'*, about the ecological crisis and "care for our common home", which takes its name from the *Canticle of the Sun*, which Francis of Assisi composed. It presents Francis as "the example par excellence of care for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out joyfully and authentically". This inspired the birth of the 'Laudato Si' Movement, a global network of nearly 1000 organizations promoting the *Laudato Si* message and the Franciscan approach to ecology.



Most High, all-powerful, all-good Lord,
all praise is yours, all glory, honour and
blessings.
To you alone, Most High, do they belong;
no mortal lips are worthy to pronounce
your name.
We praise you, Lord, for all your
creatures,
especially for Brother Sun,
who is the day through whom you give
us light.
And he is beautiful and radiant with
great splendour,
of you Most High, he bears your likeness.

We praise you, Lord, for Sister Moon and
the stars,
in the heavens you have made them
bright, precious and fair.
We praise you, Lord, for Brothers Wind
and Air,
fair and stormy, all weather's moods,
by which you cherish all that you have
made.

We praise you, Lord, for Sister Water,
so useful, humble, precious and pure.

We praise you, Lord, for Brother Fire,
through whom you light the night.
He is beautiful, playful, robust, and
strong.

We praise you, Lord, for Sister Earth,
who sustains us
with her fruits, coloured flowers, and
herbs.

We praise and bless you, Lord, and give
you thanks,
and serve you in all humility.

*Extract from Canticle of the Sun,
by St Francis of Assisi*

DIGITAL RESOURCES

Exploring helpful digital resources for spiritual growth

We have been asking some of our parishioners for what apps, podcasts and websites they find helpful in their daily lives. Why not try one or two of them out and see what works for you? We offer an initial selection here, but also would like to hear from you about what you find helpful.

APPS

- **YouVersion Bible App:** audio of the whole bible (*read in the beautiful voice of David Suchet*), with options for daily study, and prayer.
- **Lectio 365:** a free daily devotional audio, and written, resource of about 12 mins length.
- **Time to Pray:** *From the Church of England*. Offers a short morning and evening service each day with words and audio.
- **Bible Project:** *app and website*. A huge range of resources for learning about the bible. Highly recommended for dipping deeper into biblical learning.
- **Our Daily Bread:** Daily devotional.

PODCASTS

- **Soul Search** *with Dr Meredith Lake, produced by ABC Radio*
Soul Search explores contemporary religion and spirituality from the inside out - what we believe, how we express it, and the difference it makes in our lives.
- **The Church Times Podcast**
News, interviews, book reviews, and discussion each week from the Church Times - the world's leading newspaper on faith and the Church.
- **The Surprising Rebirth of Belief in God** *with Justin Brierly*
Why new atheism grew old and secular thinkers are considering Christianity again.

YOUTUBE

- **Torah Tuesday** *with Carmen Joy Imes*
Torah Tuesday is a weekly video series presented by a wonderful Old Testament scholar, Dr. Carmen Joy Imes. Each video takes you through one of the first 5 Books of the bible - in less than 10 minutes!
- **Washington National Cathedral**
Enjoy short reflections, services and concerts from the comfort of your own home.
- **Canterbury Cathedral**
Livestream services or watch at your convenience.

FROM THE REGISTERS

January to July, 2026

BAPTISMS

Ignatius Montgomery
Allen-Soriano

Rory Daniel Ronald
Nolan

Annabelle Elliott
Durakovic

Theodore Alexander
Anthony Morrison

Orlando Michael Yanni

Harriet Charlie Jane
Willson

Conrad Finch Lockwood

Sutton Greer Mortimer

Angus Dean Robson Bell

Jack Charles Hatton
Goldsworthy

Zachary John Bryant

Axel Jeffrey Browne

Isaiah Jack Sherlock

Olivia Noel Eccles

Alana Ray Jordan

Humphrey Hugo
Dorrington Docker

Montgomery Stuart
Kennedy

Anna Anastasia
Lau Ee An

Chloe Victoria Borg

Chloe Alexandra
Summerbell Whittle

WEDDINGS

Ceremonies & Blessings

Lachlan MacDonald &
Clare Steele

Timothy Symon &
Katherine Tunaley

Thomas Heath &
Charlotte Fox

Matthew Gibbs &
Anita Ackers

Benjamin Keebaugh
& Abbigale Greene

Kyle Elliott &
Ellie Dooley

Simon Abfalter &
Jade Celeste Clarke

George Mitsas &
Olivia Ross

Matthew Maximillian
& Sammy He

Jack White &
Lilli Bannister

Dilani Chandrahasan &
Godfrey Jesukadacham

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IN MEMORIAM

*Funerals, Memorials &
Interments*

Katrina Jane Allen

Anthea Christina
Warford-Mein

Rona Hazel Hatfield

Matthew Alexander
Paltoglou

Hylton John Mackley

Geoffrey Kemp Wilson

Julienne Wilson

Hylton John Mackley

Margaret Inglis

James Lloyd Parrish

Patricia Janet King

John Hamilton

Hood AM

Andrew Stuart Dunlop

Ian Anthony Mitchell

Thomas William Quirk

Elizabeth Ann

Fotheringham

Joanna Neilma

Baevski

James Stuart Foley

Gordon Sargood

Geoffrey Malcolm Down

Sherrill Rae Towner

Felicity Margaret Moss

Annabelle Mary Price

Leah Jennifer Condon

Wilfred Faulkner

McCallum

Robert James Ramsay

Margaret Carol Simon

Marion Hyde

FROM THE TREASURER

As the weather warms and we look forward to the return of Sunday morning teas in our beautiful Beddison Gardens, the Parish finance team sharpens its pencil in anticipation of the end of the Diocesan financial year on 30 September.

There is a twin focus, each equally important. First, there is the process of forecasting the total of all the bills we will need to pay by 30 September, and armed with that total, ensuring there is sufficient cash on hand to pay those bills on a timely basis. The second is the preparation of the Budget for the forthcoming year.

With respect to year end payments, the majority (by number) of the Parish's suppliers are small businesses, for whom cashflow is survival, particularly in these strained times. It is a matter of community-mindedness that we pay our suppliers as soon as invoices have been received and processed. We do not use our suppliers as a source of cash flow; rather, we attempt to be amongst our suppliers fastest paying customers. This comes back to us through prompt and attentive service from those suppliers, with many of whom we share a long-term trading history.

The Parish cash position varies through the year in line with the weather, and in turn the level of activity within the Church. In the low activity months (thus low cash months), we rely on cash top-ups from our various supporting Trust Funds in order to pay our bills on time. There is a one month's notice period for withdrawing funds from our supporting Trusts, which requires cash forecasting – a skill which sits somewhere between art form and good luck. For the other eleven months of the year, it does not matter if we are a few days late in receiving the cash. In those cases, the bills are still paid, and accounted for, in the current year.

But for the September month end it does matter. We try and get all material bills paid by 30 September, so at year end, the balance of our liabilities is as low as possible. But we cannot cover all expenses. Some invoices are not received until November, and we can do nothing about them – they are accrued as a September expenses but are paid in November in accordance with our normal payment cycle.

So, as the days grow longer, and you are enjoying the sermons of our clergy; the glorious St John's music programme under Director Zac; and morning tea in the Gardens...think of the finance team, head down and beavering away to meet our year-end deadlines... *Craig Cooper*

St John's Anglican Church Toorak

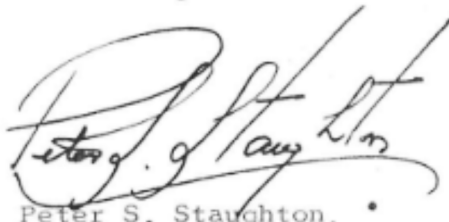
Profit and Loss
October, 2025-July, 2026

	Total
Income	
4100 Offertory	A\$176,663.67
4200 Surplice Fees Income	A\$118,655.00
4300 Grants & donations	A\$148,666.74
4500 Sundry Church Income	A\$17,719.42
4600 Commercial income	A\$69,545.12
4800 Interest, Dividends & Other	A\$108,030.80
Total for Income	A\$639,280.75
Gross Profit	A\$639,280.75
Expenses	
6005 Church Ministry Costs	A\$173,818.64
6300 Parish Support Costs	A\$178,261.71
6500 Surplice Fees Expenses	A\$33,304.22
6800 Property & Commercial Costs	A\$164,725.74
6900 Mission Donations	A\$9,506.73
Total for Expenses	A\$559,617.04
Other Expenses	-A\$0.40
Net Earnings	A\$79,664.11

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Volunteers Monica Victorsen and Nick Cree have been busy helping digitise our extensive archives. Through this process we have unearthed many significant documents regarding the church's history. The below image is a snapshot from a building report, by architect Peter Staughton, that gives St. John's high praise. It is a good reminder of how fortunate we are, not only to be able to attend services here on a weekly basis, but also to be able to visit on a daily basis for quiet reflection and prayer. Much has changed since 1972, but St. John's remains a beautiful church with a significant wealth of history.

In conclusion I would like to most firmly recommend to all concerned that this most excellent building be the subject of a National Trust restoration appeal. In my view it is perhaps the finest parish church design in this State, which indeed is endowed with many splendid church buildings. As I have said in my opening remarks it is the work of William Wardell who stands, in the view of many, as the greatest designer of churches in the history of Victoria.



Peter S. Staughton.

6th September, 1972

FROM THE BELLTOWER

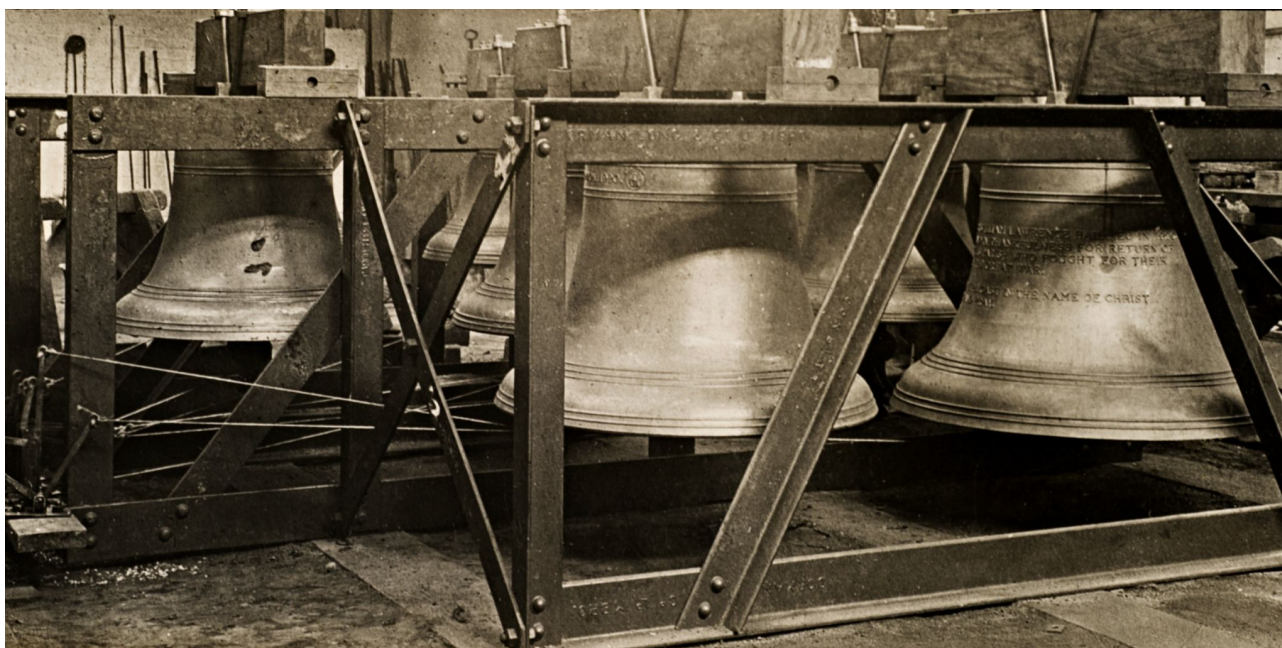
Have you heard the bells ringing on a Sunday morning? Or perhaps at a wedding or funeral? St. John's is fortunate to have a set of 13 bells and a professional bellringer, Jenny Stokes, who also sings in the choir and often serves as crucifer.

Originally there was just a single bell, cast by W. G. Wilson of Glasgow in 1861. As the church grew and additions were made, provisions were made for a full set of bells and this bell was presented to Holy Trinity, Hampton in 1921.



There are now thirteen bells in the spire at St. John's (a full set of chimes), weighing over four tonnes in total. The largest bell, a Tenor F. Sharp called the 'Edward Latham', weighs over half a tonne. The first set of eight bells was given in 1921 by William and Bertha Baillieu, in thanksgiving for those who returned safely from the Great War (including two of their own sons) and in memory of those who perished. A further set of five bells was given by the same W. L. Baillieu in memory of his wife, in 1927.

Next year, 2027, marks 100 years since our set of bells was completed. If you would like to have a closer look at the bells or find out about bell ringing please contact the parish office enquiries@saintjohnstoorak.org or 9826 1765.



THE HARVARD KROKODILOES

On Saturday 4 July, we were thrilled to host the internationally renowned *a cappella* sensation, The Harvard Krokodiloes, for a sold-out evening.

'The Kroks' were founded in the Hasty Pudding Club, founded in 1770 and recognized as the oldest collegiate social organization in the USA. The club was built upon traditions of brotherhood, wine, and verse, a combination which led four of the more musically minded members, in 1946, to carry those traditions into the world of close harmony. Inspired by the stuffed crocodiles mounted upon the wall of the Pudding's Upstairs Bar, these pioneering songsters adopted the Greek word for crocodile, and the Krokodiloes were born.

In line with the spirit of the original Krokodiloes, we enjoyed a lovely evening of fellowship, food and wine as we were serenaded by the Kroks signature blend of harmonies and humour - without the stuffed Crocodiles mounted on the wall. Instead, since their performance fell on American Independence Day, we gave our guests a taste of home with American Flags and matching decorations.



The Kroks were only in Australia for a short visit as part of a larger international tour celebrating 80 years since their foundation! We are honoured to have been able to host them. A heartfelt thank you to our incredible volunteers and to everyone who attended for making the night such a success.

COMMUNITY

We are proud to share that St. John's church hall regularly serves as a meeting place for a variety of community groups including, but not limited to the following:



Alcoholics Anonymous

AA offers a safe space to share experiences, find support, and achieve lasting sobriety. Toorak AA, Happy Destiny, meets every Wednesday at 6.30pm.

Find out more: aa.org.au



Narcotics Anonymous

NA meetings are a gathering of recovering addicts, who meet regularly for the purpose of recovery from the disease of addiction. Toorak NA meets every Tuesday at 7.30pm.

Find out more: na.org.au

Find out more about the wider St. John's community and the groups we support at saintjohnstoorak.org/community-events

TOORAK ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT

The Toorak Ecumenical Movement is a fellowship between St John's, St Peter's Catholic Church, Toorak Uniting Church and the Swedish Church, established in 1980. We study together in Lent, we worship together at Easter, Pentecost and Advent, and we pray for our partner churches. On the last Thursday of each month we meet for a service of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Toorak Op Shop

Toorak Op Shop in Carters Avenue has been running for over 40 years thanks to the dedication of volunteers from St. John's, St. Peter's and Toorak Uniting Church. Each year funds are carefully distributed to charitable and community organisations. If you would like to join this team of incredible volunteers and contribute to this worthwhile cause please reach out via the following.



(03) 9827 3172



opshop2019@outlook.com

Food for Friends

Each year, St. John's joins with St. Peter's Catholic Church and Toorak Uniting Church to raise funds for agencies who provide food and other essentials for the less fortunate. There is a huge need out there and we encourage you to consider donating to this very needed and worthwhile Appeal.

Donate via:

The Toorak Ecumenical Fund –
CBA Toorak

BSB: 063177

Acc: 10026147

SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH-BACKED LOCAL OP SHOP



The Toorak Op Shop in Carters Avenue is owned by the three local Toorak Ecumenical Churches and staffed entirely by volunteers. All proceeds (minus basic outgoings) are distributed to charities nominated by the three churches. Over recent years, more than **\$2 million has been distributed** to those charities – all of it coming from sales made at the Toorak Op Shop.



This successful trading is under threat

Due to a nearby commercial construction project, the public carpark opposite the Op Shop is closed for three years. Unless we all take action, this will cause a decline in sales, limiting the Op Shop's ability to support the church-chosen charities.

You can help by:

- **1: Visiting the Op Shop** and promoting it to friends.
- **2: Donating quality clothing** (park in front of the shop during operating hours and we will help you unload. Large donations of clothing can be picked up- call us on 03 9827 3172).
- **3: Making monetary donations** (EFT your donations to The Toorak Op Shop BSB 033 086 Account number 361907).



The Toorak Ecumenical Churches:

- Toorak Uniting Church
- St John's Anglican Church
- St Peter's Catholic Church



Photo: Sipa USA

SCAN ME



DONATE ❤️

EMERGENCY

Nepal Flood Disaster Appeal

On Wednesday 26 August, a sudden and powerful flash flood tore through the Himalayan valleys in rural Nepal and China. It carried away people, homes, crops, businesses and infrastructure.

Early reports indicate that at least 389 lives have been lost and more than 677 people are missing. Search and rescue operations remain underway.

Anglican Overseas Aid's partner, *International Nepal Fellowship*, is delivering emergency shelter, food relief, safe drinking water, and early recovery to those who need it most.

Visit tinyurl.com/anglicanoverseasaidnepal or scan the QR.

A Prayer for Nepal

God of mercy,

Nepal is in the midst of disaster.

Floodwaters and landslides have torn through homes, roads and villages. People are missing. Many are injured. Families are grieving.

Lord, make a way where roads and bridges are gone. Bring rescuers safely to those still waiting. Strengthen every person searching through mud and debris, and give medical teams what they need to care for the injured.

Let shelter, clean water, food and essential supplies reach people without delay. Work through INF Nepal, ACT Alliance, local authorities and all those responding. Protect them as they enter dangerous and isolated areas, and direct them to those at greatest risk.

Hold Nepal through the difficult days ahead.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

AOA Anglican
Overseas
Aid

NOTICES

Saturday 12 September, 10am-12pm, Spring Working Bee

Calling all volunteers to assist in Spring cleaning St. John's church and hall. There will be a variety of tasks from dusting and polishing to moving furniture. Please sign up [here](#), in the Narthex or contact the Parish Office to let us know if you can help. Many hands make light work!



Tuesday 22 September, 6pm, There are More Things in Heaven and Earth: A Renaissance Prince or a Reformation Play? Shakespeare's Hamlet

Rev'd Dr Gregory Seach (Vicar of St George's Malvern) is giving a presentation on Shakespeare's Hamlet at St Peter's Eastern Hill, 15 Gisborne St, Melbourne. This is part of a series of talks being presented on *Faith and the Arts* at St Peter's throughout 2026.

Book now! events.humanitix.com/faith-and-the-arts

Email: arts@stpeters.org.au Phone: 0401 826 325

Website: www.stpeters.org.au/arts-and-the-faith



Sunday 27 September, 11.30am, St. John's Guided Tour

Ever wanted to learn more about the rich history of our church? Ever admired the stained glass windows or appreciated the ornate wood carvings? Parishioner and volunteer archivist, Nick Cree, will be giving a tour of the church after the 10am service on Sunday 27 September. Please sign-up [here](#) or in the Narthex.

Morning Tea Appreciation & Call for Volunteers

We are fortunate to have a scrumptious morning tea almost every Sunday after the 10am service. Morning teas provide more than a cuppa after the service, they are an opportunity to connect. This would not be possible without the dedication of the Morning Tea Committee and our wonderful morning tea volunteers. If you are interested in contributing to morning teas please contact the parish office and your details will be given to the morning tea committee.



Sunday 4 October, 4pm, Blessing of the Pets

A favourite afternoon in the St. John's calendar is the annual blessing of the pets service, held in honour of St. Francis (the patron saint of animals). All are welcome - with their pets! - to gather on the South Lawn for a service of prayer and blessing.

Sunday 18 October, Confirmation & Reception into the Anglican Church

Our annual service of Confirmation and Reception will be held on **Sunday 18 October at 10am**. Classes in preparation for this will begin soon. If you are interested in taking this significant step in your faith journey, please contact the Parish Office or speak to a member of clergy.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER
10am - 12pm St. John's Working Bee

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER
10am Confirmation Service

THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER
10.30am Prayers for Christian Unity at
The Swedish Church

THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER
7pm All Souls' Day Service

SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER
11.30am St. John's Guided Tour

SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER
10am Remembrance Day Service

SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER
4pm Blessing of the Pets

SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER
11.30am Annual Meeting

WEDNESDAY 7- SATURDAY 10
OCTOBER
Synod



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