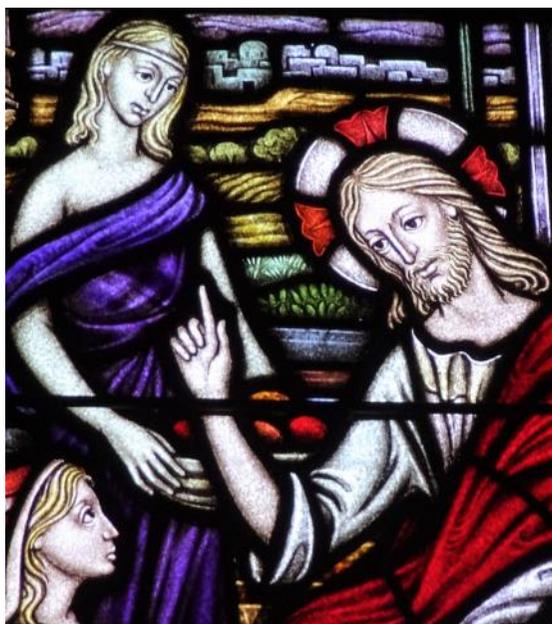




**HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH  
WILLIAMSTOWN**

**23 August 2020**  
**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Service of the Word**



*On behalf of everyone at Holy Trinity, a warm welcome to this community, a faithful Christian presence in Williamstown since 1854. Holy Trinity welcomes everyone, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race or background. Thank you for being part of our worship today.*

*A video of this worship service will be available on the parish YouTube channel from Sunday morning, links are on our website under 'Services'. Directions for joining us for morning tea via Zoom are available in this pew sheet.*

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## REFLECTION

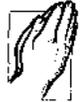
“But who do you say that I am?”

Jesus' identity, like that of all people, is complex and multi-faceted. At our recent “Conversation at the Centre” our speaker Rana Ebrahimi spoke about Intersectionality and how all the different aspects of our lives and identities impact how we are treated and how we interact in the world. I think we should remember that while Jesus' core identity is of course being the Son of God, Jesus also lived as a human. In the human world, and to the eyes of those he journeyed with and ministered to, Jesus lived as a Jewish male under the occupying forces of the Roman Empire, who trained as a carpenter, and who willingly interacted with the marginalised. While being male gave him certain privilege, other aspects of his identity left him vulnerable, and it comforts me to know that through Jesus we believe in a God who stands with the vulnerable with understanding and acceptance.

Rev. Elizabeth



## PARISH PRAYER POINTS



### **For the Church:**

- Pray for the Province of South East Asia
- Diocese of Bunbury
- Tintern Grammar

**We pray for the** parishes of St Thomas' Ferntree Gully Upper St Luke's Sydenham

### **In our Community:**

As part of our regular cycle of prayer, we pray for Gordon and Robyn Barrett, Simon Bradwell, Ingrid Dodd, Laurie English, Joanne Hall, Delia Paul and Laurence Gray, Doreen Reynolds, Saron Zeron

We pray for those who are suffering or unwell at this time, including: Gordon and Audrey Beal, Ron and Joan Bates, Emilie Diopol, Barbara and Brett Hingston, Anne Mulholland, Helen, Heather Jobling, Bryan Matty, Laurie McLay, Robert Mander, May Kofoed, Diane Robinson, Marjorie Todd, Carol Williams and Sue Wragg.

*We acknowledge that our church is on the sovereign lands of the Yalukit Willum of the Kulin Nation. We pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.*

## **AN INVITATION TO WORSHIP AND REFLECTION**

If safe to do so, you are invited to light a candle as you enter into this time of prayer and reflection that you have set aside as sacred.

### **A Taizé chant:**

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord, keep watch, take heart.

## **GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

*Martha said, 'Yes Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'* John 11:27

Open our lips, O Lord,  
**and we shall declare your praise.**

This is the day that the Lord has made,  
**we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Friends in Christ, we come together to meet with God, and to take our part in the building up of God's Church. We will lift up our hearts in thanks and praise, hear from God's holy word, and pray for this world, and for ourselves. The Bible tells us to approach God confidently, through our Lord Jesus Christ. As we do so, we must confess our sins, seeking forgiveness through God's boundless goodness and mercy.

## **CONFESSION**

*To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against him, and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by following his laws which he set before us.*

Daniel 9.9–10

So let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and pray together,

**God of all mercy, we humbly admit that we need your help. We have wandered from your way. We have sinned in thought, word and deed, and have failed to do what is right. You alone can save us. Have mercy on us, wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others. Bring forth in us the fruit of your Spirit that we may live the new life to your glory. This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen**

God desires that none should perish, but that all should turn to Christ, and live. In response to God's call we acknowledge our sins. God pardons those who humbly repent, and truly believe the gospel. Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ. **Amen**

*Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.* Romans 8.38–39

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**His steadfast love endures for ever!**

Grace and peace be with you

**and also with you.**

Come, let us sing to the Lord,

**shout to the rock of our salvation.**

Serve the Lord with gladness,

**come before his face with songs of joy.**

## **MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

Heavenly God, give us wisdom and understanding. As we listen to your Word may we know you better, love you more, and learn to please you in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**First Reading:** Exodus 1:8-2:10 read Janice Schmidt

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.' Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, 'When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.' But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, 'Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?' The midwives said to Pharaoh, 'Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.' So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.'

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

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

## **Psalm 124**

- <sup>1</sup> If it had not been the LORD who was on our side  
—let Israel now say—
- <sup>2</sup> if it had not been the LORD who was on our side,  
when our enemies attacked us,
- <sup>3</sup> then they would have swallowed us up alive,  
when their anger was kindled against us;
- <sup>4</sup> then the flood would have swept us away,  
the torrent would have gone over us;
- <sup>5</sup> then over us would have gone the raging waters.
- <sup>6</sup> Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us  
as prey to their teeth.
- <sup>7</sup> We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers;  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- <sup>8</sup> Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and  
earth.

### **The Second Reading:** Romans 12: 1-8 by Valerie Dripps

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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**THE GOSPEL** according to Saint Matthew 16: 13-20

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

**THE SERMON**

Reverend Elizabeth Murray

*A time of silence is kept*

**THE APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
from there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER**

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

Let us join together in the prayer which Jesus gave us.

**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.**

Be exalted, Lord, above the heavens,  
**let your glory cover the earth.**  
Keep our nation under your care,  
**and guide us in justice and truth.**  
Let your way be known on earth,  
**your saving power among all nations.**  
Send out your light and your truth,  
**that we may tell of your saving works.**  
Have mercy on the poor and oppressed.  
**Hear the cry of those in need.**  
Hear our prayers, O Lord,  
**for we put our trust in you.**

## **THE COLLECT**

O God, fount of all wisdom, in the humble witness of the apostle Peter you have shown the foundation of our faith: give us the light of your Spirit, that, recognising in Jesus of Nazareth the Son of the living God, we may be living stones for the building up of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

## **THE PRAYERS**

led by Kate Strasser

*The response to each is usually* **Hear our prayer.**

*The time of prayer concludes with*

Almighty God you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## **THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

Lord Jesus Christ, **send us out with confidence in your word to tell the world of your saving acts, and bring glory to your name. Amen.**

May the Lord bless you and keep you; May the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

**In the name of Christ. Amen**

### **MORNING TEA**

#### **THIS IS A NEW LINK FOR THE WEEKLY ZOOM MORNING TEAS UNTIL AUGUST**

A virtual morning tea and time of fellowship is booked for 11am each Sunday until the end of August. Please follow the link below to join in:

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81790762206?  
pwd=VXFYm29MzUZWMHVvYktmcGZTajYrUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81790762206?pwd=VXFYm29MzUZWMHVvYktmcGZTajYrUT09)

Meeting ID: 817 9076 2206

Password: 962018

For assistance please call Tom Verghese on 0419 999 292

These morning teas are scheduled for some weeks to come so once you've set up the link you will only need to re enter the password each week to enter the Zoom morning tea again.

## PARISH NEWS

**Happy Birthday to**

***Robert Vial for Wednesday***



### **Guest Preacher Sunday 30 August 2020**

The Revd Canon  
Dr Robert (Bob) Derrenbacker  
BA *Wheaton*, MATS GCTS, PhD *Toronto*  
Frank Woods Associate Professor in New Testament  
Dean of Trinity College Theological School,  
University of Divinity

will be the guest speaker in our online service  
on Sunday 30 August 2020.

### **Virtual Art Show and Sale of Works**

Do you paint, draw, create watercolours, make pottery, do tapestry or needlework or some other kind of artwork? Why not participate in our online Art Show and Sale of Works? Do you have friends or family who might want to be involved -please ask them as well.

If you want to participate please email the following details to [office@htw.org.au](mailto:office@htw.org.au) before 15 September:

**Name, address, phone, email, type of art or craft work.**

We will then get back to you to discuss the other details.

## PARISH NEWS

### **Parish Centre is Closed**

**Unfortunately, during the weeks of the  
Stage 4 Lockdown  
the Holy Trinity Parish Centre  
will be closed.**

**No one is to enter this building  
for any reason.**

### **Gardening**

**Unfortunately we cannot permit anyone  
to do any gardening—either individually  
or as a group — on the church property  
during the Stage 4 Lockdown**

### **CONFIRMATION PREPARATION**

Confirmation preparation has now concluded for our two confirmation candidates, Elanor and Maryanne .

Please pray for them as they continue in their journey of faith.  
A date for the Confirmation is yet to be set.

## THE PARISH AT A GLANCE

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Day off: Friday

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**NOTE: The Parish Office will NOT be open for the foreseeable future**

### Wardens:

Sally Burt ..... 0402 332 844  
Tom Verghese ..... 0419 999 292

### Honorary Lay Minister to Men:

Scott Phillips..... 0411 751 755

### Treasurer:

Laurence Gray ..... 0431 322 490

### Bookkeeper:

Ian Stewart ..... 0438 070 439

### Parish Council Secretary:

Judy White ..... 0434 250 411

### Administration:

Judy White..... 0434 250 411

### Pastoral Care:

Janice Schmidt..... 0409 180 144

### Baptism Arrangements:

Parish Office, Wed & Fri 9 - 4 9397 5330

### Weddings:

Judy White, Parish Office  
Wed & Fri 9397 5330

### The Pilot - Parish Journal:

Judy White ..... 0434 250 411

### Community Lunch Programme :

(Mon & Fri 10 - 1 pm):

Wilma Roberts:..... 0409 862 292

Christine Hurwood..... 0428 589 092

### Angicare Emergency Relief:

Carol Willis ..... 0439 458 096

### Organists:

Craig Douglass..... 0425 774 307

John Rivers..... 0473 029 187

### Women of Holy Trinity:

Liz White ..... 0407 850 501

Neralie Hoadley

### Music Group:

Carol Huren..... 0410 476 607

### Ada Cambridge Book Group:

Wilma Roberts..... 0409 862 292

### Tapestry Group:

Joan Crook..... 9393 9478

### Interfaith Dialogue:

Scott Phillips..... 0411 751 755

### Synod representatives:

Val Dripps ..... 0412 372 524

Scott Phillips ..... 0411 751 755

## HOLY TRINITY PASTORAL CARE

The Parish is divided into zones to cover the wide areas of pastoral care. For those living in the **Village**, your team representative is

**Christa Fatouros : 03 9393 9317**

**Nursing Homes: Rev Elizabeth Murray**

**Williamstown Central: Valerie Dripps 0412 372 524,**

**Victoria St/Hannan St areas: Ann Hodges 0417 581 662**

**Newport/The Strand: Janice Schmidt 0409 180 144,**

**Yarraville: Pamela McFadyen 0412 280 233**

**Pt Cook/Altona Meadows: the Rev'd Margaret Burt: 0432 711 336.**

If you are in need or know of someone who needs help, please contact either the above person in your area or call Judy 0434 250 411.