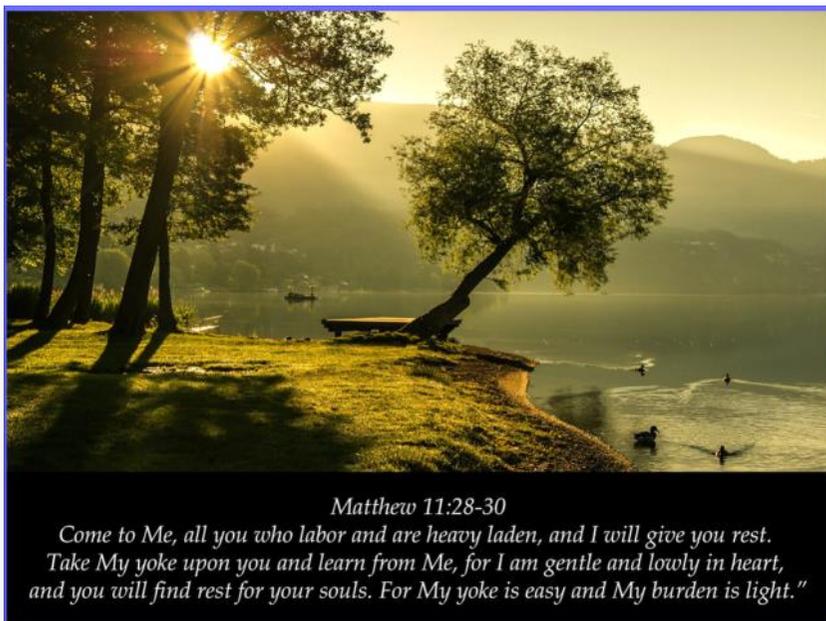




HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH WILLIAMSTOWN

5 July 2020 **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost** **Service of the Word**



Matthew 11:28-30

*Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."*

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

Jesus' yoke is easy and his burden light. The yoke may not be a piece of equipment most Melburnians are familiar with, but we do understand burdens. We feel the weight of them in various aspects of our lives at different times in our lives. We currently have collective burdens on top of our regular burdens, and as the pandemic continues, we find it fatiguing, frustrating and we can see that people are starting to act as if it's all over because they find it difficult to stay the course. In some parts of our city, tighter restrictions are reimposed, and we have to continue to show love for our neighbours by staying away from them. There are no shortcuts. As followers of Christ, we know that we can bring all of this to Jesus. Sharing a load eases the burden, and I pray that makes space for patience and kindness to continue.
Rev. Elizabeth

PARISH PRAYER POINTS



For the Church:

- All members of the United Church of Pakistan
- Diocese of Tasmania

We pray for the parishes of St John Chrysostom Brunswick West, Holy Trinity Hastings, St Paul's Cathedral and St Thomas's Werribee and for all parishes in the recently locked down suburbs

In our Community:

As part of our regular cycle of prayer, we pray for Marie Calthorpe, Joan Crook, Lyn Dinham, Leonie Dobinson, Christa Fatouros, Deny Martin, Liz, Steve, Nicole, Gabriel and Thomas White

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

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.

HYMN TiS 590 What a friend we have in Jesus

1.
What a friend we have in Jesus
all our sins and griefs to bear,
what a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer:
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.
2.
Have we trials and temptations,
is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be
discouraged:
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every
weakness:
take it to the Lord in prayer.
3.
Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Jesus is our only refuge:
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise,
forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
in his arms he'll take and shield
you,
you will find a solace there.

Joseph Medlicott Scriven 1819–86 *alt.*
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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

"Come to me all who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest," says the Lord. "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart
Matthew 11: 28-29

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: Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 59-67

Read by Wilma Robarts

So he said, 'I am Abraham's servant. The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, "You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son."

'I came today to the spring, and said, "O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, 'Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,' and who will say to me, 'Drink, and I will draw for your camels also'—let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son."

'Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water-jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, "Please let me drink." She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, "Drink, and I will also water your camels." So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, "Whose daughter are you?" She said, "The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him." So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshipped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the

daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.' So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, 'May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.' Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, 'Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?' The servant said, 'It is my master.' So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

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

Psalm 45: 10-17

- ¹⁰ Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear;
forget your people and your father's house,
¹¹ and the king will desire your beauty.
Since he is your lord, bow to him;
¹² the people of Tyre will seek your favour with gifts,
the richest of the people ¹³ with all kinds of wealth.
The princess is decked in her chamber with gold-woven robes;
¹⁴ in many-coloured robes she is led to the king;
behind her the virgins, her companions, follow.
¹⁵ With joy and gladness they are led along
as they enter the palace of the king.
¹⁶ In the place of ancestors you, O king, shall have sons;
you will make them princes in all the earth.
¹⁷ I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations;
therefore the peoples will praise you for ever and ever.

The Second Reading: Romans 7: 14-25

read by Carol Huren

For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

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

THE GOSPEL according to Saint Matthew 11: 15-19, 25-30

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Let anyone with ears listen!

‘But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

This is 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

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of his brothers and sisters we do also for him: give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us; yet lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

led by Scott Phillips

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.

PARISH NEWS

***Happy Birthday to
Carol Huren for Thursday***



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=VXFYU29MZUZWMHVvYktmcGZTajYrUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81790762206?pwd=VXFYU29MZUZWMHVvYktmcGZTajYrUT09)

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

Conversations at the Centre



The importance of storytelling in the Bible, faith and all of life

Guest Speaker: Rev Elizabeth Murray

7pm Monday 6 July 2020

This will be a Zoom Meeting -

Invitation Details will be in the Pew sheet and the Weekly Newsletter

For more details contact Ingrid Dodd: 9996 1842

Topic: Conversations at the Centre

Time: Jul 6, 2020 07:00 PM Australia/Melbourne

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7633366271?
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Meeting ID: 763 336 6271

Password: 962018

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

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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

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Judy White 0434 250 411

Administration:

Judy White..... 0434 250 411

Pastoral Care:

Janice Schmidt..... 0409 180 144

Baptism Arrangements:

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Judy White, Parish Office
Wed/Fri 9397 5330

The Pilot - Parish Journal:

Judy White 0434 250 411

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Neralie Hoadley

Music Group:

Carol Huren..... 0410 476 607

Ada Cambridge Book Group:

Wilma Roberts..... 0409 862 292

Tapestry Group:

Joan Crook..... 9393 9478

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Scott Phillips..... 0411 751 755

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Val Dripps 0412 372 524

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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

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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.