



HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH WILLIAMSTOWN

15th January 2023
Second Sunday after Epiphany
9am Holy Communion



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 to all services and events, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race or background. We are moved by our calling as the Body of Christ to ensure all our spaces are safe places for everyone.

Thank you for being part of our worship today. This worship service will also be available on the parish YouTube channel from Sunday, links are on our website under 'Services'.

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REFLECTION

The Holy Spirit can get a bit of short shrift. Yes, we have the Feast of Pentecost, and yes, Jesus Christ is rightly the main focus of the Christian faith, but it is of course the ongoing gift and presence of the Holy Spirit that enables and empowers the Church as the people of God. Through the Holy Spirit, we are assured of God continuing presence and blessing, and it is through the Holy Spirit that people will come to know God's love for them.

Rev. Elizabeth



PARISH PRAYER POINTS



For The Church:

- The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
- Archdeaconry of Kew
- The Diocese of Perth
- St. Alfred's Blackburn North

In our Community: In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Gordon & Robyn Barrett, Ron Bates, Simon Bradwell, Rev. Margaret Burt, Marie Calthorpe .

We pray for those who are suffering or unwell at this time for whom prayers have been requested.

Immediate need:

Long-term need: Elliot, Zoe Bastin, Ron Bates, Barb & Brett Hingston, Heather Jobling, Rev. Mike Jobling, Laurie McLay, Marjorie Todd, John, Brent, Rev. Margaret Burt, Derek Schippers, Elizabeth Appleby.

We remember those who have recently died, Brett Penberthy, and we remember those whose Years Mind anniversary falls this week, Derek Holt.

Please note that the names of those on the 'Immediate need' list will remain for one month only. If there is a need to move them to the 'Long-term need' list, please contact the parish office.

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Holy Trinity Anglican Church is on Bunurong Country, the sovereign land of the Yalukit Willam people of the Kulin Nation. We recognise and honour the Indigenous custodians of this land over generations and today, and pay respect to all Elders past and present. We commit ourselves to the path of reconciliation, truth-telling, justice and healing.

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*Please join in the parts of this service in **bold type**. All directions to stand, sit or kneel are invitations. Please always do as you are comfortable and able.*

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Words for hymns are in the red hymn books or sheets provided if they are not printed here.

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(please stand)

Opening Hymn: *TIS 398 Come down O Love divine*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

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

THE SENTENCE

God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1.9

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Let us pray.

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.

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

THE CONFESSION

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

Silence may be kept.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

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

Almighty God who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to God in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD *(please sit)*

The First Reading: Isaiah 49.1-7 read by Sue Phillips.

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.' And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

For the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 40.1-14

¹ I waited patiently for the Lord:

and he inclined to me and heard my cry.

- 2 He brought me up from the pit of roaring waters,
out of the mire and clay:
and set my feet upon a rock, and made firm my foothold.**
- 3 And he has put a new song in my mouth:
even a song of thanksgiving to our God.**
- 4 Many shall see it and fear:
and shall put their trust in the Lord.**
- 5 Blessed are those who have made the Lord their hope:
who have not turned to the proud,
or to those who wander in deceit.**
- 6 O Lord my God, great are the wonderful things
which you have done,
and your thoughts which are towards us:
there is none to be compared with you;**
- 7 Were I to declare them and speak of them:
they are more than I am able to express.**
- 8 Sacrifice and offering you do not desire:
but my ears you have marked for obedience;**
- 9 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required:
then said I, Lo, I come.**
- 10 In the scroll of the book it is written of me,
that I should do your will:
O my God, I long to do it, your law delights my heart.**
- 11 I have declared your righteousness
in the great congregation:
I have not restrained my lips, O Lord,
and that you know.**
- 12 I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart:
I have spoken of your faithfulness and of your salvation.**
- 13 I have not kept back your loving-kindness and your truth:
from the great congregation.**
- 14 O Lord, do not withhold your mercy from me:
let your loving-kindness and your truth
ever preserve me.**

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.1-9 read by Sue Phillips.
Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. For the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

(please stand)

The Gospel according to John 1.29-42

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The next day John saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he

said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).
For the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

(please sit)

THE SERMON

Rev. Elizabeth Murray, vicar

A time of silence is kept

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(please stand)*

We believe in one God, who made and loves all that is.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was born, lived, died and rose again, and is coming to call all to account. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who calls, equips and sends out God's people, and brings all things to their true end. This is our faith, the faith of the Church:

We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE PRAYERS *(please sit or kneel) Led by the Vicar.*

*The response is usually . . . in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.***

This 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 GREETING OF PEACE *(please stand)*

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

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

Offerings – A collection will be taken up at this time

Donations to support the life & work of Holy Trinity are most welcome. We rely on your generosity. Cash donations & cheques can be left in the plate. Cashless giving options: Direct EFT details: BSB: 033100; Account number: 490175; or go to www.htw.org.au and click on 'Donate now'.

Offertory Hymn: *TIS 418 She sits like a bird*

THE OFFERTORY

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God forever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 prayer continues

...forever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The prayer continues

... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The prayer continues

...in songs of never ending praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

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 forever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

As this bread was once many grains which have been gathered together and made one bread,
so may your church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come let us take this holy sacrament in remembrance that Christ died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All baptised Christians are welcome to receive communion.

If you require a gluten-free wafer, please let the priest know.

If you do not wish to receive communion and would like to receive a blessing, please also come forward and indicate to the priest your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms in front of you.

Prayers of Anointing & Healing are available at this time, when all have received communion. Please wait in the front pew near the candle stand to indicate this wish.

Communion is distributed with these or similar words

The body of Christ the bread of heaven keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

The blood of Christ the cup of salvation keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The priest leads the prayer, ending with

Loving God, **take us and use us to love and serve you and all people, in the power of your Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Notices may be given

(please stand)

Final Hymn: *TIS 411 Filled with the Spirit's power*

THE BLESSING

The peace of God which passed all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, Holy Eternal Majesty, Holy Incarnate Word, Holy Abiding Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

All are welcome to join us in the Parish Centre for refreshments and conversation after our worship. Especially in January, it's a great opportunity for "8 o'clockers" and "10 o'clockers" to get to know each other better.

PARISH NEWS

A FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY – CAN YOU HELP?

If we get a group of 15 people together to attend a morning tea & tour at The Village on Tuesday 21st February, Lendlease who manage The Village will donate \$500 to HTW. This initiative has come from the Textile and Design Group and we hope members and friends of Holy Trinity will be able to support this. A sign-up sheet will be available soon. A number of our parishioners are already residents in The Village, so it is important to get 15 other people to join us. Family and friends welcome.

GROUPS RESUMING FEBRUARY 2023

TEXTILE & DESIGN GROUP: This group will be meeting again in February 2023 with number of exciting projects.

WOMEN OF HOLY TRINITY (WOHT): From February to December we will meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Please contact Barb Hingston (0424 466 405 - text if you can't get through on the phone), or Delia Paul (0432 562 454), for more info. Much of our communication is through a WhatsApp group, so ask Barb or Delia about joining.

MEN'S CHURCH GROUP (MCG): After a few years hiatus, the MCG is back at Holy Trinity! From February to December we will meet on the 1st Friday of each month at 7.30pm, and quarterly for breakfast on a Saturday morning. To join this group and for more details, please contact Scott Phillips, our Authorised Lay Minister (0411 751 755, sphillips@kpcl.com.au). *Further details below.*

Morning Tea message from Wilma.

Three members of the 8.00am congregation have offered to do morning tea this Sunday, Jan. 15th and we hope 2 or 3 of this congregation will offer to do the 22nd. Christa and Ingrid are doing the 29th. It's a good opportunity in January for both congregations to share this social time so some offers for the 22nd would be helpful.

Rosters for Services in February and March.

Pamela is compiling the above rosters, so please let her know your availability as soon as possible.

Men's Church Group (MCG) – 2023 program

Now that the pandemic lockdowns are behind us, let us gather as a group of men in fellowship at Holy Trinity in 2023.

Our Purpose as a Men's Church Group (MCG):

- To form a network among men, and to encourage these connections by creating occasions that allow them to grow; and
- To open up some time for sharing concerns, strengths and hopes with each other and praying about them.

Program of activities

We will continue our regular activities: breakfast gatherings (every quarter for breakfast, conversation, and spiritual sharing) and pub gatherings (every month) to meet with each other and the community.

Men's Pub Gathering (Stag's Head Hotel, Corner Cecil and Ann Streets, Williamstown) starting 7.30 pm.	Men's Breakfast (My Coffee House 25 Ferguson St, Williamstown) starting 7.30 to 8.00am; finishing 9.30am
Friday 3 February	
Friday 3 March	Saturday 4 March
Friday 7 April	
Friday 5 May	
Friday 2 June	Saturday 10 June
Friday 7 July	
Friday 4 August	
Friday 1 September	Saturday 2 September
Friday 7 October	
Friday 3 November	
Friday 1 December	Saturday 8 December

We may also organize occasional outings for fellowship and quietude from time to time – e.g., a walk around Newport Lakes, or in Williamstown Botanical Gardens, or around Point Gellibrand, or at Williamstown Beach. Your suggestions about possibilities would be most welcome.

Please place these dates in your calendar. I look forward to sharing with you in these gatherings during 2023.

Scott Phillips

Authorised Lay Minister

Holy Trinity Williamstown

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

JANUARY

15 th	9am	Holy Communion
20 th	10am-1pm	Community Lunches Resume
22 nd	9am	Holy Communion – Aboriginal Sunday
26 th	<i>Australia Day Public Holiday (parish office closed for the day)</i>	
27 th	10am-1pm	Community Lunches
29 th	9am	Holy Communion

FEBRUARY

1 st	10am	Holy Communion
	7.30-9pm	Conversations at the Centre
2 nd	6.30pm	Parish Council meeting
3 rd	10am-1pm	Community Lunches
	7.30pm	Men's Church Group (MCG) Returns Stag's Head Hotel, Williamstown
5 th	8 & 10am	Holy Communion
8 th	10am	Holy Communion
9 th	7.30-9.30pm	Women of Holy Trinity (WOHT)
10 th	10am-1pm	Community Lunches
11 th	9.30am-2.30pm	Gardening Group
12 th	8 & 10am	Holy Communion
15 th	10am	Holy Communion
17 th	10am-1pm	Community Lunches
19 th	8 & 10am	Holy Communion
21 st	11am	Fundraiser Event at The Village
	6-7pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Night
22 nd	10am&7pm	Ash Wednesday Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
24 th	10am-1pm	Community Lunches
26 th	8 & 10am	Holy Communion

MARCH

1 st	10am	Holy Communion
	7.30-9pm	Lenten Studies
2 nd	6.30pm	Parish Council meeting
3 rd	10am-1pm	Community Lunches
	7.30pm	Men's Church Group (MCG)

PARISH ROSTER

THIS SUNDAY: 15th January – Second Sunday after Epiphany

Reader: Sue Phillips.

First Reading: *Isaiah 49.1-7.*

Psalm: *40.1-14*

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 1.1-9.*

Gospel: *John 1.29-42.*

Intercessor: *Prayers will be led by the Vicar.*

Liturgical Minister: TBA

Welcomers/Sidespersons: *Sue Searls.*

Morning Tea: Volunteer "8 o'clockers"

Flowers: *Sue Searls.*

NEXT SUNDAY: 22nd January – Aboriginal Sunday

Reader: Wilma Robarts.

First Reading: *Isaiah 9.1-4.*

Psalm: *27.1-10.*

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 1.10-18.*

Gospel: *Matthew 4.12-25*

Intercessor: *Laurence Gray.*

Liturgical Minister: *Kate Strasser.*

Welcomers/Sidespersons: *Chris Ringrose.*

Morning Tea: TBC *see note in Pew Sheet.

Flowers: *Pamela Mc Fadyen*

Safe Ministry is God-honouring, life-giving, harm free

We strongly condemn any form of abuse and are committed to safeguarding children and vulnerable people, speaking out against violence, and ensuring our spaces are safe for everyone. If you would like to raise any concerns, please contact the independent Professional Standards Body, Kooyoora.
1800 135 246 enquiries@kooyoora.org.au

THE PARISH AT A GLANCE

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OUR TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS

These people give their time and talents to supporting the life of the parish

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Elections for Synod reps to be held in 2023

HOLY TRINITY PASTORAL CARE

The Parish is divided into zones to cover the wide areas of pastoral care.

For those living in the Village & Nursing Homes: Rev. Elizabeth Murray

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Pt Cook/Altona Meadows: Rev. 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 the vicar.