



HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH WILLIAMSTOWN

1st January 2023
Feast of 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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PARISH PRAYER POINTS



For The Church:

- St. Silas and St. Anselm, Albert Park.
- Archdeaconry of Frankston.
- The Diocese of Bathurst
- La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

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

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, and we remember those whose Years Mind anniversary falls this week, Joan Batson.

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 268 Joy to the World*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

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

THE SENTENCE

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. *Isaiah 60.1*

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

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

Silence may be kept

Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

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

Eternal God, who by a star led Magi to the worship of your Son: guide the nations of the earth by your light, that the whole world may see your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 60.1-6, read by Liz White.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord. For the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14.

- ¹ Give the king your judgement, O God:
and your righteousness to the son of a king,
- ² **That he may judge your people rightly:
and the poor of the land with equity.**
- ³ Let the mountains be laden with peace
because of his righteousness:
and the hills also with prosperity for his people.
- ⁴ **May he give justice to the poor among the people:
and rescue the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor.**

- ⁵ May he live while the sun endures:
and while the moon gives light,
throughout all generations.
- ⁶ **May he come down like rain upon the new-mown fields:
and as showers that water the earth.**
- ⁷ In his time shall righteousness flourish:
and abundance of peace, till the moon shall be no more.
- ¹⁰ **The kings of Tarshish and of the isles
shall bring tribute:
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.**
- ¹¹ All kings shall fall down before him:
and all nations do him service.
- ¹² **He will deliver the needy when they cry:
and the poor that have no helper.**
- ¹³ He will pity the helpless and the needy:
and save the lives of the poor.
- ¹⁴ **He will redeem them from oppression and violence: and
their blood shall be precious in his sight.**

The Second Reading: Ephesians 3.1-12, read by Liz White.

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to

make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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

(please stand)

The Gospel according to St. Matthew 2.1-12.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." ' Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a

dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

THE NICENE CREED *(please stand)*

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 *(please sit or kneel) Led by Wilma Robarts.*

*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 314 As with gladness*

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

God of the nations, we thank you for nourishing us with this holy sacrament. Guide us by your presence, that we may bring your light to those who dwell in darkness, and establish your justice in the earth.

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 454 Worship the Lord*

THE BLESSING

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you, that your lives may be a light to the world; 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.

The Journey of The Magi – T.S. Elliot

A cold coming we had of it,
Just the worst time of the year
For a journey, and such a long journey:
The ways deep and the weather sharp,
The very dead of winter.'
And the camels galled, sorefooted, refractory,
Lying down in the melting snow.
There were times we regretted
The summer palaces on slopes, the terraces,
And the silken girls bringing sherbet.
Then the camel men cursing and grumbling
and running away, and wanting their liquor and women,
And the night-fires going out, and the lack of shelters,
And the cities hostile and the towns unfriendly
And the villages dirty and charging high prices:
A hard time we had of it.
At the end we preferred to travel all night,
Sleeping in snatches,
With the voices singing in our ears, saying
That this was all folly.

Then at dawn we came down to a temperate valley,
Wet, below the snow line, smelling of vegetation;
With a running stream and a water-mill beating the darkness,
And three trees on the low sky,
And an old white horse galloped away in the meadow.
Then we came to a tavern with vine-leaves over the lintel,
Six hands at an open door dicing for pieces of silver,
And feet kicking the empty wine-skins.
But there was no information, and so we continued
And arriving at evening, not a moment too soon
Finding the place; it was (you might say) satisfactory.

All this was a long time ago, I remember,
And I would do it again, but set down
This set down
This: were we led all that way for
Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly
We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and death,
But had thought they were different; this Birth was
Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death.
We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,
But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,
With an alien people clutching their gods.
I should be glad of another death.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

JANUARY

1 st	9am	Holy Communion - Epiphany
8 th	9am	Holy Communion – Baptism of our Lord
14 th	9.30am-2.30pm	Gardening Group
15 th	9am	Holy Communion
20 th	10am-1pm	Community Lunches
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
5 th	8 & 10am	Holy Communion

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).

PARISH ROSTER

SUNDAY 1st January 2023 - Feast of Epiphany

Reader: Liz White

First Reading: *Isaiah 60.1-6.*

Psalm: *72.1-7,10-14.*

Second Reading: *Ephesians 3.1-12*

Gospel: *Matthew 2.1-12.*

Intercessor: Wilma Robarts

Liturgical Minister: Volunteer needed

Welcomers/Sidespersons: Jill Ringrose

Flowers: Laurie English

NEXT SUNDAY 8th January – Baptism of Our Lord

Reader: Warren Madsen

First Reading: *Isaiah 42.1-9*

Psalm: 29.

Second Reading: *Acts 10.34-43.*

Gospel: *Matthew 3.13-17.*

Intercessor: Ingrid Dodd

Liturgical Minister: Ingrid Dodd

Welcomers/Sidespersons: Jeannine Madsen

Flowers: Wilma Robarts

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

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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**

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

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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.