



HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH WILLIAMSTOWN

22nd January 2023
Aboriginal Sunday
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'.

www.htw.org.au

Today we are joining with Common Grace and churches all across these lands now called Australia for Aboriginal Sunday, the Sunday before January 26th. We are taking up the call of Aboriginal Christian Leader William Cooper, for churches of all denominations to mark this day as Aboriginal Sunday, a day for Christians to act in solidarity with Aboriginal peoples and the injustices being experienced. The Common Grace movement encourages individual congregations to hold an Aboriginal Sunday service and each year provides a free Church Resource Toolkit developed by Aboriginal Christian Leaders to equip churches and faith communities to do so. These resources have been adapted into our worship for today.



PARISH PRAYER POINTS



For The Church:

- The Church of Northern India
- The Diocese of Wangaratta
- Archdeaconry of La Trobe
- Christ Church Brunswick

In our Community: In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Val & Russell Dripps, Champi & Vanessa Elwela, Laurie English, Christa Fatouros, Nik Frkovic, Clive Gartner.

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.

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)

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Opening Song: *We are gathering together*

**We are gathering together unto him
We are gathering together unto him
Unto him shall the gathering of people be
We are gathering together unto him**

**We are singing together unto him
We are singing together unto him
Unto him shall the singing of people be
We are singing together unto him**

**We are praying together unto him
We are praying together unto him
Unto him shall the praying of people be
We are praying together unto him**

**We are gathering together unto him
We are gathering together unto him
Unto him shall the gathering of people be
We are gathering together unto him**

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Words from Aunty Jean Phillips

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD *(please sit)*

Read by Wilma Roberts.

Deuteronomy 32:7

Remember the days of old; consider the years of many generations; ask your father, and he will show you, your elders, and they will tell you.

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

Jeremiah 22:15

“Does it make you a king to have more and more cedar? Did not your father have food and drink?

He did what was right and just, so all went well with him. He defended the cause of the poor and needy, and so all went well. Is that not what it means to know me?” declares the LORD.

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

(please sit)

CREATIVE ACTIVITY *Aboriginal Voices from the Past*

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 Laurence Gray.

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 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 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 Song: *What A Friend We Have in Jesus*

**What a friend we have in Jesus,
All ours 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!**

**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.**

**Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour still our refuge;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Do thy friends despise forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.**

Written by Joseph Medlicott Scriven, 1855
www.reawakenhymns.com

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 Song: *TIS 253 Marrkapmirr*

**O Lord Jesus Marrkapmirr*,
all the power belongs to you.
Hold me by this power, O Lord,
you alone are king.**

**Now we praise you for your Word,
living, true and full of light.
Yours the hands that rest on me:
hold me for all time.**

Aboriginal people of Arnhem Land versified by D'Arcy Wood 1936–
**Marrkapmirr' is a term of endearment, and means in this context 'altogether lovely, and worthy of affection'.

BENEDICTION, 'LOVE, TRUTH & ACTION'

Written by Bianca Manning, Gomerioi woman

With the love of God in our hearts,
May we go and be brave.
With the Spirit of life weaving us together,
May we seek to make change.
With the dawning of the sun,
May hope and healing rise.
With the still water stream,
May our eyes be opened wide.
As we go forth, carrying the ministry of Reconciliation,
May we be compelled to love, in truth and with action
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

ROSTERS FOR SERVICES IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH.

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

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 is available. 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.*

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

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
	2.30pm	Funeral in Church
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

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: Volunteers please.

Flowers: *Pamela Mc Fadyen*

NEXT SUNDAY 29th January – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Reader: *Valerie Dripps.*

First Reading *Micah 6.1-8.*

Psalm: *15.*

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 1.18-31.*

Gospel: *Matthew 5.1-12.*

Intercessor: *Vicar.*

Liturgical Minister: *Valerie Dripps.*

Welcomers/Sidespersons: *Russell Dripps.*

Morning Tea: *Ingrid & Christa.*

Flowers: *Laurie English.*

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

Vicar: Rev Elizabeth Murray

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Day off Monday

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OUR TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS

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

Wardens:

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Tom Verghese..... 0419 999 292

Jill Ringrose

Authorised Honorary Lay Minister:

Scott Phillips 0411 751 755

Treasurer:

Laurence Gray 0431 322 490

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Ian Stewart 0438 070 439

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Janice Schmidt..... 0409 180 144

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Pamela Mc Fadyen

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Kate Strasser0417 396 265

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Wilma Robarts 0409 862 292

Textile & Design Group:

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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

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.