



HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH WILLIAMSTOWN

25th February 2024
Second Sunday in Lent
8am & 10am Holy Communion



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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. Recordings of our Worship services are available on the parish You Tube channel from Sunday each week, links are on our website under 'Services'.

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REFLECTION

Covenant: dictionary defined as, “a formal agreement or promise between two or more people.” So, what does it mean for us that a covenant was made between God and Abraham? God always wants to be connected with humanity. The relationship with Abraham and Sarah is just one part of that, but an important one that resonated down the generations to the time of Jesus and beyond. We only get a snippet of the relationship in our Gospel reading set for this week, but there is much that can be learnt from a deeper dive into God, Abraham and Sarah. Rev. Elizabeth



PARISH PRAYER POINTS



For The Church:

- The Anglican Church of Tanzania
- Church Missionary Society
- Theological Colleges, Church Schools & Church Kindergartens
- St Mark's Anglican Church Emerald

In our Community: In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Janice Schmidt, Malini Sighn, Mark & Ann Skurrie, Darren Steele, Ian Stewart, Kate Strasser, Margaret Swane, Marjorie Todd.

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

Immediate need: Elliot, Leanne Linehan, Wilma, Robert A, Ingrid, Robyn Forbes.

Long-term need: Ann Carey, Barb & Brett Hingston, Christa, Heather Jobling, Rev. Mike Jobling, Robert Mander, Laurie McLay, David McCulloch, Marjorie Todd, John, Pamela, Brent, Rev. Margaret Burt, Derek Schippers, Helen.

We remember those who have recently died, and we remember those whose Years Mind anniversary of death falls at this time Barbara Taylor, Joan Bates.

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 respect, 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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At 10am worship, words for hymns are in the red hymn books or sheets provided if they are not printed here.

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Please stand

*At 10am **Opening Hymn:** TIS 547 Be Thou My Vision*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

THE SENTENCE

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow him. *Mark 8.34*

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

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off. *Silence may be kept.*
Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Merciful God, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have broken your holy laws and have left undone what we ought to have done. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of your Son who died for us, forgive us, cleanse us and change us. By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you; 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 TRISAGION

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

THE COLLECT PRAYERS

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God of all times and places, in Jesus Christ, who was lifted up on the cross, you opened for us the path to eternal life: grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit, may joyfully serve you in newness of life and faithfully walk in your holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please sit

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The First Reading: The Book of Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16. Read by Valerie Dripps at 8am and Darren Steele at 10am.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

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

Psalm 22.24-32. Said together.

- ²⁴ O praise the Lord, all you that fear him:
hold him in honour, O seed of Jacob,
and let the seed of Israel stand in awe of him.**
- ²⁵ For he has not despised nor abhorred
the poor man in his misery:**

- nor did he hide his face from him,
but heard him when he cried.
- ²⁶ From you springs my praise in the great congregation:
I will pay my vows in the sight of all that fear you;
- ²⁷ The meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied:
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him—
may their hearts rejoice for ever!
- ²⁸ Let all the ends of the earth remember
and turn to the Lord:
and let all the families of the nations worship before him.
- ²⁹ For the kingdom is the Lord's:
and he shall be ruler over the nations.
- ³⁰ How can those who sleep in the earth do him homage:
or those that descend to the dust bow down before him?
- ³¹ But he has saved my life for himself:
and my posterity shall serve him.
- ³² This shall be told of my Lord to a future generation:
and his righteousness declared to a people yet unborn,
that he has done it.

*The Second Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, 4.13-25.
Read by Valerie Dripps at 8am and Darren Steele at 10am.*

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered

his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.
For the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

*At 10am **Gradual Hymn:** TIS 454 Worship the Lord*

THE GOSPEL

The Gospel according to St. Mark 8.31-38

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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

Please stand

THE NICENE CREED

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.**

Please sit or kneel

THE PRAYERS *Lead by Ann Hodges at 8am, and by the vicar at 10am.*

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

Then concluding 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.

We pray together a prayer for growth

**God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church:
send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning,
wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness.**

Help our church to grow:

**in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you,
and in service to our local community,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please stand

THE GREETING OF PEACE

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 is taken up at this time

Donations to support the life & work of Holy Trinity are most welcome. We rely on your generosity to enable us to serve our community. 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' for credit card payments.*

*At 10am **Offertory Hymn:** TIS 684 Love will be our Lenten calling*

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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

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 come forward and indicate to the priest your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms in front of you. You are also welcome to remain in your pew. Ask someone to let the priest know if you need communion brought to you.

Everyone is welcome to light a candle while communion is being shared. There are two stations available, one to the left of the sanctuary, and another at the memorial chapel at the back of the church.

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

God of mercy, may we who have shared in this holy meal know your forgiveness in our lives, bring your reconciliation to others, and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world.

Saving 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

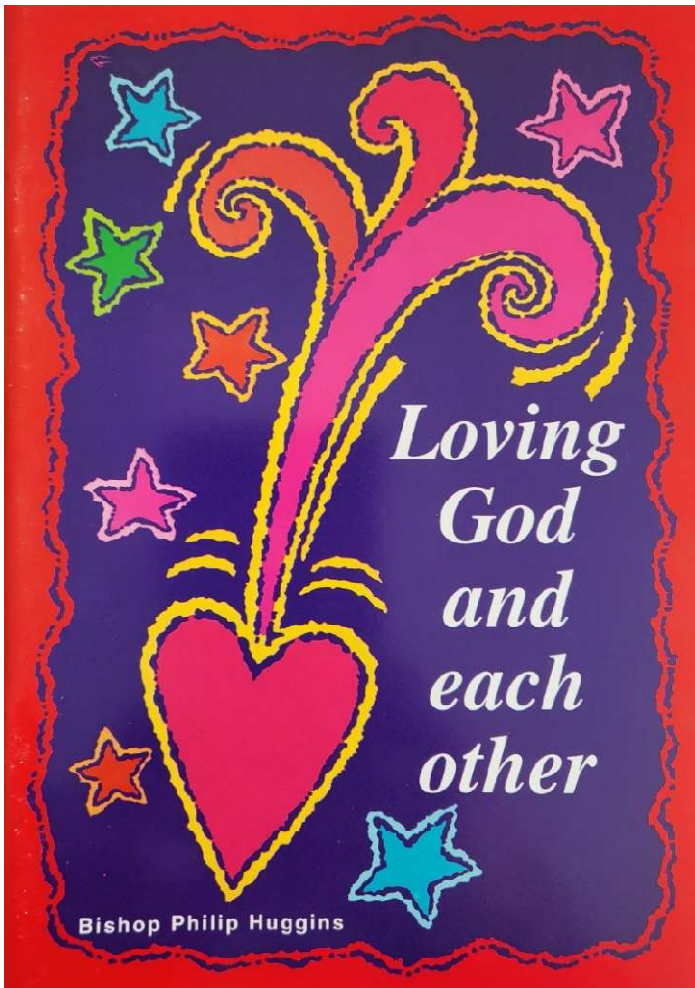
*At 10am **Final Hymn:** TIS 154 Great is Your Faithfulness*

THE BLESSING

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself, that you may find in him crucified a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sin forgiven: 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.

*You're invited to join us for refreshments after our worship.
After 8am, at Cocoa Latte in Ferguson Street around the corner.
After 10am, in the Parish Centre behind the church.*



*Please take your copy
and a copy for a friend*

LENTEN STUDIES 2024

Our study for this year will be
"Loving God and each other"
using a resource developed by
Bishop Philip Huggins.
Continuing Wednesdays until
20th March, 7.30-9pm in the
Parish Centre. You are
welcome to all or any of these
sessions.

Think about who you could
invite to join you!

Everyone is welcome to attend any or all of these sessions as you are able, or read along at home.

Completed - Week 1: Friendship

Week 2: Deeper Communion – through awareness

Week 3: Deeper Communion – through illumination

Week 4: A Rule of Life

Week 5: Seeking Unity with God: What might we see?

HTW GROUPS

A great way to connect with people who share your interests.

MEN'S CHURCH GROUP (MCG)

MCG usually meets in the evening on the First Friday of the month at The Stag's Head from 7.30pm. The next Gathering is **Friday 1st March**. For more information and to join the WhatsApp group, contact Scott Phillips, Authorised Lay Minister, sphillips@kpcl.com.au 0411 751 755.

GARDENING GROUP

Keen gardeners meet on the Second Saturday of each month between 9.30am-2.30pm. Jobs for various levels of ability, BYO gloves, refreshments provided. Our next gathering will be **Saturday 9th March** (a great way to spend part of the long-weekend). You are always welcome to potter in the church gardens between meetings. And a reminder that the herb garden has produce you might like to pick. Please use scissors (available in the kitchen or byo). If anyone would like to be involved in the Garden Group please talk to any of us, there's always room for more helpers.

WOMEN OF HOLY TRINITY (WOHT)

WOHT meets on the Second Thursday of the month 7.30-9.30pm, next gathering **Thursday 14th March**. 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.

ADA CAMBRIDGE BOOK GROUP

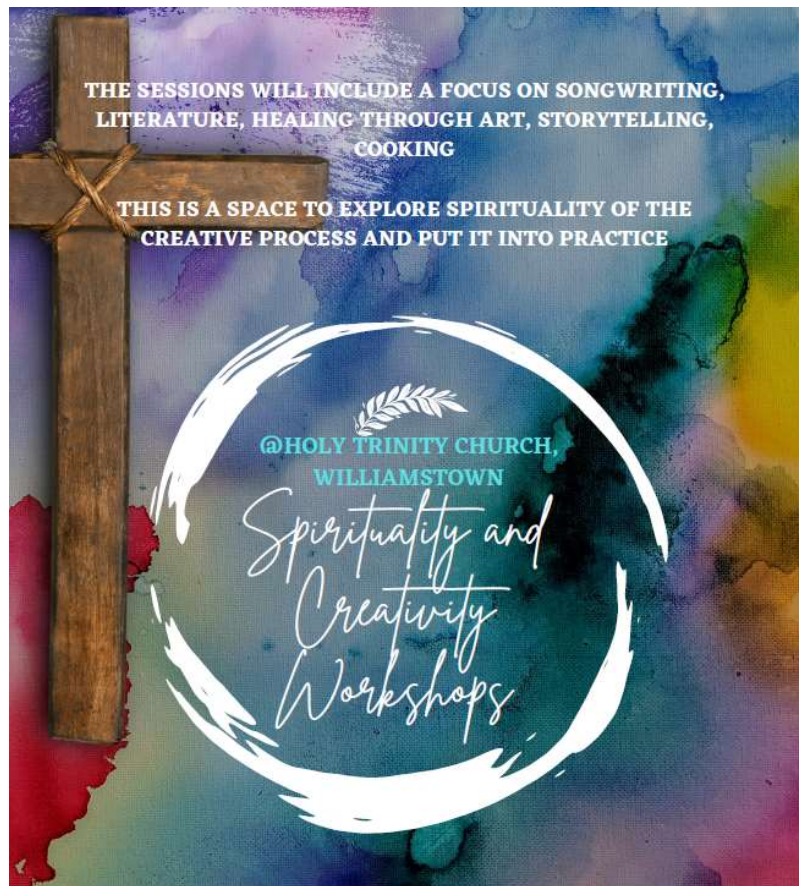
The book group will meet in the Parish Centre **Wednesday 20th March**, 12-2pm to discuss “Exiles”. Members are reminded to collect their books from the usual place.

TEXTILE & DESIGN GROUP

This group of keen and creative makers usually meets on the Fourth Saturday of the month, 2pm in the Parish Centre, next gathering on **Saturday 23rd March** in the Parish Centre. Anyone interested in all things design and textile that add to our worship space is welcome to come along. Contact: Janice 0409 180 144.

SPIRITUALITY & CREATIVITY WORKSHOPS

This monthly Creativity Workshop is a space where the spirituality of the creative process is discussed, explored and put into practise. They include a focus on songwriting, literature, healing through art, storytelling and cooking. We resume in March on **Sunday 31st March** with the theme “Songs of the Sea”, then meeting on the last Sunday of the month 2.30-4.30pm in the Parish Centre. We ask for cash donations of \$10/\$7 concession, to help cover the costs of materials



PARISH NEWS

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – FRIDAY 1st MARCH 2pm

The worship for this year has been prepared by women of Palestine, and everyone is welcome to attend the service at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Williamstown in Cecil Street for reflective prayer and fellowship.

LECTURE SCREENING – SATURDAY 2nd MARCH 3pm

In February, Rev. Jo Hall attended a world first, a conference led by The School of Indigenous Studies at the University of Divinity. "Raising our Tribal Voice for Justice: An Indigenous Theological Revolution" was the first-ever national ecumenical platform where Indigenous theologians from Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific raised up their voices and challenged Churches across denominations to call their followers to action in addressing the injustice, inequality, and systemic failings of Churches history to protect, nourish, and benefit from Indigenous peoples and their knowledges. There were many terrific speakers across the four days.

We invite you to join us at 3-4.15pm Saturday 2nd March in the Parish Centre for a screening of just one of these presentations, Rev Canon Dr Garry Deverell's "Christ as Country: Changing the Frame for Christology in Gondwana" followed by discussion.

As a bit of a taster, here is a link to an ABC Radio National program on Soul Search about the conference as a whole:

<https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/soul-search/an-indigenous-theological-revolution/103402356>

PALM CROSS MAKING

At 4pm Saturday 23rd March, you're invited to join Rev. Elizabeth in the Parish Centre to make our palm crosses for the year. And if you have a source of Palm Branches, do let her know in the next few weeks.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING LUNCH - FUNDRAISER

On Sunday 10th March the church celebrates Mothering Sunday – Mother Church and all mothers – with a break in the Lenten Fast. Combining this happy occasion with a celebration of Mother Earth, you are invited to join us for

A Harvest Thanksgiving Lunch at 12 noon in the parish Centre.

This will be a buffet lunch of two courses (BYO is permitted) tickets \$35 per person. Places are limited (tables for 6).

Please apply before 3rd March either online

<https://www.trybooking.com/COUEQ>, or signing the sheet in church. Please tell us whether vegetarian and/or gluten free is required.



... AND ANOTHER THING

We hope to again have the Harvest Baskets filled with harvest 'goodies' (e.g. veg, fruit (fresh or 'tinned'), preserves, mini fruit cakes, etc.) These will then be sold after the Harvest Lunch. We would be most grateful if you could help with this. Some baskets for filling will be available either at over the next few weeks or at the Lenten Studies this week. If you have your own to fill and

donate, that would be great. The filled baskets should be brought to church either on Saturday 9th or Sunday 10th of March.



BIRTHDAYS

22nd Scott Phillips

27th Allan Courtney

150TH CELEBRATIONS

AKA our SESQUICENTENARY (say it with me!)

Our beautiful church has been a prayerful worship space for 150 years and that's worth celebrating! There will be various events and activities during the year, with the main event being a Celebration Eucharist followed by lunch) on Sunday 6th October, with the Archbishop as our guest. We now have an Organising Committee for this event (and some other matters surrounding it), chaired by Parish Council member Ingrid Dodd, so please be prayerfully open to how you might be able to help with this community engagement opportunity.

Here's are some other projects inspired by this milestone.

LIFT YOUR BANNER HIGH

The Textile & Design group is already well into their project to mark this milestone in the life of the parish with an original banner.

VOICES OF HOLY TRINITY

The 150th of our building also marks 170 years for the parish itself. As part of celebrating this history and looking to the future, we want to put together a podcast-style collection of our stories. Over the coming months, Rev. Elizabeth will be inviting everyone to share their HTW memories, reflecting on questions like:

What brought you to Holy Trinity and what keeps you here?

What are your strongest memories of life at Holy Trinity?

What is your favourite aspect of the church building?

... And various other questions that come to mind. If you have something that you have always wanted to share or know, let Rev. Elizabeth know.

If you're not comfortable with being recorded, we will gratefully receive written recollections of up to 1000 words that can then be read by someone else. Thank you to those who have already done so.

HISTORY IN PICTURES

We hope to compile 6-8 panels that chart aspects of the parish's 170 year history and the church building's 150 year history, from acknowledging the First Peoples who called this land home, to the days of the "Iron Pot" that inspired the construction of the current building, through to our ongoing care and use of this place of worship. If this sounds like your kind of project, speak to Rev. Elizabeth.

AN INTERFAITH CONVERSATION

Plans are underway to have a conversation and lunch on Thursday 30th May at Holy Trinity that includes other faith communities. As we celebrate 150 years of our church building, we also celebrate 20 years of the Interfaith Network in Hobson's Bay, and the part HTW played in forming this space where people across many faiths come together and respectfully share. Stay tuned for details.

Summary of the Holy Trinity Williamstown Parish Council held 6.30pm Tuesday 1st February 2024 – Parish Centre

Apologies: None

Present: Rev Elizabeth Murray (in the chair), Liz White, Ingrid Dodd, Pamela MacFadyen, James Mullholland, Jill Ringrose (Warden), Laurence Grey (Treasurer), Anna Grove (Child Safety Officer), Scott Phillips (Warden)

Opening Prayer: Rev Elizabeth opened the meeting with prayer

Standing items:

1. Compliance Calendar:

Matters for February:

ATO BAS – ready to be forwarded

Key Register audit – Kate Strasser has indicated a willingness to help

First Aid – Pamela will undertake an audit of the First Aid kits

Volunteer Register – Rev Elizabeth & Anna to keep updated

Child Safety – Anna continuing to monitor

2. Vicar's Report: Elizabeth was pleased with the way the celebration of Christmas had gone. The number of weddings and baptisms were increasing.

3. Wardens' Report:

(i) The lamp post in the car park: this had possibly been knocked by a lorry delivering (with permission) building equipment for next door, but we can't be sure. The bracing round the lens had been temporarily repaired but was very delicate. It is doubtful whether the whole lamp post can be repaired and if not, permission from HBCC would be needed for its removal.

(ii) Loose tile on north roof of the church: Spire Built Heritage Access & Conservation, recommended by James Charlwood of Cathedral Stonemasons, had done this but did not appear a suitable firm for ongoing works and the Parish Council was recommended to reject their quote to conduct an inspection of the entire church exterior. This was agreed. Scott would contact James Charlwood for further help. Work to repaint parts of the interior of the church was a separate matter and the Trickey Brothers who had done good work before would be contacted when required.

(iii) The wardens had met with Elizabeth to start plans for the coming year and this had gone well. A calendar for each month with details so far arranged was handed to each member.

4. Finance Report:

Laurence had circulated current statements. He reported that the December figures were incomplete, as our bookkeeper Ian had been ill and in hospital and therefore unable to do the banking of cash as usual. It was

now pressing that a new bookkeeper be found while Ian could help with training and succession. The congregation would be asked if anyone with the relevant qualification would be willing to take on this role. It was possible that HTW could use the diocesan Bookkeeping Service which would cost no more than the current honorarium but this would still need someone within the parish to do the banking.

A grant from HBCC from 2019 for the Community lunches had not been spent due to Covid and Laurence would seek to arrange to return the money and get acquittal so that HBCC could be applied to for further grants for forthcoming projects.

5. Safe Ministries: Child Safety & Prevention of Family Violence

The Volunteer Register was now included in the annual return to the diocese. The Diocese had been audited by the Commission for Child Safety so this was an essential part of HTW's mission.

Elizabeth, Anna and Scott would go through the Risk Tool provided by Diocesan Safe Ministries and report back so that it could inform planning.

6. Pastoral Care:

The needs of various parishioners were discussed and prayer for them and possible visits arranged.

Our offering of Pastoral Care needs review. Capacity for providing pastoral care and the need to focus on relationships to be discussed at the March PC meeting. Scott recommended a useful book:

Can The Pastor Do It Alone? - Model for Preparing Lay People for Lay Pastoring by Melvin Steinbron

7 LYCIG – Proclamation and Outreach Calendar

Elizabeth reminded members that this was a living document to be augmented and altered as required. It was gone through briefly.

General Business:

8. Advance Planning 150th Celebrations 6th October

Catering Options – Ingrid suggested a menu. It was proposed a sit-down meal, with a top table for 6 – 8, and 2 long tables of 24 each. She and her sister, Christa Fatouros, would be happy to cater, and with help from parishioners providing salads, and help with serving – possible up to 4 young relatives of the congregation (for an honorarium & lunch) – no further help in the kitchen would be needed.

Organising Committee – Ingrid agreed to chair this. Liz volunteered to help. Further members (3-4) be asked from the congregation. The committee to be responsible for invitations, resources and promotion, with Elizabeth's input and final approval. Pamela was arranging the photo/historical display with help of two others. Elizabeth wanted to collect

verbal reminiscences from present and former members of the congregation.

9. Tap 'n Go Donation System

The quote from Quest was discussed, sourced by Darren Steele. This would include a counter-top stand and necessary link to HTW's bank account, a monthly charge of \$16.50 and a fee of 15c per transaction and 1% of amount. There would be four options for the amount to be given. The initial cost would be ~\$1,200 for the equipment and set up. It was felt that this would bring in a significant amount as fewer people were carrying cash now and donations from wedding and baptism guests as well as casual visitors would therefore increase. Elizabeth noted that the weekly amount in the cash box in the church varied from \$5 to \$30. The Parish Council voted to approve the quote and have the system installed.

Other Business

Postcards of Windows – Pamela had been asked by a Canadian visitor whether there were any postcards of the church windows available. She felt this would be a good money-raiser for the church. It was agreed, although folding cards with envelopes would be the best option as these had multiple uses. Pamela agreed to draw up a proposal for which windows to be used, the number of cards in a packet, price the various options and bring this to the Parish Council

The matter of responsibility for housekeeping matters was raised, i.e. the go-to person for any matters not specifically related to worship – James

The urgent need to begin mission within the parish and how to start: James felt the priority was to start now, to teach the congregation how to invite people to come to church. We offer a community and a sense of belonging, faith is a private matter to each individual. Learning by doing was the best way. It was suggested this be the focus of a sermon

Laurence underlined the importance of welcoming newcomers, especially as PC members. Elizabeth reported what an acquaintance had said about their friend finding a warm welcome at HTW, so we need to build on that. James and Elizabeth would meet and draw up a Mission Plan.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded with prayer and the grace at 8.45pm.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be at 6.30pm Thursday 7th March in the Parish Centre

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST



Saturday 16th March, 7-9.15pm: Artificial intelligence is rapidly becoming an era-defining technology, and changing the world with it.

AI x Christianity aims to respond to questions about AI, diving headfirst into the heart of the AI and ethics discussion.

Across two hours, three speakers and a discussion panel, this ambitious event will cover the biggest questions being asked about AI today and address them from a Christian perspective. So, join us for this exclusively in-person event as we discuss:

- The future of AI and its disruptive potential
- The good and bad of AI, and what it means for humans
- How the Bible can shape our view of an AI world
- How to approach AI with godly wisdom

Register now for an early-bird discount! Offer ends 2 March.

Pricing: General: \$30 (Early-bird discount: \$25)

Student/Concession: \$15 (Early-bird discount: \$10)

To Register and for more information about speakers, go to <https://iscast.org/events/ai-x-christianity-gospel-wisdom-for-an-ai-world/>

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2024

We know that life can be busy, but it is our hope that by giving you these dates in advance you can plan to be involved in these important events in our Parish life.

Sunday 13th April 2-3.30pm Concert in the Church (more details soon)

Friday 26th April & Saturday 27th April 2-5pm, Tours of the Vicarage for Heritage Festival. Booking details coming soon.

Sunday 28th April 10am Confirmation service, Bishop Brad visiting.

Sunday 19th May Pentecost – 9am Parish Breakfast between services

Sunday 26th May Trinity Sunday – Parish Feast of Naming
10am worship followed by Parish BBQ

Thursday 30th May Interfaith Conversation over lunch

SEPTEMBER – Month of Creationtide (details on the way)

Sunday 6th October 10am Parish Celebration of Church Building's 150th. SAVE THE DATE, and tell your friends.

Sunday 13th October 2.30pm Blessing of the Pets

Thursday 31st October 7pm All Souls Commemoration

Sunday 10th November 7pm Lighting of the Lamp Remembrance
Sunday service

Sunday 24th November 11.30am Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday 8th December 6.30pm Carols Service

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FEBRUARY

23 rd	10am-1pm	Community Lunches
24 th	2pm	Textile & Design Group
25 th	8am & 10am	Holy Communion
28 th	10am	Holy Communion
	7.30-9pm	Lenten Studies

MARCH

1 st	10am-1pm	Community Lunches
	2pm	World Day of Prayer at St. Mary's, Cecil St
2 nd	3-4pm	Screening of a Lecture
3 rd	8am & 10am	Holy Communion
	11am	Interment of Ashes – Ron Bates
6 th	10am	Holy Communion
	7.30-9pm	Lenten Studies
7 th	6.30pm	Parish Council meeting
8 th	10am-1pm	Community Lunches
9 th	9.30am-2.30pm	Gardening Group
10 th	8am & 10am	Holy Communion
11 th		<i>Public Holiday</i>
12 th		<i>Vicar's moved day off this week</i>
13 th	10am	Holy Communion
	7.30-9pm	Lenten Studies
14 th	7.30-9.30pm	WOHT
15 th	10am-1pm	Community Lunches
	12noon	Holy Communion @ The Village
17 th	8am & 10am	Holy Communion
19 th	6pm	Wedding Rehearsal in Church
20 th	10am	Holy Communion
	12-2pm	Ada Cambridge Book Group
	7.30-9pm	Lenten Studies
22 nd	10am-1pm	Community Lunches
	2pm	Wedding – Jacqueline & Rowan
23 rd	2pm	Textile & Design Group
	4pm	Palm Cross making

Your Holy Week & Easter Invitation

24th March 10am Palm Sunday

start at Electra Street Uniting Church,
then process to Holy Trinity

28th March 7pm Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion with Foot-washing

29th March 10am Good Friday

Solemn Worship

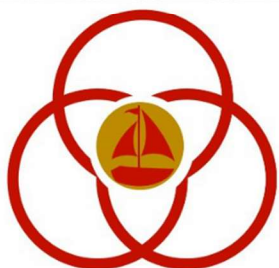
31st March 6am Easter Dawn

Dawn Vigil with New Fire

31st March 10am Easter Day

Celebration with Holy Communion

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255 Nelson Place

PARISH ROSTER

SUNDAY: 25th February Second Sunay in Lent

Welcomers/Sidespersons: Russell D at 8am. Volunteers needed at 10am.

Readers: Valerie D at 8am. Darren S at 10am.

First Reading: Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16.

Psalm: 22.24-32.

Second Reading: Romans 4.13-25.

Gospel: Mark 8.31-38

Intercessors: Ann H at 8am, volunteer sought for 10am

Eucharistic Assistant at 8am: Valerie D

Liturgical Minister at 10am: Ingrid D

Music at 10am: Delia P

Morning Tea after 10am: Pamela McF and a helper

Flowers: *no flowers during Lent*

NEXT SUNDAY: 3rd March Third Sunay in Lent

Welcomers/Sidespersons: Sue S at 8am. Volunteers needed at 10am.

Readers: Volunteer needed at 8am. Sue P at 10am.

First Reading: Exodus 20.1-17

Psalm: Psalm 19

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.18-25

Gospel: John 2.13-22

Intercessors: volunteer sought for at 8am, Laurence G at 10am

Eucharistic Assistant at 8am: Kate S

Liturgical Minister at 10am: Ingrid D

Music at 10am: Trio + singers

Morning Tea after 10am: *PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP, this is the way we get to know each other better*

Flowers: *no flowers during Lent*

Don't forget to put your name down on the Monthly or Template Roster at the back of the church. If you need to make a swap to your roster, please do so and also advise Rev. Elizabeth vicar@htw.org.au 0419 106 457.
Thank you.

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, phone 1800 135 246

enquiries@kooyoora.org.au

If anyone is in immediate danger, call 000.

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Ian Stewart 0438 070 439

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Janice Schmidt..... 0409 180 144

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Rev. Elizabeth.....0419 106 457

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Wilma Robarts 0409 862 292

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