

**HOLY TRINITY WILLIAMSTOWN  
ANGLICAN CHURCH**

*Growing with God*

**15<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent & Mothering Sunday with  
Harvest Festival  
8am & 10am 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, ability, 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 usually available on the parish You Tube channel from Sunday each week, links are on our website under 'Services'.*

[www.htw.org.au](http://www.htw.org.au)

## REFLECTION

The Fourth Sunday in Lent is traditionally a time for levity amidst the solemnity of Lent, "Laetare Sunday" (Rejoice Sunday). As we are seeing in our Lenten Study series "Joy" we can "Rejoice!" in all that God has done for us through Jesus Christ, even and perhaps especially through times of difficulty. So for this Mothering & Harvest Festival Sunday, let us rejoice in God's caring and bounty. Rev. Elizabeth



## PARISH PRAYER POINTS



### For The Church:

- St Barnabas' Glen Waverley
- Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander people of Australia
- The Anglican Church of Kenya;

### In our Community:

As part of our regular parish cycle of prayer we Rev. Elizabeth Murray, Rev. Richard Murray, Adrian Pagan, Delia Paul & Laurence Gray, Sue & Scott Phillips, Jill & Chris Ringrose.

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

*Immediate need:* the family and friends of Joyce Pepin, Russell Dripps, Brian Moore, Judith Gibson, Jevan & Elizabeth Smith, Rev. Alan Smith & Kate, Rev. Monica & family, Wilma.

*Long-term need:* Shirley & Fred Hunt, Barb & Brett Hingston, Robert Mander, John, Pamela, Brent. Rev. Mike & Heather Jobling, Margaret Swane, Joan Crook.

We remember those who have recently died, Joyce Pepin, and we remember those whose Years Mind anniversary of death falls at this time.

*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.*



*Holy Trinity Anglican Church is on Bunurong Country, the sovereign land, water and sky of the 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.*



*Please join in saying 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.*

*Words for hymns/songs are in the red hymn books or sheets provided if they are not printed in this booklet.*



*Please stand*

*At 10am **Opening Hymn:** TIS 100 All creatures of our God  
verses 1, 2, 3, 4, 7.*

## **1. GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

*Entering into this sacred space and time*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **2. THE SENTENCE**

*A sentence from the Bible that fits the theme of our readings for today*

*'I am the light of the world,' says the Lord; 'those who follow me will have the light of life.' John 8.12*

## **3. THE PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

Let us pray together

**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.

#### **4. THE KYRIE ELEISON**

*A prayer for mercy*

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

#### **5. THE CONFESSION**

*Saying sorry to God for our shortcomings, as individuals and as a community,  
and asking for forgiveness*

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, 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.**

#### **6. THE ABSOLUTION**

*The assurance of God's forgiveness*

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.**

## 7. THE TRISAGION

*A prayer invoking God as thrice (three times) Holy*

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

## 8. THE COLLECT PRAYERS

*Prayers that fit with the theme of our Bible readings for today and the church season*

*For the day*

Gracious God,  
in order that we children of earth  
might discern good from evil  
you sent your Son to be the light of the world:  
as the light of Christ shines upon us,  
may we learn what pleases you,  
and live in truth and goodness;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*For Mothering Sunday*

God of compassion,  
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,  
shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross  
drew the whole human family to himself:  
strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow  
we may know the power of your presence to bind together  
and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*A selection of Bible readings chosen for this week.*

## **9. THE FIRST READING** *An Old Testament reading*

*A reading from The First Book of Samuel 16:1-13.*

*Read by Ann Hodges at 8am; Sue Phillips at 10am.*

The LORD said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.'

Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the LORD said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the LORD." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.'

Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?'

He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.'

And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD.' But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.'

Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.'

Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.'

Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The LORD has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping

the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought him in.

Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

For the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **10. THE PSALM** *An Old Testament Song*

*Psalm 23. Said in alternate verses.*

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd:  
therefore can I lack nothing.

<sup>2</sup> **He will make me lie down in green pastures:  
and lead me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup> He will refresh my soul:  
and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of  
death, I will fear no evil: for you are with me, your rod  
and your staff comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup> You spread a table before me  
in the face of those who trouble me:  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

<sup>6</sup> **Surely your goodness and loving-kindness  
will follow me all the days of my life:  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

## **11. THE SECOND READING** *A New Testament reading, usually a Letter.*

*A reading from The Letter to the Ephesians 5:8-14.*

*Read by Ann Hodges at 8am; Sue Phillips at 10am.*

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.

Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.

Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

For the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

*At 10am **Gradual Hymn:** TIS 130 We plough the fields*

## **12. THE GOSPEL**

*A Bible reading focusing on the life and teaching of Jesus Christ.*

The Gospel according to St John 9:1-41

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?'

Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.'

When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent).

Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.'

He kept saying, 'I am the man.' But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.'

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.'

He said, 'He is a prophet.' The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.'

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.' He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.'

They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.'

The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.'

They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.' He said, 'Lord, I believe.'

And he worshipped him.

Jesus said, 'I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.'

Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, 'Surely we are not blind, are we?' Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, "We see", your sin remains.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Please sit*

**13. THE SERMON**     *The Reverend Elizabeth Murray, vicar*

*A reflection based on the readings for the day and what's happening in our community*

*Please stand*

**14. 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*

## **15. THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*We pray for the world, the church, our community and each other  
Led by Kate Strasser at 8am; Scott Phillips at 10am.*

*The response to each petition is usually  
... in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

*These prayers conclude 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, joy to our worship,  
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*

## **16. THE GREETING OF PEACE**

*Greeting each other before we share in the Holy Communion*  
We are the body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*At 10am **Offertory Hymn:** TIS 137 For the beauty*

## **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:*

*'Tap 'n' Go' donation point is available near the church entrance;*

*Direct EFT details: BSB: 033100; Account number: 490175;*

*or go to [www.htw.org.au](http://www.htw.org.au) and click on 'Donate now'.*

## **17. THE OFFERTORY**

*Thanking God for the gifts of Bread and Wine that will become Holy  
Communion*

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 for ever.**

## **18. THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*A prayer of Consecration, Blessing the Bread and Wine*

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.**

## **19. THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.**

## **20. SHARING 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.*

*Please do not intinct (dip) your wafer. If you do not wish to share the common cup, you are welcome to receive the bread only and know that you are fully partaking in the sacrament. 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 near the entrance 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.**

*At 10am **Communion Hymn:** TIS 627 Praise & thanksgiving*

## **21. THE 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 52 Let us sing*

## **22. 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.

## **23. THE DISMISSAL**

*Being sent into the world to live out our faith*  
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 café in Ferguson St,*  
*after 10am today in the church.*

*Did you notice any changes to this service booklet recently? It's a live experiment in accessibility. Please do let us know what you think.*

# PARISH NEWS

## HARVEST FESTIVAL LUNCH - TODAY

A graphic invitation for a Harvest Lunch. The background features a basket of colorful flowers on the left and a basket of red and yellow apples on the right. The text is overlaid on this background. At the top left, it says "You're Invited" in a white cursive font. In the center, "Harvest Lunch" is written in a large, white, serif font. Below that, "SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 12-2PM" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. Further down, "\$40 per person BOOK NOW" is written in a white, sans-serif font. Below that is the URL "https://events.humanitix.com/harvest-lunch-2026/tickets" in a white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, "Parish Centre 255 Nelson Place, Williamstown" and "behind the Church" are written in a white, sans-serif font. In the top right corner, there is a QR code with a small orange icon in the center. In the bottom left corner, there is a logo for Holy Trinity Williamstown, which consists of three interlocking red circles with a yellow cross in the center, and the text "HOLY TRINITY WILLIAMSTOWN" below it.

You're Invited

# Harvest Lunch

SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 12-2PM

\$40 per person BOOK NOW

<https://events.humanitix.com/harvest-lunch-2026/tickets>

Parish Centre 255 Nelson Place, Williamstown  
behind the Church



### **HARVEST BASKETS & DECORATIONS– Thank You**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Harvest Sunday display for this year.

### **CAN YOU HELP?**

#### **Bookkeeping/Accounting & Treasurer**

The parish is looking to engage new bookkeeping and accounting services to help manage our financial records and activity. Do you know someone with these skills and interests who might be willing to serve the church?

Also, as Laurence has served for Treasurer for more than six years, we need to use this year to transition to a new Treasurer. The term limits on Parish Council positions are set in church legislation, so it is vital that someone from the parish steps up into this important role. You won't be on your own, there will be assistance and support given. You don't have to be a financial wiz, just careful, conscientious, and be able to read a spreadsheet. This is an important part of our responsible stewardship on our resources.

We are still looking for two more churchwardens, so if finances aren't your thing, maybe you can serve the parish in that way. Please give this your prayerful consideration.

### **PALM CROSS MAKING**

There will be a Palm Cross making working bee 2-4pm Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March in the Parish Centre. Even if you've never made a palm cross before, we will guide you through every step. The more the merrier.



### **HELP SHAPE OUR SHARED FUTURE**

During Lent, you are invited to be part of Listening in Lent – an opportunity to pause, reflect, and share what you notice and hope for as part of the Diocese of Melbourne today, and as we look to the future together. Take part by filling in the online questionnaire. It's open to everyone and every response is valued. [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LiL\\_publicsurvey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LiL_publicsurvey) It takes around 10–15 minutes to complete, depending on the length of your responses. You can answer as much or as little as you like.

### **ROSTER FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER**

The Roster Sheet for Holy Week and Easter is available. Please volunteer as you are able. Even if you have never volunteered before, now is a good opportunity to receive training and try something new.

# Lenten Studies Joy

Wednesdays 7.30-9pm

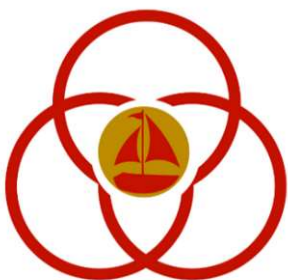
25th February - 1st April

OR

Thursdays 10.30am-12pm

26th February - 2nd April

Please bring refreshments to share



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# Your Holy Week & Easter Invitation



**29<sup>th</sup> March, 10am Palm Sunday**

Meet at Williamstown Uniting Church, then  
process to Holy Trinity Williamstown

**2<sup>nd</sup> April, 7pm Maundy Thursday**

Holy Communion with Foot-washing

**3<sup>rd</sup> April, 10am Good Friday**

Solemn Worship

**5<sup>th</sup> April, 6am Easter Dawn**

Dawn Vigil with New Fire

**5<sup>th</sup> April, 10am Easter Day**

Celebration with Holy Communion

# HTW GROUPS

*A great way to connect with people who share your interests.  
While most of the groups are in recess for January, the  
organisers would still be happy to hear from you.*

## **TEXTILE & DESIGN GROUP**

This group of keen and creative makers usually meets on the Fourth Saturday of the month, 2pm 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.

## **ADA CAMBRIDGE BOOK GROUP**

Next Gathering Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April to discuss the book 'Mother Mary Comes to Me'.

Ada Cambridge book group next meets to discuss a wonderful range of books. The group meets every 5 weeks or so on Wednesday at 12.30pm in the Parish Centre. Please contact Wilma with any questions. ***The book group are looking for new members, so reach out if you'd like to join.***

## **MEN'S CHURCH GROUP (MCG)**

Next Gathering Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April (Good Friday)

We meet on the first Friday of the month (resuming in February) at 7.30pm Stag's Head Hotel, corner of Cecil & Ann Streets. For more information and to join, contact Scott Phillips, Authorised Lay Minister, Holy Trinity Williamstown. Mobile: 0411 751 755; Email: [sphillips@kpcl.com.au](mailto:sphillips@kpcl.com.au)

## **WOMEN OF HOLY TRINITY (WOHT)**

Next Gathering Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April.

WOHT usually meets on the Second Thursday of the month 7.30-9.30pm (resuming in February). To connect with this group, 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.

## GARDENING GROUP

Next Gathering Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April.

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. 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. If anyone would like to be involved in the Gardening Group please talk to any of us, there's always room for more helpers.

### GROUPS USING THE PARISH CENTRE

Day	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Morning</b> ~8am-12noon	Parish Morning Tea		<i>Term time</i> Baby			Community Lunches	AA meeting
<b>Early Afternoon</b> ~12-2pm	HTW		Sensory	Ada Cambridge (every 5 weeks)		Community Lunches	2 <sup>nd</sup> week of month Gardening Group
<b>Late Afternoon</b> ~2-5pm	SSDC fellowship			Homework Group <i>Term time</i>	Homework Group <i>Term time</i>	Cleaners	4 <sup>th</sup> week of month Textile & Design
<b>Evening</b> 5pm onwards				<i>Seasonally</i> - Parish Studies	AA meeting		

## CELEBRATIONS



### BIRTHDAYS

19<sup>th</sup> Warren Madsen

19<sup>th</sup> Rev. Jo Hall

21<sup>st</sup> Isaac Dias

23<sup>rd</sup> Karen Flemming



### ANNIVERSARY

19<sup>th</sup> Katherine Hubbard & Hayden Jones

**You are invited to the launch of the book**

# **The People's Offering:**

## **Renewing Eucharistic Perspectives**

**by Ron Browning**

**5:30 PM Tuesday**

**21st April 2026**

**at the Trinity College Theological School  
to be launched by Richard Treloar,  
the Bishop of Gippsland.**

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**Accomplished and concluded, O Christ our God,  
is the great mystery...  
(E. Orth. Prayer)**



preventing  
violence  
against  
women  
program

## **ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE PVAW PROGRAM**

Violence Against Women Response and Prevention training day to equip clergy and lay people in the Diocese of Melbourne, run by the Preventing Violence Against Women Program. This training day is organised especially for the Oodthenong episcopate, so we welcome all churches in the Oodthenong episcopate to register for this training day.

### **About**

As Christians, we believe that all people are created in the image of God. All are precious, equally loved, and should have the opportunity to thrive according to their God-given potential. Yet too many people – especially women and their children – are denied this opportunity because of the impact of violence.

One in three Australian women has experienced physical violence since the age of fifteen; one in five has experienced sexual violence. The harm and suffering this causes is profoundly deep and long-lasting: a far cry from the life of flourishing and abundance God intends for us in Christ.

We know that violence is not God's intention for families and communities but do we know how to recognise it? Do we know how to make our churches safe and supportive places for people who experience violence? Do we understand why violence against women is so prevalent and what we can do to help prevent it? With the right knowledge and skills, church people can play an important and influential role in preventing violence against women and supporting people who experience family violence. In light of this, the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne's Preventing Violence Against

Women Program has created a one-day training program to equip church people for this task.

**This training will equip people to:**

- Understand the nature and dynamics of family violence and other forms of violence against women
- Recognise signs of family violence
- Help and respond to women who disclose experiences of violence
- Take practical steps to help prevent violence against women
- Make their church a safer place for everyone

**Who is this training for?**

This specialised training is available for **all active clergy, key laypeople, and interested parishioners.**

The Family Safety Champion is a vital role, which involves working with clergy to make their church a safer space, raising awareness in the church about family violence and violence against women, and acting as a contact person for people in the parish to speak to if they are experiencing family violence or have concerns related to family violence.

The hope is that the church can nominate a leader from those who attend the training that can then take on the role of Family Safety Champion in their church.

There is a full day session running at Holy Trinity  
Williamstown Parish Centre  
Monday 30 March 2026 9AM - 4PM

Book through Trybooking:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1516441>

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### MARCH

14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am-2.30pm	Gardening Group
	afternoon	Harvest Lunch set up in Centre
	from 5pm	Concert set up in church
	7.30pm	Concert in church
15 <sup>th</sup>	8am & 10am	Holy Communion [English]
	12noon	Baptism Service in church
	12-2pm	Harvest Lunch in Parish Centre
	2-5pm	Worship [Dinka]
17 <sup>th</sup>	12.30-2.30pm	<i>Vicar at Deanery meeting</i>
18 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Holy Communion [English]
	7.30-9pm	Lenten Studies
19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am-12pm	Lenten Studies
20 <sup>th</sup>	10am-1pm	Community Lunches
	12noon	Holy Communion @ The Village
21 <sup>st</sup>	2-4pm	Palm Cross making
22 <sup>nd</sup>	8am & 10am	Holy Communion [English]
	2pm	Worship [Dinka]
25 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Holy Communion [English]
	2.30pm	Funeral in church
	7.30-9pm	Lenten Studies
26 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Interment of ashes
	10.30am-12pm	Lenten Studies
	2-4pm	<i>Vicar attending SMRG meeting online</i>
27 <sup>th</sup>	10am-1pm	Community Lunches
28 <sup>th</sup>	9-4pm	<i>Parish team attending Learning Community</i>
29 <sup>th</sup>	10am only	Combined worship for Palm Sunday Process from UCA Electra St to HTW
30 <sup>th</sup>	9am-4pm	PVAW training session at Parish Centre
31 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	<i>Service for Blessing of Oils at Cathedral</i>

## PARISH ROSTER

***Please check the Roster Sheet and confirm your availability & fill any gaps. If you're not available, please arrange a swap or replacement.***

**THIS SUNDAY: 15<sup>th</sup> March – Fourth Sunday in Lent** *(purple)*

**First Reading:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13 **Psalm:** 23

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 5:8-14

**Gospel:** John 9:1-41

**Set up:** vicar (due to concert in church)

**Welcomers/Sidespersons:** Marie C at 8am, Carol W at 10am

**Eucharistic Assistant at 8am:** Kate S

**Liturgical Minister at 10am:** Ingrid D

**Readers:** Ann H at 8am; Sue P at 10am

**Intercessor:** Kate S at 8am; Scott P 10am

**Music:** Anna

**Morning Tea:** In Church due to Harvest Lunch, Jill & Chris

**Flowers:** No flowers during Lent

**NEXT SUNDAY: 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Fifth Sunday in Lent** *(purple)*

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 37:1-14 **Psalm:** 130

**Second Reading:** Romans 8:6-11

**Gospel:** John 11:1-45

**Set up:** Marie C

**Welcomers/Sidespersons:** Russell D at 8am, Hayden J at 10am

**Eucharistic Assistant at 8am:** Val D

**Liturgical Minister at 10am:** Scott P

**Readers:** Val D at 8am; Chris R at 10am

**Intercessor:** at 8am; Rev Richard 10am

**Music:** Scott P or Delia P

**Morning Tea:** Sue & Chris

**Flowers:** Palm Branches

Don't forget to put your name down on the Monthly or Template Roster at the back of the church. 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](mailto:enquiries@kooyoora.org.au)  
If anyone is in immediate danger, call 000.

**THE PARISH AT A GLANCE**

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**OUR TEAM OF PARISH CLERGY & VOLUNTEERS**

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

**Honorary Associate Clergy:**

Rev. Robyn Boyd

Rev. Jo Hall

Rev. Richard Murray

Rev. Alan Smith

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Scott Phillips ..... 0411 751 755

**Wardens:**

Jill Ringrose

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