



HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH WILLIAMSTOWN

Easter Day
5th April 2026
10am Service of 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 ability, 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. Links are on our website under 'Services'.*

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REFLECTION

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

This is the joyful cry of Easter. It is also the foundation of our faith that Jesus Christ, lived, died and rose from the dead. What an amazing thing that God did for all of us out of eternal love. Through the risen Christ, we can rejoice that we are beloved by God. Let the outworking of our joy be sharing that joy and love with others, so that our world can be transformed for the better.

Rev. Elizabeth



PARISH PRAYER POINTS



For The Church:

- La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico
- Diocese of Bathurst
- *The Diocese of Melbourne: Jumbunna Episcopate, Archdeaconry of Box Hill, Deanery of Waverley: St Thomas' Burwood, Church of the Ascension East Burwood, St Barnabas' Glen Waverley, St Philip's Mount Waverley, St Stephen's and St Mary's Mount Waverley*
- Caulfield Grammar School St Columb's Hawthorn

In our Community:

As part of our regular parish cycle of prayer we Rev. Alan Smith & Kate Strasser, Judy White, Liz, Steven, Gabriel, Nicole & Thomas White, Marilyn Whittington, Carol Willis, Sue Wragg.

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

Immediate need: Barb & Brett Hingston, family & friends of Margaret Swane, Rev. Mike & Heather Jobling.

Long-term need: Shirley & Fred Hunt, Robert Mander, John, Pamela, Brent, Joan Crook.

We remember those who have recently died, Margaret Swane, and we remember those whose Years Mind anniversary of death falls at this time, Barbara Walker, Lorna Hegarty.

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, waters 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.

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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. If you would like to follow the printed music for hymns, it is in the red hymn books available from our welcomers.*

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Please stand at the invitation of the vicar

1. OPENING HYMN TIS 362 Anon., Lyra Davidica 1708 alt

**Jesus Christ is risen today, *alleluia!*
our triumphant holy day, *alleluia!*
who so lately on the cross *alleluia!*
suffered to redeem our loss, *alleluia!***

**Hymns of praise then let us sing *alleluia!*
unto Christ, our heavenly king, *alleluia!*
who endured the cross and grave *alleluia!*
sinners to redeem and save. *alleluia!***

**But the pain that he endured *alleluia!*
our salvation has procured; *alleluia!*
now exalted he is king, *alleluia!*
and the angels ever sing: *alleluia!***

2. GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Entering into this sacred time and space

**Christ is risen. Alleluia!
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

3. THE SENTENCE

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

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. *1 Corinthians 5:7-8*

4. THE 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.**

5. THE CONFESSION

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

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us,
therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

Silence may be kept

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
with a sincere and a true heart.

**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 GLORIA (TUNE TIS 153. Ad. Alexander Crawford)

A Song of Praise



Glo-ry be to God in heaven, and to all his
peo-ple, peace. Heav'nly King, al-migh-ty Fa-ther, may our
wor-ship ne-ver cease; may our voi-ces e- ver thank you,
songs of bless-ing e- ver send, may we al-ways
live to praise you, for your glo - ry with-out end.

**Jesus, Son of God the Father,
merciful beyond compare,
all our sin, by you forgiven;
Lamb of God, receive our prayer.
Jesus, you alone are holy,
Jesus, you alone are Lord,
with the Holy Spirit reigning,
and the Father—glorious God!**

8. THE COLLECT PRAYER FOR THE DAY

A prayer that fits with the theme of the bible readings for today

Brightness of God's glory,
whom death could not conquer nor the tomb imprison:
as you have shared our frailty in human flesh,
help us to share your immortality in the Spirit;
let no shadow of the grave terrify us,
and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you.
Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days,
as the First and the Last, the Living One,
our immortal Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A selection of Bible readings chosen for today

9. THE FIRST READING *A New Testament reading*

A reading from The Acts of the Apostles 10.34-43.

Read by Chris Ringrose.

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

For the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

10. THE PSALM *An Old Testament Song*

Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24. Said in alternate verses.

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
his mercy endures forever.

² **Let Israel now proclaim:
that his mercy endures forever.**

¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my song:
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵ **The sounds of joy and deliverance:
are in the tents of the righteous.**

¹⁶ The right hand of the Lord does mighty things:
the right hand of the Lord raises up.

¹⁷ **I shall not die but live:
and proclaim the works of the Lord.**

¹⁸ The Lord has disciplined me hard:
but he has not given me over to death.

¹⁹ **Open me the gates of righteousness:
and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord: the righteous shall enter it.

²¹ **I will praise you, for you answered me:
and have become my salvation.**

²² The stone that the builders rejected:
has become the head of the corner.

²³ **This is the Lord's doing:
and it is marvellous in our eyes.**

²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made:
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

11. THE SECOND READING *A New Testament reading, usually a Letter
A Reading from the First Letter to the Colossians 3:1-4.
Read by Jill Ringrose.*

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

For the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

12. GRADUAL HYMN TIS 360 *Anon., Latin c.7th cent. tr. John Mason Neale 1818-66 alt.*

**Light's reddening dawn gleams through the sky;
heav'n thunders forth its victory;
*alleluia, alleluia!***

**the glad earth shouts her triumph high
and groaning hell makes wild reply:
*alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!***

**That Eastertide with joy was bright,
the sun shone out with fairer light,
alleluia, alleluia!
when to their longing eyes restored
th'apostles saw their risen Lord.
*alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!***

**He showed to them his hands, his side,
where yet the glorious wounds abide:
alleluia, alleluia!
the tokens true which made it plain
their Lord indeed was risen again.
*alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!***

**Jesus, the king of gentleness,
come now yourself our hearts possess,
alleluia, alleluia!
that we may give you all our days
the tribute of our grateful praise.
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!**

13. THE GOSPEL

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

The Gospel according to St. Matthew 28:1-10.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body.

While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.'

Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles.

But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Christ is risen. Alleluia.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Please sit

14. THE SERMON

The Reverend Elizabeth Murray, vicar

A reflection based on the readings for the day and what is happening in our community

15. AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostle's Creed*

I now ask you all to reaffirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was
buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**All: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

This is the faith of the Church.

All: This is our faith:

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

*Everyone is sprinkled with Holy Water as an affirmation of our
baptism*

Please sit or kneel

16. THE PRAYERS

We pray for the world the church, our community and each other

Led by Rev. Richard Murray.

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

The prayers of intercession 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

17. THE GREETING OF PEACE

Greeting each other in peace 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.

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'.

17. OFFERTORY HYMN *TIS 231* Caroline Maria Noel 1817–77 alt.

At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of Glory now:
this the Father's pleasure
that we call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious
when from death he passed.

In your hearts enthrone him,
there let him make new
all that is not holy,
all that is not true.
He is God the Saviour,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped,
trusted and adored.

When this same Lord Jesus
shall appear again
in his Father's glory,
there with him to reign,
then may we adore him,
all before him bow,
as our hearts confess him
King of Glory now.

18. 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.

19. 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.**

20. 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.**

21. SHARING 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.
Please do not intinct (dip) your wafer into the chalice. 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 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.**

Please remain seated

22. COMMUNION HYMN TIS 382 John Macleod Campbell Crum 1872–1958 alt.

**Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain:
love lives again, that with the dead has been:
*Love has come again, like wheat that springs up green.***

**In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
thinking that he never would awake again,
laid in the earth, like grain that sleeps unseen.
*Love has come again, like wheat that springs up green.***

**Up he sprang at Easter, like the risen grain,
he who for the three days in the grave had lain,
raised from the dead my living Lord is seen:
*Love has come again, like wheat that springs up green.***

**When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
then your touch can call us back to life again —
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
*Love has come again, like wheat that springs up green.***

23. THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Most glorious Lord of life,
we thank you that you nourish us
in these Easter mysteries.
Fill us with the Spirit of love
and unite us in faith,
that we may witness to the resurrection
and show your glory to the world.

Loving God, **we offer ourselves to you
as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

Notices may be given

Please stand

24 FINAL HYMN TIS 380 Edmond Louis Budry 1854–1932 tr. Richard Birch Hoyle 1875–1939 alt.

**Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory over death you've won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes, where your body lay.
*Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory over death you've won.***

**See, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord is living, death has lost its sting.
*Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory over death you've won.***

**No more we doubt you, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without you: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors through your deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to your home above.
*Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory over death you've won.***

25. THE BLESSING

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the everlasting covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you what is pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

25. THE DISMISSAL

Being sent into the world to live out our faith

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

*You are invited to the Parish Centre for refreshments and
conversation after our worship.*

Please take this order of service with you.

*Wishing you and all your families
a very Happy and Blessed Easter.*



Being Together

Expectations of behaviour in our church community

Jesus told us to love one another as he loves us. As Christians we know our life together is strengthened when our behaviour is consistent with our faith.

However, our experience of being together can be difficult, particularly when there are differences. So, it is important to be clear about how we will behave towards each other.



Being a community

- ✓ We will value the wellbeing and safety of others, especially children and other vulnerable people.
- ✓ We will encourage each other to participate in the life of the church.
- ✓ We will consider the impact of our behaviour on others.



Relating to each other

- ✓ We will protect the safety of all, especially children and other vulnerable people.
- ✓ We will treat each other with respect and dignity, irrespective of ability, gender, sexuality, race, age or contribution to the church.
- ✓ We will act with integrity and honesty in our interactions with each other.



Communicating with each other

- ✓ We will communicate respectfully with others, and not in a way that threatens, belittles or humiliates.
- ✓ We will speak with integrity and honesty, and refrain from speculation and gossip.



Acknowledging difference

- ✓ We will respect those who are different from us and not isolate or ridicule them.
- ✓ We will listen to and seek to understand the beliefs, opinions and practices of others, even when we do not share their views.



Responding to conflict

- ✓ We will accept responsibility for our part in a conflict.
- ✓ We will be willing to play our part in resolving a conflict.



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

HTW GROUPS

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

WOMEN OF HOLY TRINITY (WOHT)

Next Gathering Thursday 9th 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 11th 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.

TEXTILE & DESIGN GROUP

Next gathering 18th April

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.

MEN'S CHURCH GROUP (MCG)

Next Gathering Friday 1st May.

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

ADA CAMBRIDGE BOOK GROUP

Next gathering Wednesday 6th May to discuss "The Jame Maker". Ada Cambridge book group 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.***

GROUPS USING THE PARISH CENTRE

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

PARISH NEWS

WANT TO STAY IN TOUCH?

If you would like to be kept up-to-date with what is happening at Holy Trinity, or you would like to make a particular prayer request, please send details to vicar@htw.org.au or complete and return the information sheet included with this service booklet.

NEW CHURCH SIGNS

A huge thanks to all those who made our new signs possible. Thanks to parishioner Louise Karch for finding Tony and coordinating the designs. Thanks to Tony Mead of *Industrial Art Sign Co* in Spotswood for his skill and care in refurbishing and making our signs and notice board. And thanks to parishioners Kate Strasser and Alan Smith for sponsoring this work. We pray that these signs will be the outward sign of our heartfelt invitation and welcome to the community.

ELECTION OF SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES

With a new Archbishop comes the need to elect a new Synod, the governing body of the Anglican Church in Melbourne. This group of clergy and lay representatives from parish determines policy, legislation and the mission priorities of our Diocese. Nominations are called for 2 lay representatives and 1 alternate lay representative for Holy Trinity Williamstown. Nominations are now open. Forms are available from the vicar. Nominations require at least 5 signatures from members of the parish who are also on the electoral roll. Nominations are due by 8am Sunday 19th April. If required, an election will be held at 11.30am Sunday 19th April.



Listening *in Lent*

HELP SHAPE OUR SHARED FUTURE

During Lent, you were 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

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.



Prayer Vigil
for Aboriginal
Deaths in Custody

AN INVITATION FROM THE COMMON GRACE MOVEMENT

You're invited to join us in prayer on Wednesday 15 April 2026, the anniversary of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody. This year marks 35 years since the Commission delivered its final report. Heartbreakingly, in the decades since this 1991 report was released, 626 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have died in custody. We grieve the lack of implementation of the 339 recommendations by the Australian

Government and as this injustice continues, so does the deep and ongoing grief experienced by First Nations families and communities. As followers of Jesus, we are called not to turn away, but to draw near - in lament, in prayer, and in action. We long to see a justice system that truly reflects justice. A society where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are supported, valued and empowered. Where structural racism is a thing of the past. Where communities are safe, free and flourishing. Where children as young as 10 are met with love and care instead of incarceration. On Wednesday 15 April 2026, we will come humbly before God together. We'll listen deeply to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christian leaders, lament, read the Bible, pray and act together.

At Holy Trinity Williamstown, we will gather on Wednesday 15 April 2026, 7.30-9.00pm in the Parish Centre to join with others around the country. We will be led in prayer, reflection and lament by Safina Stewart, Bianca Dowling and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christian Leaders. As we come together for this prayer vigil, we will be reflecting on and praying about deeply painful injustices. You may feel a range of emotions, so please care for yourself as you participate. We are invited to have a candle, some paper, and pen ready. We will light our candles together to remember lives lost to Aboriginal Deaths in Custody as well as the light of Jesus shining into this injustice.

LOCAL NEWS



Hearing Australia is coming to town!

Joan Kirner House

Wednesday 29/4/2026 - 10:00 am to 2:00pm



Join us for a FREE* 15-minute hearing check and
take the first step to better hearing today!

*Other services may attract charges/fees or may be subsidised for those eligible under the Australian Government Hearing Services Program, to which conditions apply.

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Hearing Australia are providing free hearing checks for the community at the Williamstown Community Education Centre.

Date: Wednesday 29 April

Time: 10am to 2pm

Location: 14 Thompson Street, Williamstown

Hobsons Bay Community Recognition Awards 2026

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

Nominate a community group, club or individual who is driving change, making a positive impact or strengthening our community.

Nominations close: **15 April 2026**



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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.**

RSVP:
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Published by:
Sacristy Press, Durham

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

APRIL

5th *DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS – CLOCKS GO BACK 1 HOUR*

6am Easter Vigil Dawn Service [English]
10am Easter Holy Communion [English]
1pm Baptism in church
2-5pm SSDC Easter Worship [Dinka]

6th *Public Holiday*

8th 10am Holy Communion [English]

9th 2pm Funeral for Margaret Swane

7.30pm Women of Holy Trinity

10th 10am-1pm Community Lunches

11th 9am-4pm Workshop in Parish Centre (external hire)

12th 8am Holy Communion [English]

10am Holy Communion with Baptism [English]

2pm Worship [Dinka]

15th 10am Holy Communion [English]

7.30pm Common Grace Prayer Vigil

16th *10am-4pm Vicar attending MAF Board planning day*

6.30-8.30pm Parish Council Meeting

17th 10am-1pm Community Lunches

12noon Holy Communion @ The Village

18th 2pm Textile & Design Group

19th 8am & 10am Holy Communion [English]

11.15am Interment of Ashes for Joyce Pepin

2pm Worship [Dinka]

21st *12.30-2.30pm Williamstown Deanery meeting*

22nd *4-6pm Vicar attending MAF Board strategy day*

24th 10am-1pm Community Lunches

25th ANZAC Day

26th 8am & 10am Holy Communion [English]

2pm Worship [Dinka]

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: 5th April – 10am – Easter Day

First Reading: Acts 10.34-43 **Psalm:** 118.1-2, 14-24

Second Reading: Colossians 3.1-4 **Gospel:** Matthew 28.1-10

Set up: N/A

Welcomers/Sidespersons: Jessica J, Ali F

Liturgical Minister: Ingrid D

Eucharistic Assistant: Rev. Jo H

Readers: Jill R, Chris R

Intercessor: Rev. Richard M

Music: Cherryll C (organ) & singers

Morning Tea: Christa F & Ingrid D

Flowers: The whole wonderful team

NEXT SUNDAY: 12th April - Second Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32 **Psalm:** 16

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:1-12 **Gospel:** John 20:19-31

Set up: Ann H

Welcomers/Sidespersons: TBC at 8am, TBC at 10am.

Eucharistic Assistant at 8am: Ann H

Liturgical Minister at 10am: Scott P

Readers: Ann H at 8am, Sue P at 10am

Intercessor: TBC at 8am, Rev. Alan C at 10am

Music: Cherryll C

Morning Tea: Delia P & Laurence G

Flowers: volunteers

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
If anyone is in immediate danger, call 000.

THE PARISH AT A GLANCE

Vicar: Rev Elizabeth Murray

Day off Monday

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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

Authorised Honorary Lay Minister:

Scott Phillips **0411 751 755**

Wardens:

Jill Ringrose

2 Positions Vacant

Treasurer:

Laurence Gray **0431 322 490**

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Janice Schmidt..... **0409 180 144**

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Rev. Elizabeth Murray.....**0419 106 457**

Community Lunch Program:

Wilma Roberts **0409 862 292**

Anglicare Emergency Relief:

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The Pilot, Parish Journal:

Kate Strasser **0417 396 265**

Women of Holy Trinity:

Barb Hingston **0424 466 405**

Ada Cambridge Book Group:

Wilma Roberts **0409 862 292**

Interfaith Dialogue:

Scott Phillips **0411 751 755**

Synod Representatives:

Election to be held 19th April 2026

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