

Welcome to
CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA
YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME



Interior view of Christ Church, from The Australian Sketcher, 1882

**169th Anniversary of the Dedication of
Christ Church**

9.30am

2 August 2026

Setting: Christ Church Service – Philip Matthias



CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA: YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME.

We gather to worship God and explore faith in Jesus, welcoming and celebrating the diverse St Kilda community.

In the next three to five years we aim:

- to grow an energetic and committed worshipping community.
- to provide an open, inclusive and welcoming space for everyone.
- to communicate a vibrant, joyful and loving faith.
- to build connections with the local community.
- to be faithful stewards of Church Square and its buildings.

*Christ Church St Kilda Parish acknowledges the
Yaluk-ut Weelam Clan of the Boon Wurrung with deep respect.
We give thanks to God for their Elders, both past and present,
and their continuing relationship to this land.*

THIS WEEK

Monday - Thursday 9.30am Morning Prayer

Please ensure that your mobile phone is switched off

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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

All stand when the entrance bell is rung



**Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen by the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one,
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.**

**All that dedicated city,
dearly loved by God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody,
God the Three in One adoring,
praising him eternally.**

**Here among us, where we call you
come, O Lord our God today;
with your gentle loving-kindness
hear your people as we pray,
and your fullest benediction
pour upon us here today.**

**Here bestow on all your people
what we ask of you to gain,
what we gain from you for ever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.**

**Praise and honour to the Father,
praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit,**

**ever Three and ever One,
one in might and one in glory
while eternal ages run.**

From *Urbs beata Hierusalem*, Latin, c. 7th cent.
tr. John Mason Neale 1818–66 *alt.*
Tune: *Westminster Abbey*. *TiS* 432

In the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The celebrant introduces the service

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.

Organ Lord, have _ mer - cy, /

Lord, have _ mer - cy, Lord, have _ mer - cy.

Christ, have _ mer - cy, Christ, have _ mer - cy,

Christ, have _ mer - cy. *cresc.* *mf* Lord, have _ mer - cy,

Lord, have _ mer - cy, *mp* Lord, have _ mer - cy.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

Merciful God, our Maker and our Judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him 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.

Organ *f* Glo - ry to God in the

high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth, *mf* Lord God,

heav'n - ly King, al - mighty - y God and Fa - ther, we

cresc. wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for — your —

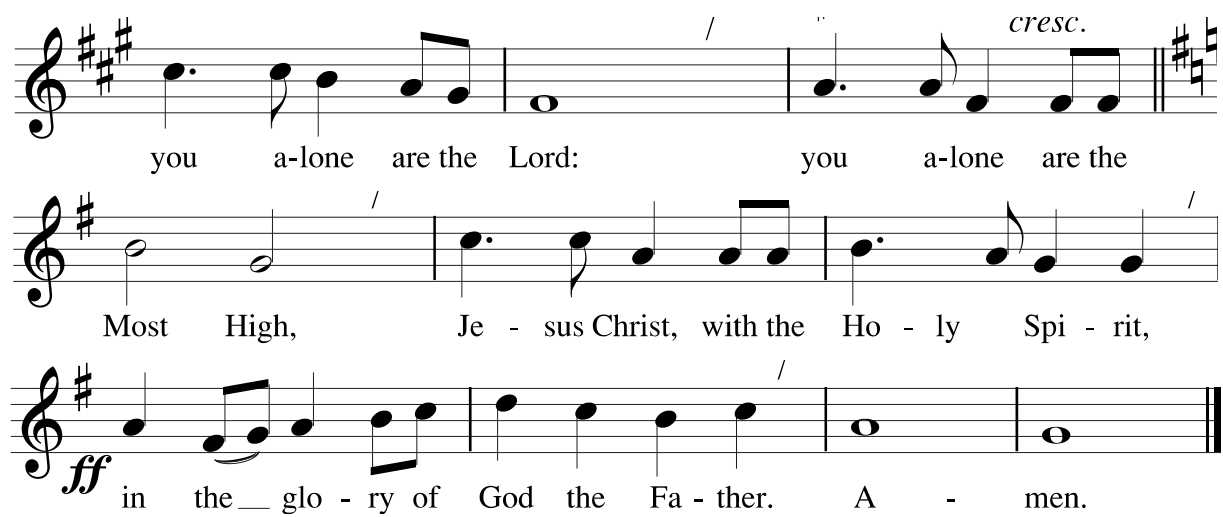
cresc. glo - ry. *mp* Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, — Lamb of God, you

take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us: you are

seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: *p* re -

- ceive our prayer. *f* For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One:



The celebrant reads the prayer of the day

Bountiful God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: we praise you for the many blessings you have given to those who worship here, and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you, and being filled with the Holy Spirit may become a living temple acceptable to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reading from the first book of Kings

8.22-24, 27-30

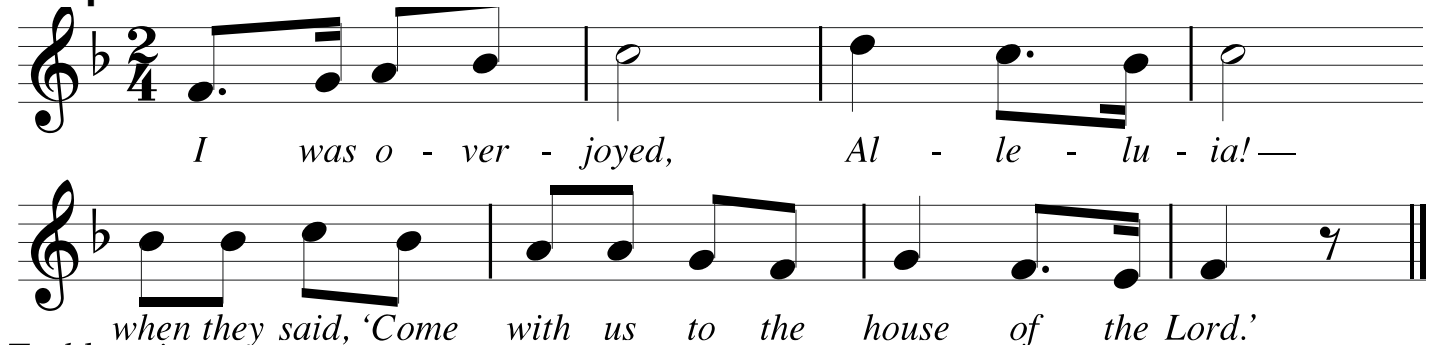
Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, 'O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there," that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive.'

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122

Response:



Jerusalem our home, Alleluia!
there God's people go to bow before his throne.

Response

For Israel's law, decreed by God eternal,
calls us to his temple, Alleluia!
there to praise and bless his name for evermore.

Response

My prayer for Jerusalem is that peace may
reign within her walls, Alleluia!
and I pray for love of you that you her peace may share.

Response

tr. Albert McPherson 1927– and Michael Wentzell 1939–73
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A reading from the first letter of Peter

2.4-10

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,' and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once

you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand. Repeat the response after the cantor, and then as indicated



Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

How awesome is this place!,

This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

7.24-29

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

‘Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!’

Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

This is the gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All sit

Sermon – Fr Craig D’Alton

All stand

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**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.**

All kneel or sit

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

After each prayer

...hear our prayer

**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.**

All stand

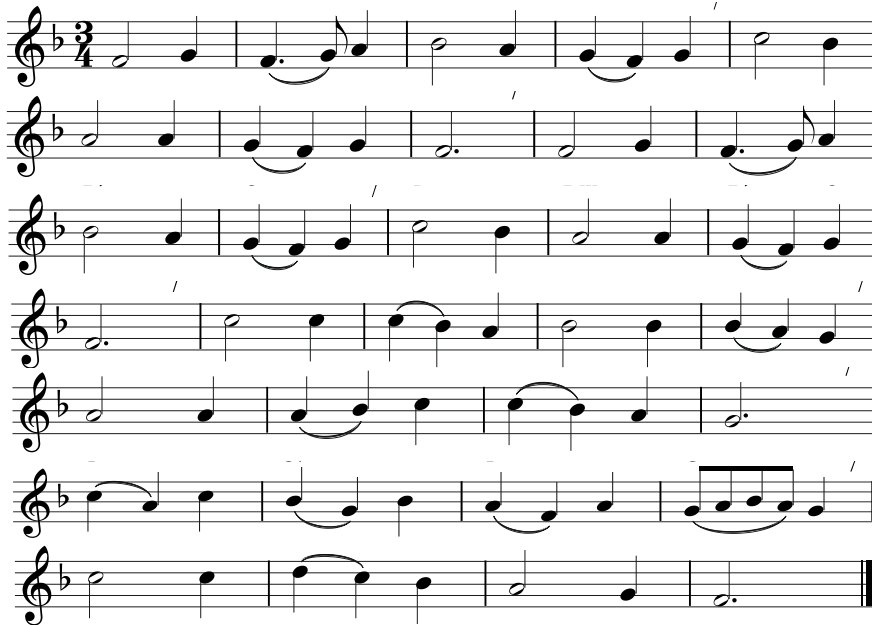
We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The altar is prepared and a collection is taken as all sing:



**Hallelujah! sing to Jesus,
his the sceptre, his the throne;
hallelujah! his the triumph,
his the victory alone;
hark, the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
'Jesus out of every nation
has redeemed us by his blood.'**

**Hallelujah! not as orphans,
are we left in sorrow now;
hallelujah! he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how;
though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?**

**Hallelujah! bread of heaven,
and on earth our food, our stay;
hallelujah! here the sinful**

flee to you from day to day;
intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, plead for me
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Hallelujah! King eternal,
you the Lord of lords we own;
hallelujah! born of Mary,
earth your footstool, heav'n your throne:
you within the veil have entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest;
you on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.

William Chatterton Dix 1837–98
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Tune: Hyfrydol. TiS 517

The response to the Offertory Prayers is:
Blessed be God for ever.

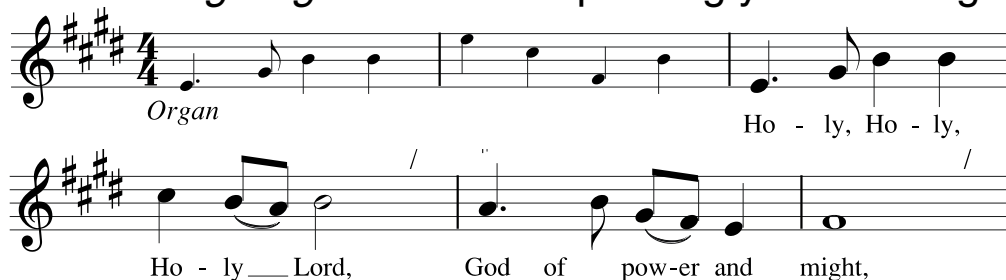
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 of Thanksgiving continues.... praising you and singing:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est.
mf Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. *f* Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving continues...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Organ mf Christ has died, Christ is ris - en,
f Christ will come a - gain.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving continues... never-ending praise:

Organ f Bless - ing and hon - our and
 glo - ry and power are yours for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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 for ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION

We who are many are one body:
For we all share in the one bread.

Organ *mp* Je - sus, Lamb of God, have
mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have
mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world,
grant us your peace, *p* grant us your peace.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Communicant members of any church are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would prefer a blessing, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. Communion is offered in both kinds. Please queue to receive the host (bread) first, and then the wine if you wish. All are welcome to receive the wine, but none must, as the sacrament is fully present in both species. PLEASE DO NOT INTINCT (DIP) THE HOST IN THE WINE as studies suggest this may be less hygienic than drinking from the common cup.

During communion the cantor will sing

After communion all stand

Gracious God, we thank you that in this sacrament you assure us of your goodness and love. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and help us to grow in love and obedience that we may serve you in the world and finally be brought to that table where all your saints feast with you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE



**Community of Christ,
who make the Cross your own,
live out your creed and risk your life
for God alone:
the God who wears your face,
to whom all worlds belong,
whose children are of every race
and every song.**

**Community of Christ,
look past the Church's door
and see the refugee, the hungry,
and the poor.**

**Take hands with the oppressed,
the jobless in your street,
take towel and water, that you wash
your neighbour's feet.**

**Community of Christ,
through whom the word must sound –
cry out for justice and for peace
the whole world round:
disarm the powers that war
and all that can destroy,
turn bombs to bread, and tears
of anguish into joy.**

**When menace melts away,
so shall God's will be done,
the climate of the world be peace
and Christ its Sun;**

**our currency be love
and kindness our law,
our food and faith be shared as one
for evermore.**

Shirley Erena Murray 1931–2020
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Tune: Leoni TiS 473

Announcements are made

Most loving God, you send us into the world you love.

**Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

*All are welcome for Morning Tea in the Community Centre
following the service.*

NOTICES

AUGUST ROSTER

Date	1st Reading	2nd Reading	Intercessions	Eucharistic Assistant	Offertory
2 nd Aug	Lindy	Bob	Deba	Geoffrey	Geoffrey
9 th Aug	John	Helen	Geoffrey	Valerie	Gary
16 th Aug	Geoffrey	John	Fr Craig	Elisabeth	Geoffrey
23 rd Aug	Fr Glenn	Lindy	Fr Ken	Fr Ken	Valerie
30 th Aug	Jenny	Mandy	Fr Craig	Valerie	Valerie

DEDICATION FESTIVAL – SUNDAY 2 AUGUST

2 August marks the 169th anniversary of the dedication of Christ Church. It therefore also marks the beginning of our 170th year! During 2027 there will be several opportunities to give thanks for this milestone in the parish's ministry. Those celebrations begin on this day.

VISIT OF BISHOP LINDSAY URWIN – SUNDAY 9 AUGUST

Bp Lindsay, former vicar of Christ Church Brunswick, now based in England, will be guest preacher on Sunday 9 August, when we will keep the feast of the Transfiguration. Bp Lindsay is a dynamic preacher, and you are encouraged to mark the date in your diary!

TRIVIA NIGHT – SATURDAY 15 AUGUST

The annual fundraiser evening, held at Middle Park Bowling Club, is not far away! Book a table with friends and family. See the flyer opposite, the parish website, or book via Trybooking at <https://www.trybooking.com/DNVFJ>. If you are able to assist on the night, please speak to Robyn Foy.

Christ Church St Kilda's Trivia Night

When: Saturday 15th August 2026

Where: Middle Park Bowling Club



Cost: \$35

Please book on website below (**NO WALK-UPS!**)

Bookings - <https://www.trybooking.com/DNVFJ>

Arrive from 6pm for 7pm SHARP start!
BYO nibbles & food. Drinks (alcoholic & soft drinks)
must be purchased from the bar (**NO BYO**).

Tables seat 10 and you may book a table, join a specific table,
or let us seat you, and have fun making new friends.



Tram No 96 stop is close by, a 5 minute walk.

INTERCESSIONS

For the World:

For lasting peace, and a healing of political and religious divisions throughout the Middle East, praying especially for the people of Iran, the Gulf states, Palestine, Lebanon and Israel. For a just end to war between Ukraine and Russia. For those battling fires in Europe, and those dealing with the effects of earthquakes in Japan.

For the Church:

We pray for the Church of the Province of Uganda. In Australia we pray for the diocese of Adelaide (Abp Brad Billings). In this diocese for the archdeacons, and for bishops-designate Megan Curlis-Gibson, Ben Wong and Nigel Pope.

For the Community:

For the economically deprived and the homeless.

For the anxious, the isolated, and those overcome by fear.

For Christ Church Mission and the Community Centre staff and volunteers.

For the Sick: Les, Charles, Josie, Lee, Annette, Jonothan, Margaret, Sean, Fran & for those we name in our hearts.

Also remembering those with long-terms needs for prayer: Gaye, Danny Allan, Patty Dowd, John, Joe, Byron, Aaron, Helen, Fr Andrew, Evan, Ruth, Peter, Greg and Sharyn and family, Francesco.

For the Departed:

those who have died recently, and those whose Year's Mind occurs this week: Beryl Macartney, Joan Andrea Tuxen.

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord & let light perpetual shine upon them.

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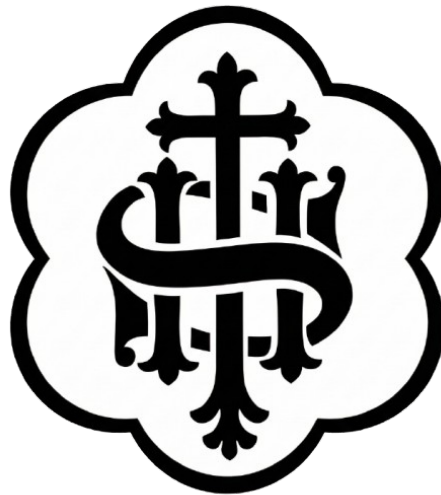
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Are you new to Christ Church?

Please provide us with your phone number and/or email address so that we can get in touch and get to know you better. Tear off this form and hand it to the vicar or one of the welcomers.

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