

Welcome to
CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA
YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME



The Ascension – Modern icon

Seventh Sunday of Easter

9.30am

17 May 2026

Setting: Dudman



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

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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

All stand when the entrance bell is rung



**Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon the throne;
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for me,
and hail him as your chosen king
through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Son of God
before the worlds began:
and we who tread where he has trod
crown him the Son of Man,
who every grief has known
that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for his own,
that all in him may rest.**

**Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel there on high
can fully bear that sight,
but downwards bends a burning eye
at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife**

for those he came to save:
his glories now we sing
who died, and rose on high;
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
majestic and sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for you have died for me;
your praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Matthew Bridges 1800–94 and Godfrey Thring 1823–1903 *alt.*
Tune: Diademata. TiS 228

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

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy,
and confess that we need forgiveness.

Lord God, you created this world, and made us in your own image. Forgive
us when we turn away from you.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death.

Rescue us from slavery to sin.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy

Lord God, by your Spirit, you restore us to fellowship with you and with one
another. Breathe your love and freedom into our lives.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy

The celebrant pronounces the absolution

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 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 sea - ted at the right hand of the
Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a-lone are the Lord, — you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the — glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

The celebrant reads the prayer of the day

Eternal God, by raising Jesus from the dead you proclaimed his victory, and by his ascension, you declared him Lord of all: lift up our hearts to heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All sit

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

1.6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

For the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Psalm 68

Response:



God, in your good-ness, you have made a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,
they shall exult and dance for joy.

O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord,
exult in his presence. **Response**

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,
such is God in his holy place.

God gives the lonely a home to live in;
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **Response**

You poured down, O God, a generous rain;
when your people were starved you gave them new life.

It was there that your people found a home,
prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **Response**

*tr.*The Grail. Words by permission A. P. Watt, London
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A reading from the first letter of Peter

4.12-14; 5.6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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.

The Lord said: I will not leave you orphans.
I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

17.1-11

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

For the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

All sit

Sermon – Fr Craig D’Alton

All stand

I ask you to affirm as yours the faith you proclaimed at your baptism:

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth

Do you believe in God the Son?

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 again; 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 God the Holy Spirit?

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

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



**Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first-begotten from the dead,
you alone our strong defender,
lifting up your people's head:
alleluia, alleluia,
Jesus, true and living bread.**

**Here our humble homage pay we,
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know you now:
alleluia, alleluia,
you are here, we ask not how.**

**Though the lowliest form now veils you
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there your angels hail you,
branch and flower of Jesse's stem;
alleluia, alleluia,
we in worship join with them.**

**Paschal Lamb, your offering, finished
once for all when you were slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall for evermore remain,
alleluia, alleluia,
cleansing souls from every stain.**

**Great High Priest of our profession
through the veil you entered in;
by your mighty intercession
grace and mercy you can win:**

alleluia, alleluia,
only sacrifice for sin.

Life-imparting heavenly manna,
stricken rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship you, the Lamb who died,
alleluia, alleluia,
ris'n, ascended, glorified!

George Hugh Bourne 1840–1925 *alt*
Tune: St Helen. TiS 520

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:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est.
Bles - sed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving continues...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ _____ has died, Christ _____ is
ri - sen, Christ will come _____ a - gain. _____

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

Bles - sing and hon - our and glo - ry and power are yours for
e - ver and e - ver. 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.

Je-sus, Lamb _ of _ God, have mer-cy on us. Je - sus, bearer of our
sins, have mer-cy on us. Je-sus, re-deem-er of the world: 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

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, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE



**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

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 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.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

MAY ROSTER

Date	1st Reading	2nd Reading	Intercession s	Eucharistic Assistant	Offertory
17 th May	Geoffrey	Bob	Deba	Deba	Charles
25 th May	Bob	Fr Ken	Fr Craig	Geoffrey	Geoffrey
31 st May	Fr Glenn	Geoffrey	Fr Ken	Charles	Gary

NOTICES

PENTECOST

Next Sunday, 24 May, concludes the Easter season with the feast of Pentecost, when we give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Our guest preacher will be The Revd Prof Russell Goulbourne. Fr Russell is the Warden of Trinity College, University of Melbourne, and a professor of French literature. He is an excellent preacher! I encourage you to make a special effort to be present for this great feast day.

EASTERTIDE STUDIES

“Back to the beginning” – a fresh look at Genesis 1-3. The final session of this series has been postponed to Sunday 31 May. Discover more about these foundational “creation” texts, and the complexity of the early narratives in Genesis. All are welcome.

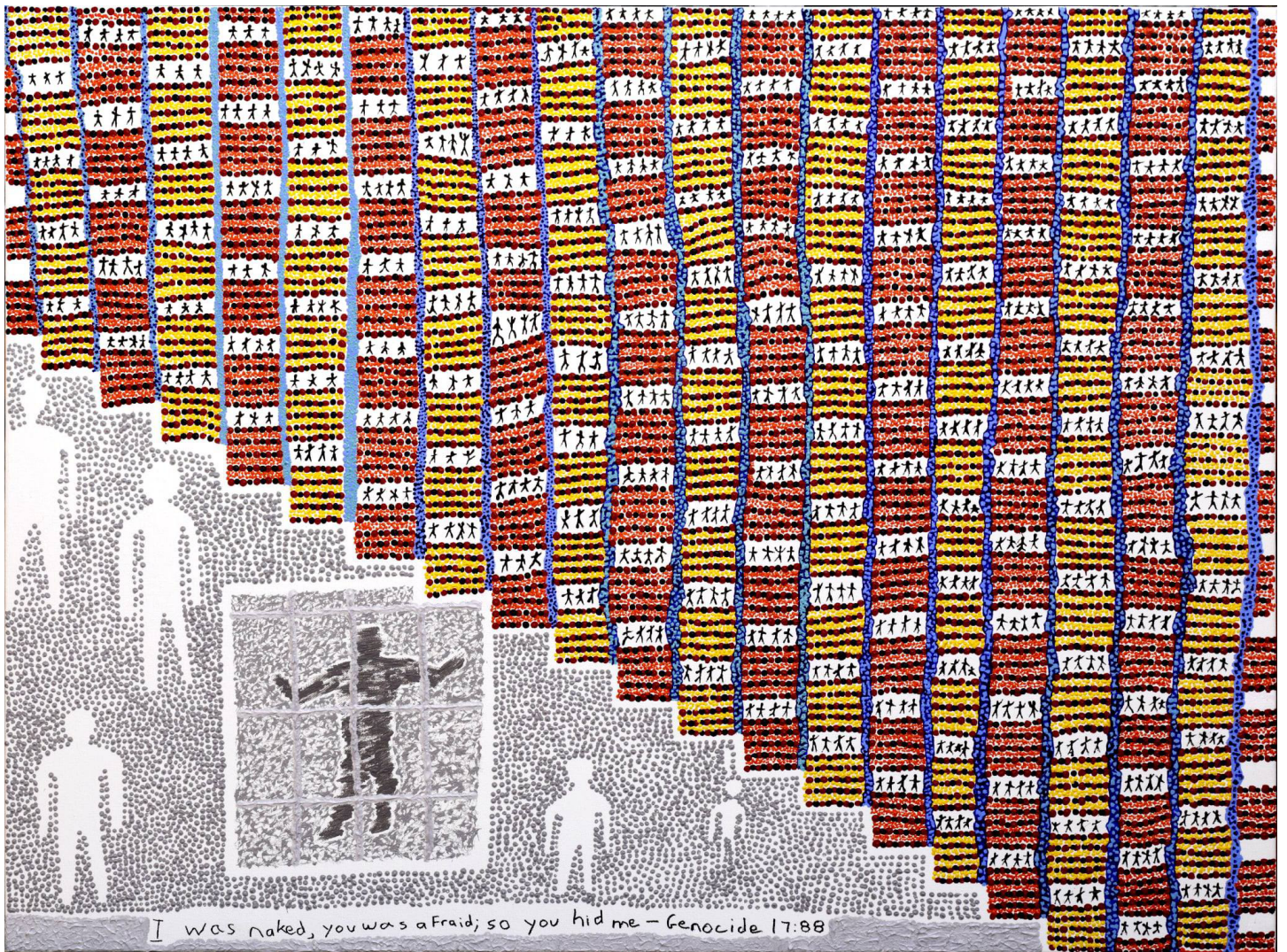
MID-WINTER FEAST

The very popular Mid-Winter Feast will take place on Friday 19 June. Tickets are \$95, with all funds raised supporting ministry and outreach at Christ Church. Bookings are now open! For full details, and how to book, go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/DLZZO>

LAY DEANERY LUNCH

The annual Port Phillip Deanery Luncheon is to be held on Sunday 7th June at 12.30hr. at Holy Trinity Balaclava. We thank Fr Tony Poole and the Parishioners for kindly hosting the lunch. It is a great opportunity to meet the Parishioners from the other six Deanery Churches, also to renew friendships made at previous lunches which are always happy occasions. Please support your representatives, Elisabeth and Robyn. Kindly let us know by Monday 1st June if you can attend. We look forward to welcoming many of you there.”

CONGRATULATIONS FR GLENN



Huge congratulations to Fr Glenn Loughrey, on winning the Mandorla Art Prize for his painting “*I was naked, you were afraid, so you hid me.*”

Genocide 17:88. The judges’ commented:

Glenn’s work hits with the impact of undeniable, brutal truth. Painted in languages of spirituality, it refuses ambiguity and demands acknowledgement. Depicting a revelation of Aboriginal history and truth, it helps the viewer to visually collide with the truth of immense human loss, awakening the sense and sensibility of Aboriginal memory and suffering to pronounce “Genocide 17:88”

The Mandorla Art Award is Australia’s most significant thematic Christian art prize, attracting some of the country’s finest artists since its inception in 1985. It is held every two years. This is a contemporary fine art award in conversation with a Biblical text. Mandorla invites artists to contribute to the cultural life of Australia.

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MID-WINTER FEAST

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Raising funds for the renewal and mission of the church

Friday 19 June, 6 for 6.30pm

\$95 per head

Sparkling on arrival; BYO wine and other drinks

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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 the Church:

We pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea. In Australia we pray for the diocese of North West Australia (Bp Darrell Parker). In this diocese for the parishes of the deanery of the Melbourne, and for bishops-designate Megan Curlis-Gibson and Ben Wong.

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: Josie, Lee, Annette, Jonothan, Margaret, Sean, Fran & for those we name in our hearts.

Also remembering those with long-term needs for prayer: Gaye, Danny Allan, Patty Dowd, John, Joe, Charles, 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: Ian Rodney Purvis.

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

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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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