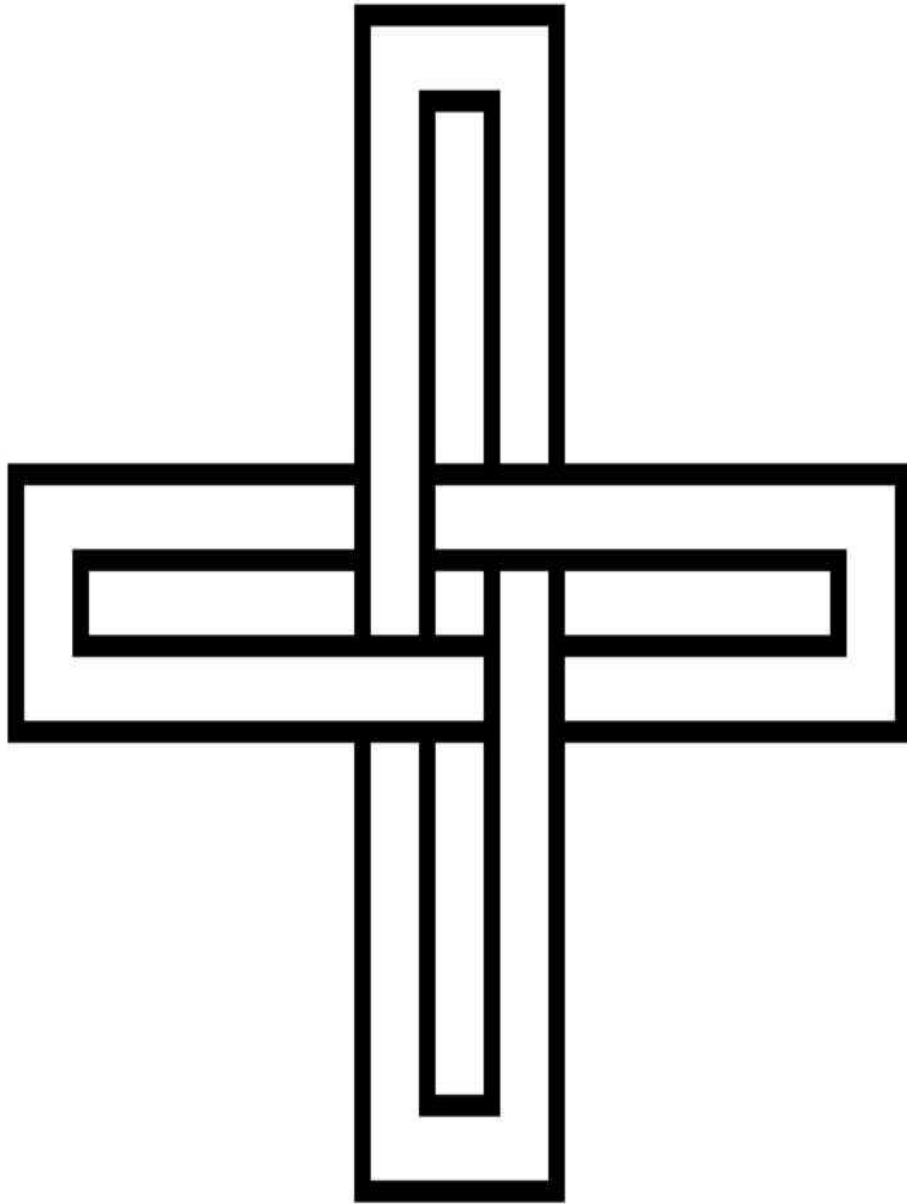


Welcome to
CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA
YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9.30am

6 September 2026

Setting: Christ Church Service – 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

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



**'Forgive our sins as we forgive'
you taught us, Lord, to pray,
but you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say.**

**How can your pardon reach and bless
the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let
old bitterness depart?**

**In blazing light your cross reveals
the truth we dimly knew,
what trivial debts are owed to us,
how great our debt to you.**

**Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
and bid resentment cease;
then, bound to all in bonds of love,
our lives will spread your peace.**

Rosamond Eleanor Herklots 1905–87
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In the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

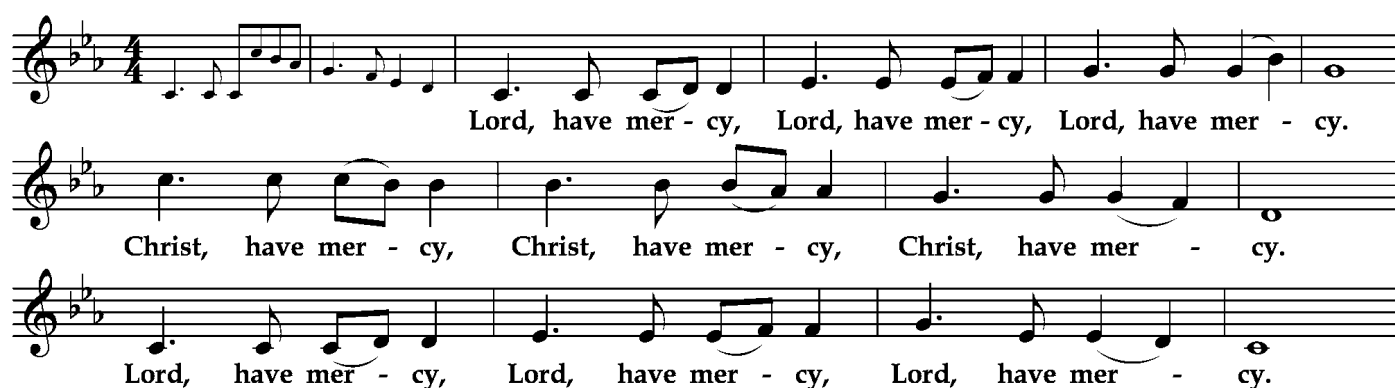
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Words of welcome

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.



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.



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.

Let us pray.

Go before us, O Lord, with your most gracious favour and further us with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All sit

A reading from the book Exodus

12.1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: "This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of

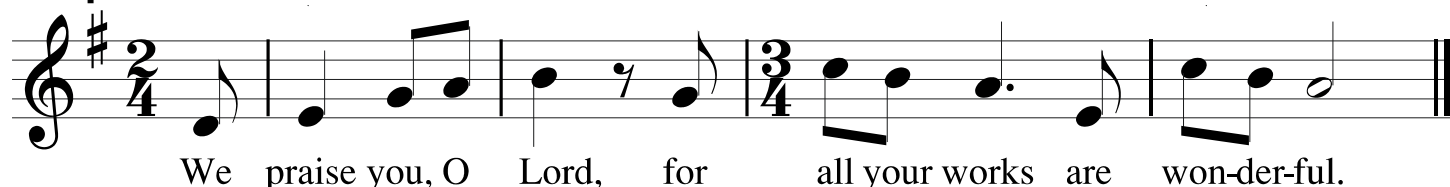
people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.”

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

Psalm 149

Repeat the response after the cantor, and then as indicated

Response:



Sing a new song to the Lord,
 praise God in the assembly of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in its maker,
 let Zion's people exult in their king. **Response**

Let the people praise God's name with dancing
 and make music with timbrel and harp.

For the Lord takes delight in the people
and crowns the poor with salvation. **Response**

Let the faithful rejoice in their glory,
shout for joy and take their rest. **Response**

tr. from The Psalms, A New Translation (1989)

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Music © 1988 Christopher Willcock by permission Oregon Catholic Press TiS 95

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

13.1-10

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgement. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval; for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, busy with this very thing. Pay to all what is due to them—taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honour to whom honour is due. Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

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.

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

18.10-20

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

‘Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven. What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost. ‘If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.’

For the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

All sit

Sermon – Fr Ken Letts

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

After thanksgiving for those who have died

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

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:



**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.**

**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 342, vv.1-3, 5*

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

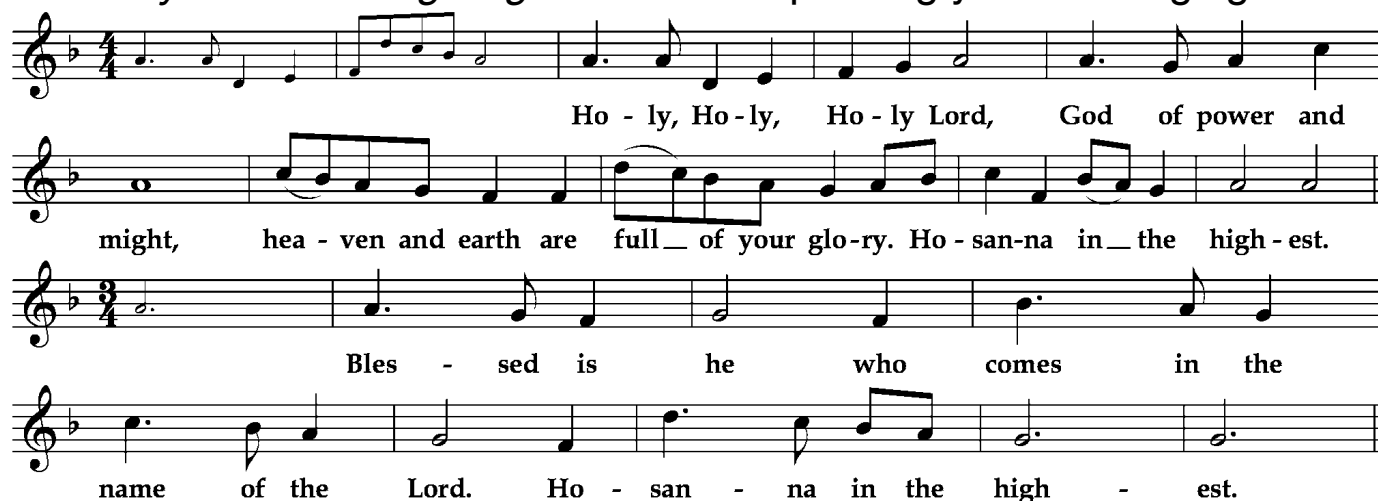
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

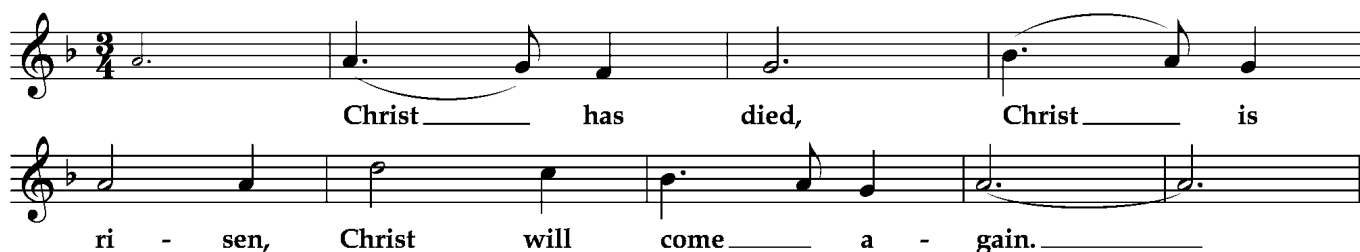
The Prayer of Thanksgiving continues.... praising you and singing:



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:



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



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.



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. All are welcome to receive the wine, but none must, as the sacrament is fully present in both.

During communion, the cantor will sing

After communion all stand

Bountiful God, at this table you graciously feed us with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation. May we who have reached out our hands to receive this sacrament be strengthened in your service; we who have sung your praises tell of your glory and truth in our lives; we who have seen the greatness of your love see you face to face in your kingdom and come to worship you with all your saints for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE



**Lord, your word abiding,
and our footsteps guiding,
gives us joy for ever,
binds us all together.**

**Who can tell the pleasure,
who recount the treasure,
by your word imparted
to the simple-hearted?**

**Word of mercy, giving
nourishment for living:**

**word of life, supplying
comfort for the dying.**

**O that we, discerning
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear you,
evermore be near you.**

Henry Williams Baker 1821–77 *alt.*
Tune: Ravenshaw. TiS 427

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

SEPTEMBER ROSTER

Date	1st Reading	2nd Reading	Intercessions	Eucharistic Assistant	Offertory
6 th Sept	Fr Ken	Helen	Deba	Elisabeth	Helen
13 th Sept	Will	Lindy	Fr Ken	Deba	Gary
20 th Sept	Deba	Fr Glenn	Deba	Fr Ken	Gary
27 th Sept	Mandy	Jenny	Fr Craig	Geoffrey	Geoffrey

SUNDAY STUDY GROUPS – EXODUS

During September and early October Fr Craig will lead a series of studies on the book of Exodus, as we read through key chapters of the book at Sunday services. The Exodus is the defining story of the people of Israel. As well as being crucial to understanding the narrative theology of the Scriptures as a whole, including the New Testament, it constitutes key background to contemporary events in the Middle East. The seminars will follow Morning Tea on the following dates: 6, 20, 27 September, 4 October.

STONEMWORK RESTORATION OF CHURCH WEST DOOR

A generous donation, combined with the success of the end of financial year push for the National Trust Appeal, has enabled the parish to accept a quote for the restoration of the stonework around the main West Door of the church. This work will commence on site on 28 September. It will involve three weeks of work on site, after the stone is cut and dressed off-site. This work will include replacement of several decayed stones and indent repairs to others. This will include elements of the decoration that have deteriorated badly. On weekdays during the works, entry to the church will be via the South Transept. On Sundays we expect to have full access as usual.

MICHAELMAS EVENSONG 27 SEPTEMBER

On Sunday 27 September at 4pm we will again enjoy the visiting “ad hoc” choir assembled by Will Fellows as they sing another stunning service of Choral Evensong for the feast of St Michael and All Angels. This year will be a special treat, as we will be joined by our “newly-minted” area bishop, Megan Curlis-Gibson. As well as being a beautiful time of worship, this will be an excellent occasion to meet the new bishop. Do make a note in your diary, and invite family and friends.

CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA

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CHORAL EVENSONG

**For the feast of
St Michael and All Angels**

4pm

Sunday 27 September 2026



***A choir of some of Melbourne's finest choral
singers, under the direction of Will Fellows
Preacher: Bishop Megan Curlis-Gibson***

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 church of the Episcopal/Anglican province of Alexandria. In Australia we pray for the diocese of Bendigo (Bp Matt Brain). In this diocese for the parishes of the deanery of Waverley, 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: Ann, Les, Charles, Josie, Lee, Annette, Jonothan, Margaret, Sean, Fran, Fr David Conolly & 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.

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

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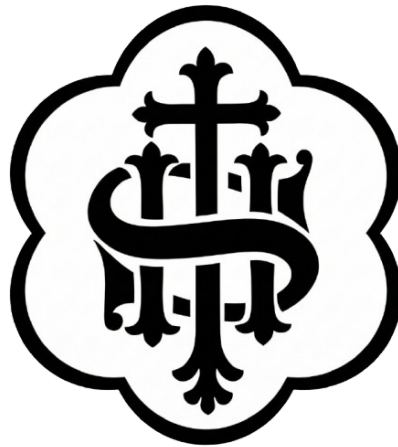
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Are you new to Christ Church?

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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