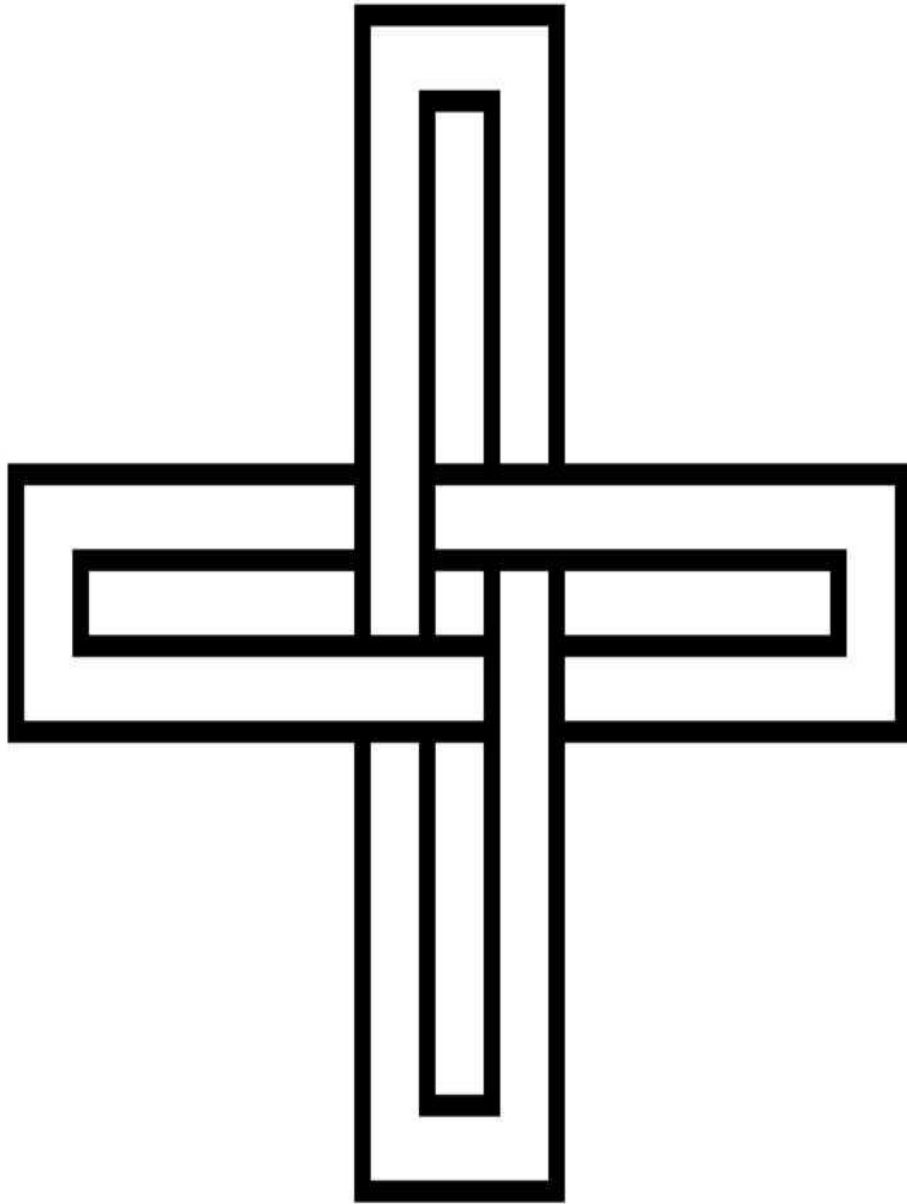


*Welcome to*  
**CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA**  
*YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME*



**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**9.30am**

**19 July 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-Tuesday, Thursday 9.30am Morning Prayer  
Wednesday 9.30am Eucharist for St Mary Magdalene  
Saturday 9.30am Eucharist for St James

*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*



**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, but ruling in might;  
your justice like mountains high soaring above,  
your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**You give life to all, Lord, to both great and small,  
in all life now living, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on a tree,  
then wither: but ever unchanged you will be.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;  
of all your rich graces this grace, Lord, impart —  
take the veil from our faces, the veil from our heart.**

**All praise we would render: reveal to our sight  
what hides you is only the splendour of light;  
and so let your glory, Almighty, impart,  
through Christ in the story, your Christ to the heart.**

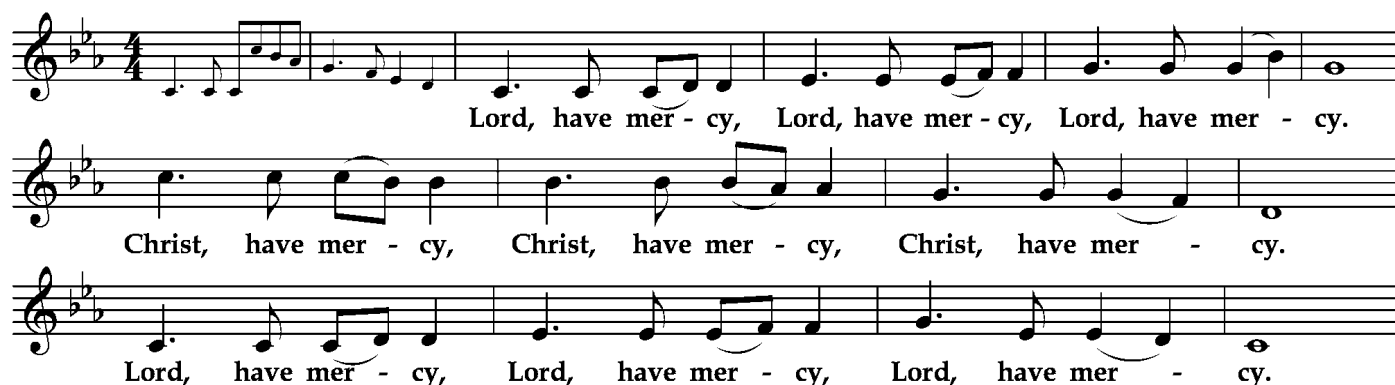
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In the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*The celebrant introduces the service*

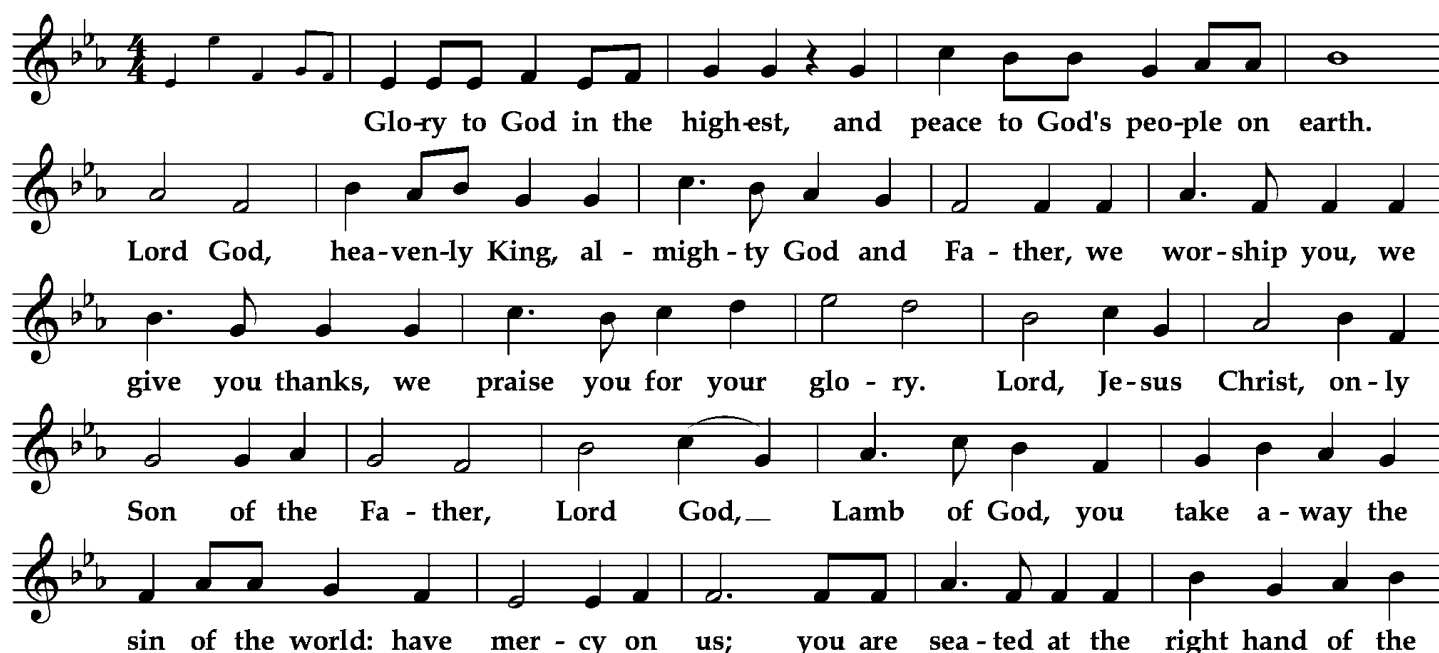
**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



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.**





*The celebrant reads the prayer of the day*

Saving God, in Jesus Christ you opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All sit*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reading from the book of Genesis

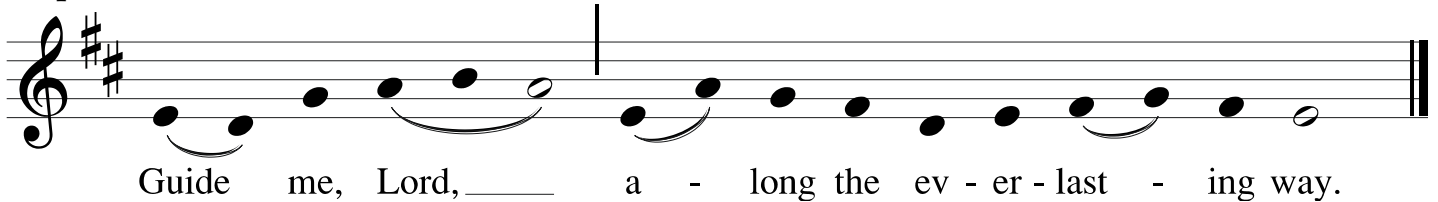
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Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place--and I did not know it!" And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

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

## Psalm 139

Response:



O Lord, you have searched me out and known me:  
you know when I sit or when I stand,  
you comprehend my thoughts long before.  
You discern my path and the places where I rest:  
you are acquainted with all my ways. **Response**

For there is not a word on my tongue, but you, Lord, know it altogether:  
You have encompassed me behind and before,  
and have laid your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:  
so high that I cannot endure it. **Response**

Where shall I go from your spirit:  
or where shall I flee from your presence?  
If I ascend into heaven you are there:  
if I make my bed in the grave you are there also. **Response**

If I spread out my wings towards the morning,  
or dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,  
even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me. **Response**

For you have created my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I will praise you, for you are to be feared:  
fearful are your acts, and wonderful your works. **Response**

You knew my soul,  
and my bones were not hidden from you,  
when I was formed in secret,  
and woven in the depths of the earth. **Response**

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So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labour, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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.**

Whoever keeps the word of Christ,  
grows perfect in the love of God.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

For 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:*



**Father, Lord of all creation,  
ground of being, life and love;  
height and depth beyond description  
only life in you can prove:  
you are mortal life's dependence:  
thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;  
yours is every hour's existence,  
sovereign Lord of time and space.**

**Jesus Christ, the Man for Others,  
we, your people, make our prayer:  
let us love as sisters, brothers,  
all whose burdens we can share.  
Where your name binds us together  
you, Lord Christ, will surely be;  
where no selfishness can sever  
there your love we all may see.**

**Holy Spirit, rushing, burning,  
wind and flame of Pentecost,  
fill our hearts afresh with yearning  
to regain what we have lost.  
May your love unite our action,  
nevermore to speak alone:  
God, in us abolish faction,  
and through us your love make known.**

David Stewart Cross 1928–89

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*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.



The gifts of God for the people of God.  
Come, let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

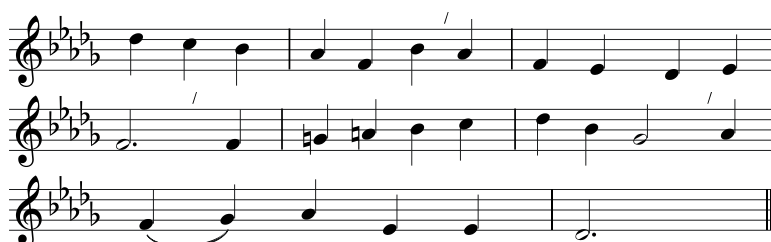
*Communicant members of any church are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would prefer a blessing, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. Communion is offered in both kinds. Please queue to receive the host (bread) first, and then the wine if you wish. All are welcome to receive 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



O day of God, draw near  
in beauty and in power,  
come with your timeless judgment now  
to match our present hour.

Bring to our troubled minds,  
uncertain and afraid,  
the quiet of a steadfast faith,  
calm of a call obeyed.

Bring justice to our land  
that all may dwell secure,  
and firmly build for days to come  
foundations that endure.

Bring to our world of strife  
your sovereign word of peace,  
that war may haunt the earth no more  
and desolation cease.

O day of God, draw near  
as at creation's birth;  
let there be light again, and set  
your justice in the earth.

Robert Baggie Young Scott 1899–1987 *alt.*

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## *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**

### **JULY ROSTER**

| <b>Date</b>           | <b>1<sup>st</sup><br/>Reading</b> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup><br/>Reading</b> | <b>Intercessi<br/>ons</b> | <b>Eucharistic<br/>Assistant</b> | <b>Offertory</b> | <b>Server</b> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| 19 <sup>th</sup> July | John                              | William                           | Fr Craig                  | Elisabeth                        | Geoffrey         | Will          |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> July | William                           | John                              | Fr Ken                    | Deba                             | Gary             | TBC           |

### **THE CHURCH IN THE BIBLE: FIVE TEXTS FOR BUILDING A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**

Fr Craig leads a major series of five studies exploring some of the Biblical warrants for how we build Christian community. These will take place on Sundays at around 11am for around 30 minutes. Each session will include a brief exploration of the text, and a discussion about how we might apply it here at Christ Church. Remaining studies (there is no study this week):

19 July: Romans 8:1-16 – A Spirit-led community

26 July: I Cor 12:12-31 – A diverse community

### **DEDICATION FESTIVAL – SUNDAY 2 AUGUST**

2 August marks the 169<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of Christ Church. It therefore also marks the beginning of our 170<sup>th</sup> 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!

## 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 recovering from earthquakes in Venezuela.

### **For the Church:**

We pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania. In Australia we pray for the diocese of Willochra (Bp Jeremy James). In this diocese for parishes of the deanery of Yarra/Plenty, 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, Jonathan, 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: Isabel Letts.

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

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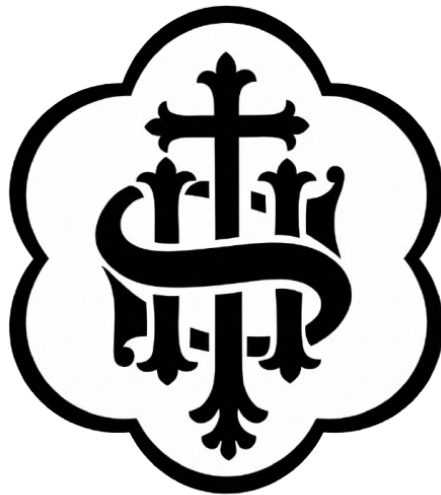
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*Please provide us with your phone number and/or email address so that we can get in touch and get to know you better. Tear off this form and hand it to the vicar or one of the welcomers.*

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