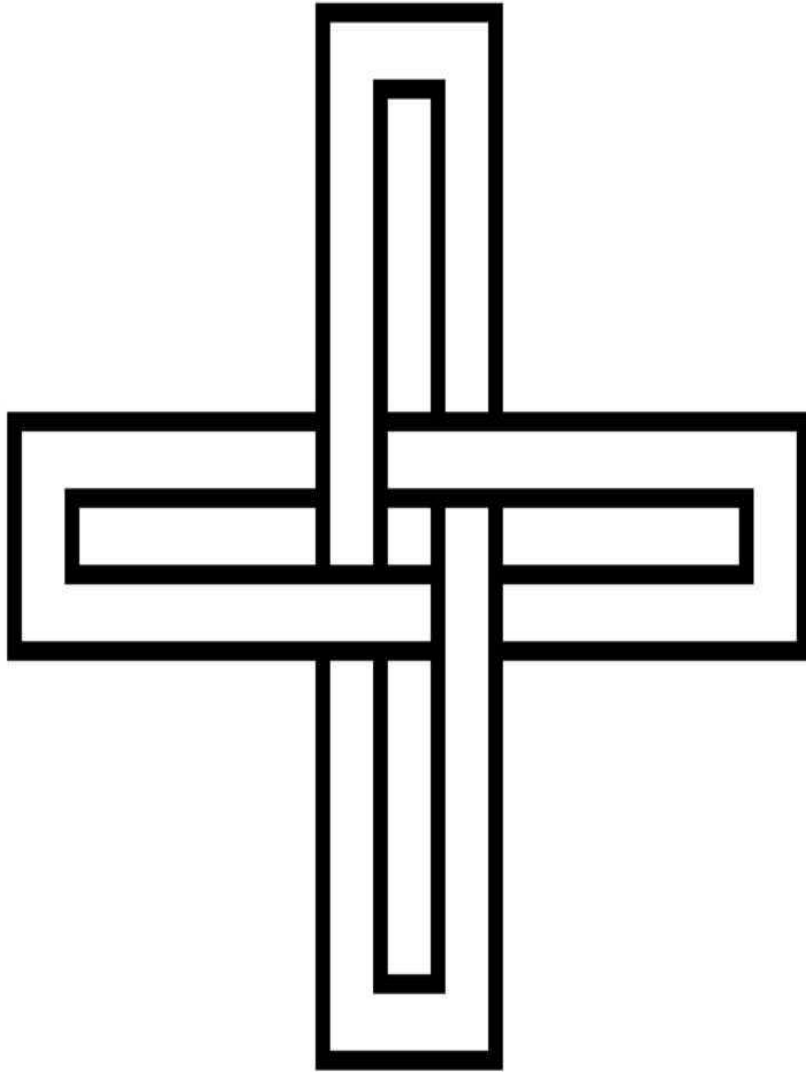


Welcome to
CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA
YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
11 October 2026

9.30am Parish Eucharist
Setting: Christ Church Mass – 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.*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 18 October

9.30am Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism on St Luke's Day

Wednesday 28 October

9.30am Eucharist for SS Simon and Jude

Sunday 1 November

9.30am Parish Eucharist for All Saints

Monday 2 November

9.30am Requiem Eucharist for All Souls' Day

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



**King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
and, that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.**

**Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied,
thou didst hear me.**

**Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
to enrol thee:
ev'n eternity's too short
to extol thee.**

George Herbert 1593–1633
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Tune: Gwalchmai. TiS 201

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.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line, likely for an organ or voice. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined. The music is marked with dynamic symbols: *mp* (mezzo-piano) and *mf* (mezzo-forte). The first staff begins with the word "Organ" below the first measure. The lyrics are: "Lord, have _ mer - cy,". The second staff continues: "Lord, have _ mer - cy, Lord, have _ mer - cy." The third staff continues: "Christ, have _ mer - cy, Christ, have _ mer - cy,". The fourth staff continues: "Christ, have _ mer - cy. mf Lord, have _ mer - cy,". The fifth staff continues: "Lord, have _ mer - cy, mp Lord, have _ mer - cy." The score ends with a double bar line.

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 - might - y God and Fa - ther, we

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

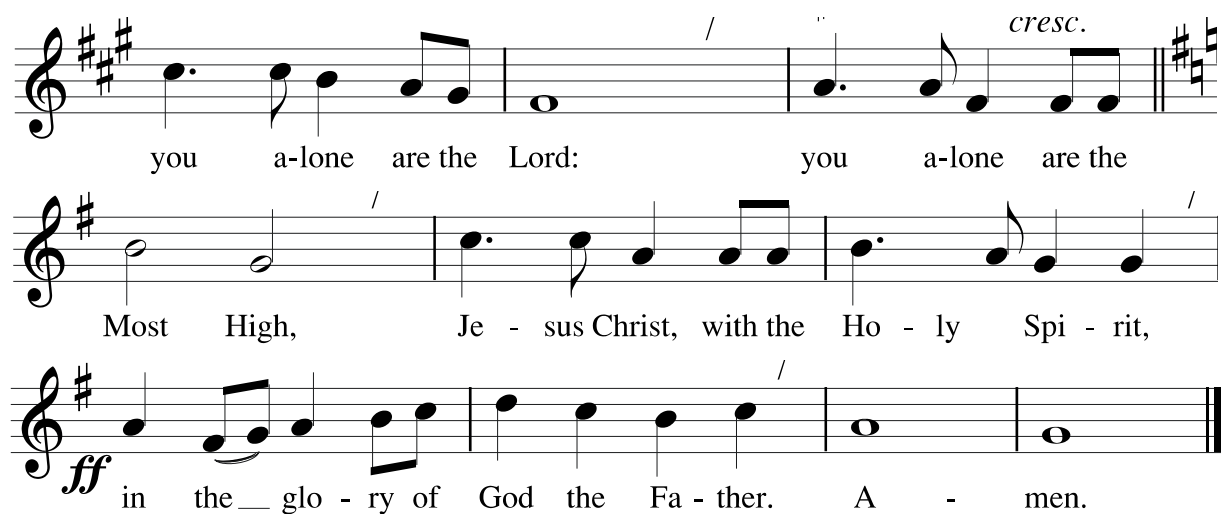
cresc. glo - ry. **mp** Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

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:



Let us pray.

Saving and healing God, you have promised that those who have died with Christ shall live with him: grant us grace to be continually thankful for all you have done for us, and in that thankfulness to be eager to serve and live for others, so that we and all your children may rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who 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 book Exodus

32.1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, 'Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' Aaron said to them, 'Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.' So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mould, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, 'Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.' They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have

cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” The Lord said to Moses, ‘I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.’ But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, ‘O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, “It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth”? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, “I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever.”’ And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

Psalm 106

(sung by all, remaining seated)



**Give praise and thanks unto the Lord,
for bountiful is he;
His tender mercy doth endure
unto eternity.**

**God's mighty works who can express?
or shew forth all his praise?
Blessed are they that judgment keep,
and justly do always.**

**Remember me, Lord, with that love
which thou to thine dost bear;
With thy salvation, O my God,
to visit me draw near:**

**That I thy chosen's good may see,
and in their joy rejoice;
And may with thine inheritance
triumph with cheerful voice.**

The Scottish Psalter
Tune: Wiltshire, TiS 112

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

4.1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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.

This is our God for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

22.1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, “Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.” But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, “The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.” Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?” And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” For many are called, but few are chosen.’

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

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

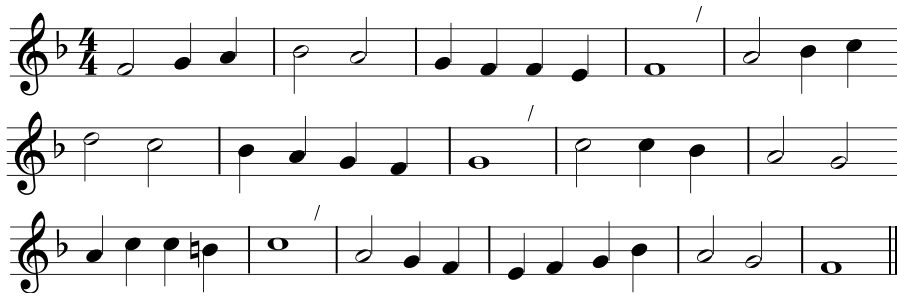
We are the body of Christ.

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:



**Draw near and take the body of our Lord,
and drink his holy blood for you outpoured,
saved by that body and that precious blood,
our souls refreshed, we offer thanks to God.**

**Salvation's giver, Christ the only Son,
who by his cross and blood the victory won,
off'ring himself for greatest and for least,
himself the victim, and himself the priest.**

**The victims offered by the law of old,
as signs from God, eternal mysteries told;
now Christ our light, the ransom of our race,
gives to his own this endless source of grace.**

**Let us approach with faithful hearts sincere,
and take the promise of salvation here.
Christ, who his saints in this world rules and shields,
to all believers life eternal yields.**

**With heav'nly bread he makes the hungry whole,
gives living waters to each thirsty soul.
Christ Jesus, first and last, to whom shall bow
all nations at the last, is with us now.**

Latin, from the *Antiphonary* of Bennchar, 7th cent.
tr. John Mason Neale 1818–66 alt.
Tune: Toulon. TiS 498

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:

Musical score for 'The Great Thanksgiving' in G major (three sharps) and 4/4 time. The score consists of six staves of music. The first staff is marked 'Organ' and the second through fifth staves are marked 'mf' (mezzo-forte). The sixth staff is marked 'f' (forte). The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed 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:

Musical score for 'The Mystery of Faith' in G major (three sharps) and 4/4 time. The score consists of two staves of music. The first staff is marked 'Organ' and 'mf' (mezzo-forte). The second staff is marked 'f' (forte). The lyrics are: 'Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.'

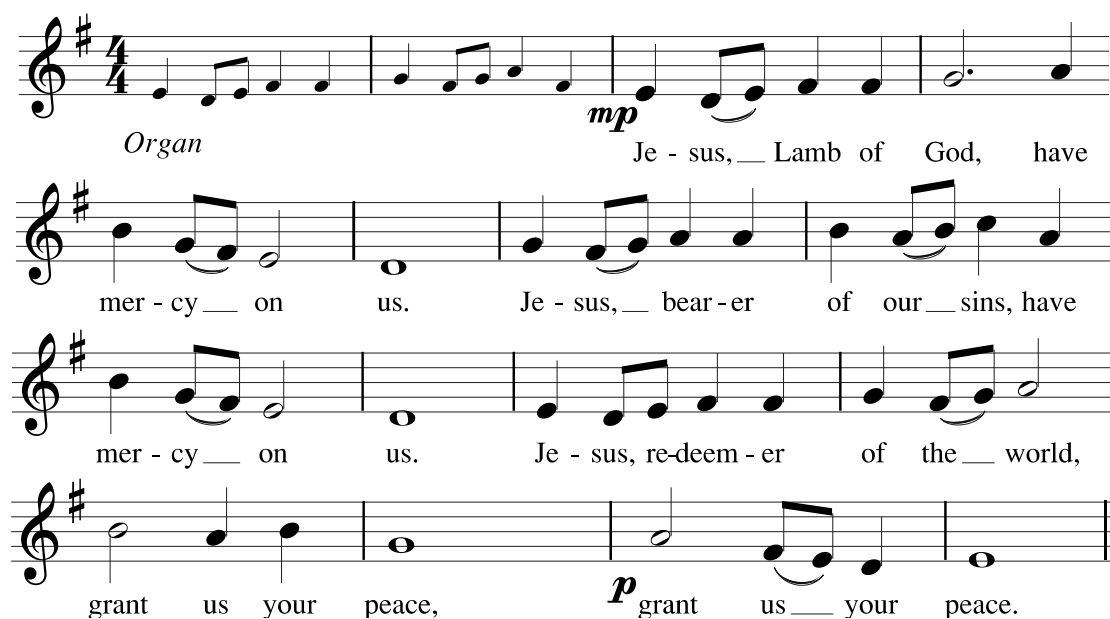
The Prayer of Thanksgiving continues.... never-ending praise:



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 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

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



**Rejoice, the Lord is King;
your Lord and King adore;
let all give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:

Lift up your heart, ...

His kingdom cannot fail,
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:

Lift up your heart,...

He sits at God's right hand,
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:

Lift up your heart,...

Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus the judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home:

*We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, Rejoice!*

Charles Wesley 1707–88 *alt.* Music: John W. Wilson
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Tune: Gopsal. TiS 216

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

ROSTER

Date	1st Reading	2nd Reading	Intercessions	Eucharistic Assistant	Offertory
11 th Oct	Deba	Lindy	Fr Craig	Valerie	Gary
18 th Oct	Helen	Fr Ken	Fr Craig	Fr Ken	Helen
25 th Oct	Fr Glenn	John	Deba	Charles	Charles

ADVANCE NOTICE – ANNUAL MEETING

The parish Annual Meeting will take place at 11am on Sunday 29 November. Formal notice and a call for nominations for office bearers will be posted next week. Nominations close on Sunday 22 November.

VICAR ON LEAVE

Fr Craig will be taking Annual Leave from Tuesday 20 October until Thursday 19 November. Fr Ken Letts will be the locum during this period.

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 final seminar will follow Morning Tea today.

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 will entail three weeks of work on site. The 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.

ANNUAL DEANERY CHORAL EVENSONG

St Silas and St Anslem, Albert Park on Sunday 18th October at 6pm.

Choir: All Saints Choir under the direction of John O'Donnell

Preacher: Bishop Megan Curlis-Gibson

All parishioners are invited to attend. Please notify Elisabeth or Robyn of attendance for catering purposes before Thursday 15th October.

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 Church of Burundi, and in Australia for the diocese of Gippsland (Bp Richard Treloar). In this diocese for the parishes of the deanery of Stonnington.

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: Ross, 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: Stephen Baldwin.

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

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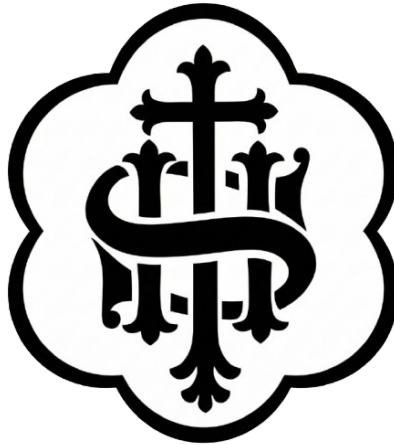
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Please provide us with your phone number and/or email address so that we can get in touch and get to know you better. Tear off this form and hand it to the vicar or one of the welcomers.

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<i>Name(s):</i>	
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