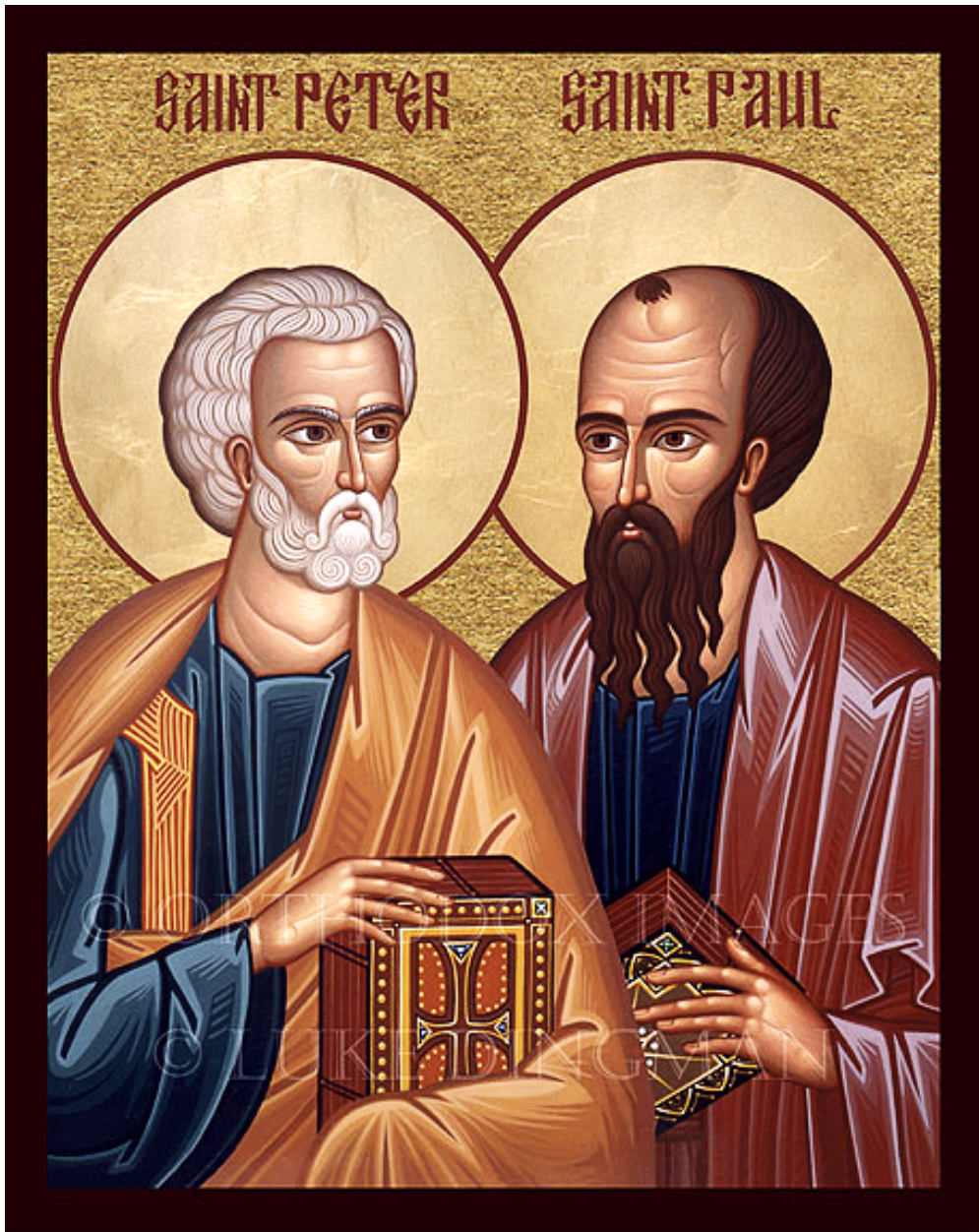


Welcome to
CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA
YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME



St Peter and St Paul – modern icon

St Peter and St Paul

9.30am

28 June 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

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



**Thou art the Christ, O Lord,
the Son of God most high!
For ever be adored
that Name in earth and sky,
in which, though mortal strength may fail,
the saints of God at last prevail!**

**O surely he was blest
with blessedness unpriced,
who, taught of God, confessed
the Godhead in the Christ!
For of thy Church, Lord, thou didst own
thy saint a true foundation-stone.**

**Thrice fallen, thrice restored!
The bitter lesson learned,
that heart for thee, O Lord,
with triple ardor burned.
The cross he took he laid not down
until he grasped the martyr's crown.**

**O bright triumphant faith,
O courage void of fears!
O love most strong in death,
O penitential tears!
By these, Lord, keep us lest we fall,
and make us go where thou shalt call.**

*William Walsham How, 1871
(Words NEH 172, Tune TIS 118)*

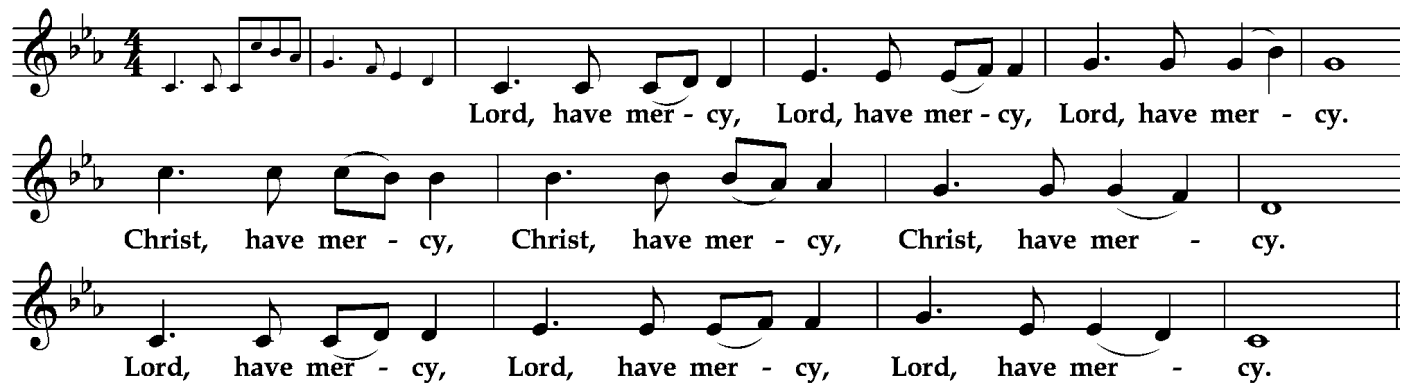
In the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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.**



Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

Let us then run our race, laying aside every weight and bringing our sins to the Lord in penitence and faith.

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.

Almighty God, whose apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their deaths as in their lives: grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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

12.1-11

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the

Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

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

Psalm 34

Response:

Taste and see _____ the good-ness of the Lord;

taste and see the good-ness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, with praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad.

Response

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise God's name. I sought the Lord and was answered; from my terrors God set me free. **Response**

Look towards the Lord and shine in light; let your faces be not ashamed. When the poor cry out the Lord hears them and rescues them from all their distress. **Response**

The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere God. Taste and see that the Lord is good. They are happy who seek refuge in God.

Response

tr. From The Psalms, A New Translation (1989) Response text ICEL Psalms verses by permission A. P. Watt, London Music © 1977, 1990 Christopher Willcock S. J. by permission Oregon Catholic Press. TIS 22

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy 4.6-8, 17-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever 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.

You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church.
And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 16.13-19

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'

And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

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:



**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*

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

God, the source of all holiness: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims on earth be welcomed with Peter and Paul and all your saints to the heavenly feast in your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**Your hand, O God, has guided
your flock from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page;
your people owned your goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness:
one church, one faith, one Lord.**

**Your heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest, as to least;
they bade them rise, and hasten
to share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one church, one faith, one Lord.**

**Through many a day of darkness,
through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely
to guard the nation's life.
Their gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, earth restored,
was all in this enfolded:
one church, one faith, one Lord.**

**Your mercy will not fail us,
nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
and then by all creation,
your name shall be adored,
and this shall be our anthem:
one church, one faith, one Lord.**

Edward Hayes Plumptre 1821–91 *alt.*
Tune: Thornbury. TIS 456

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.**

God give you grace to follow Peter, Paul and all the saints in faith and hope and love; 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

JUNE/JULY ROSTER

Date	1st Reading	2nd Reading	Intercessions	Eucharistic Assistant	Offertory	Server
28 th June	Fr Ken	Deba	Fr Ken	Charles	Gary	Deba
5 th July	Deba	Bob	Geoffrey	Geoffrey	Valerie	Will
12 th July	Geoffrey	Helen	Deba	Valerie	Charles	Grace
19 th July	John	William	Fr Craig	Elisabeth	Geoffrey	Will
26 th July	William	John	Fr Ken	Deba	Gary	TBC

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

Fr Craig will lead 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. You are warmly encouraged to place these dates in your diary. The first session is today!

21 June: Matthew 28:16-20 – A baptising community

28 June: Acts 2:37-47 – A sharing community

5 July: I Cor 11:17-34 – A remembering community

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

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

PLANNED GIVING 2026/7

Everyone by now should have received an email outlining our financial goals for the 2026-7 financial year, and encouraging you to consider how you might help. In particular, you are encouraged to arrange regular giving by direct debit rather than in the plate on Sundays. We ask each and every member of the parish to consider how you might help and to fill out and return the stewardship form this Sunday 28 June. Thank you again for your support.

- Fr Craig and the Churchwardens

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 Southern Africa. In our region we pray for the diocese of church in Papua New Guinea. In this diocese for the bishops, diocesan officers and members of Archbishop in Council, 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-terms 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: Aileen Wood.

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

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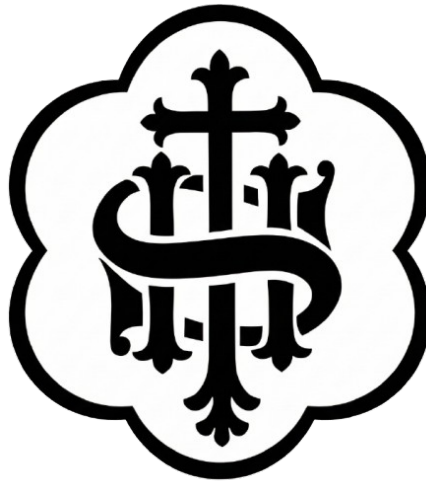
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Please provide us with your phone number and/or email address so that we can get in touch and get to know you better. Tear off this form and hand it to the vicar or one of the welcomers.

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