

Welcome to

CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA

YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME



The descent of the Holy Spirit – Modern icon

Pentecost

9.30am

19 May 2024

Celebrant and Preacher: Bishop Genieve Blackwell

Setting: Christ Church Service – 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.

DIARY DATES

Friday 31 May

Feast of the Visitation. Eucharist at 9.30am.

Please ensure that your mobile phone is switched off

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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*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.*

All stand when the entrance bell is rung



**Come, Holy Spirit, come!
in flame our souls with love,
transforming every heart and home
with wisdom from above.**

**O let us not despise
the humble path Christ trod,
but choose, to shame the worldly-wise,
the foolishness of God.**

**Spirit of truth, arise;
inspire the prophet's voice:
expose to scorn the tyrant's lies,
and bid the poor rejoice.**

**O Spirit, clear our sight,
all prejudice remove,
and help us to discern the right,
and covet only love.**

**Give us the tongues to speak,
in every time and place,
to rich and poor, to strong and weak,
the word of love and grace.**

**Enable us to hear
the words that others bring,**

interpreting with open ear
the special song they sing.

**Come, Holy Spirit, dance
within our hearts today,
our earth-bound spirits to entrance,
our mortal fears allay;
and teach us to desire
all other things above,
that self-consuming holy fire,
the perfect gift of love.**

Michael Lindsay Forster 1946–
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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.**

The musical score is written for three voices and organ. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The organ part is the first line, starting with the word 'Organ' and playing a simple accompaniment. The three vocal parts are the second, third, and fourth lines. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have _ mer - cy, Lord, have _ mer - cy, Christ, have _ mer - cy, Christ, have _ mer - cy,'. The first vocal part has a dynamic marking of *mp* (mezzo-piano) and a fermata over the final note. The lyrics are aligned with the notes: 'Lord, have _ mer - cy,' under the first line, 'Lord, have _ mer - cy,' under the second line, 'Christ, have _ mer - cy,' under the third line, and 'Christ, have _ mer - cy,' under the fourth line.

Christ, have_ mer - cy. *a cresc.* *mf* Lord, have_ mer - cy,
 Lord, have_ mer - cy, *mp* Lord, have_ mer - cy.

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
 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. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One:
 you a-lone are the Lord: you a-lone are the *cresc.*
 Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,
ff in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The bishop reads the prayer of the day

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive 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

2.1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them

speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: “In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”’

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

Psalm 104



R. Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Praise the Lord, O my soul, O Lord God, your glory is great. How manifold are your works. In wisdom you have made them all. **R.**

All creatures look to you to give them their food to eat. When you open your hand, they are filled with good, when you hide your face they pine away. **R.**

When you take away their breath, they die, and return to the earth, whence they came. When you send forth your Spirit, all things spring to life, and the face of the earth is renewed. **R.**

you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.'

For the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

All sit

Sermon – Bishop Genieve Blackwell

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.**

All stand

RE-DEDICATION OF THE CHANCEL WINDOWS

Let us give thanks to God for these windows of glass; for those who first gave and made them, for those who have funded their restoration, and for those who have carried out the work. May we be faithful stewards of the gifts of past generations; inspired by the beauty of holiness as we offer worship and thanksgiving in this holy place.

Bishop: Look upon the rainbow and praise him who made it.

All: **How beautiful it is in its brightness.**

O Lord God, the whole world is filled with the radiance of your glory: Accept our offering of these windows which we now re-dedicate to you for the adornment of this place and the inspiration of your people. Grant that as the lights shines through them in many colours, so our lives may show forth the beauty of your manifold gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Christ is risen, alleluia!

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:



**Come down, O Love divine,
seek now this soul of mine,
and visit it with your own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.
There let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
and let your glorious light
shine ever on my sight
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
Let holy charity
my outer garment be,
and lowliness become my inner clothing:
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part
and for its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
And so the yearning strong
with which the soul will long
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace
till we become the place
in which the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.**

Bianco da Siena d.1434 *tr.* Richard Frederick Littledale 1833–90 *alt.*
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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:

Organ *mf* 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.
mf Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. *f* Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving continues...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Organ *mf* Christ has died, Christ is ris - en,
f Christ will come a - gain.

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

Organ *f* Bless - ing and hon - our and

glo - ry and power are ___ yours for ev - er and ev - er. 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.

Organ *mp* Je - sus, ___ Lamb of God, have

mer - cy ___ on us. Je - sus, ___ bear - er of our ___ sins, have

mer - cy ___ on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the ___ world,

grant us your peace, *p* 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.

After communion all stand

Giver of life and love, we thank you that in this heavenly banquet you invigorate and renew us. Living in the unity of the Spirit, may we boldly use your gifts to continue your work in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE



**Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord
the infant church confessed its risen Lord.
O Holy Spirit, in the church today
no less your power of fellowship display.
Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,
that unity may be our great desire.
Give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call,
and readiness in each to work for all.
Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace
in your strong care all those of every race.
Like wind and fire with life among us move,
till we are known as Christ's, and Christians prove.**

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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.**

God stir up within you the gift of the Spirit that you may confess Jesus Christ as Lord and proclaim the joy of the everlasting gospel wherever you may be; 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.*



From the Vicar

Today we welcome Bishop Geneive Blackwell, our area bishop, to celebrate and preach at the 9.30am Eucharist. This is Bp Genieve's first visit to Christ Church since my induction back in August last year. It is good to be able to combine this visit with the opportunity to give thanks for the completion of the restoration of the stained glass windows in the chancel. The last of the five windows restored over the past few years by Bruce Hutton and Phil Davies of Almond Glassworks returned to its place only a few weeks ago. Elsewhere in the pew sheet you will find some entertaining information about their original installation back in 1871.

Pentecost is the last day of the Easter Season, as we commemorate and give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit and, if not quite the birth of the Church, then certainly a key early moment in the transformation of the Resurrection community. Here at Christ Church over past months we have sought to make some new beginnings, building on the work of those who have gone before. The new Mission and Vision statement is now an established part of our "message". Next Sunday – Trinity Sunday – we will launch the next phase of renewal: new Strategic Plan for the Parish. There will be more to say about this plan next week, but it sets a series of both exciting and realistic goals for the parish over the next three to five years.

In revising the Parish Roll this week it was very pleasing to note that some twelve new parishioners have joined this community since August last year. We may have faith, I believe, in the future mission and ministry of this parish as we continue to grow. We are called at this critical juncture to focus our mission and to take appropriate levels of risk in the service of Christ. The Holy Spirit is all about inspiration. Let us pray that we will continue to be inspired to renew the worshipping community of the parish, and our wider mission in and to St Kilda.

Every blessing,

Fr Craig.

THE FERGUSON AND URIE WINDOWS IN THE CHANCEL

The first five windows were installed as a group in 1870. The Ascension window – the smaller one – was added in 1874, and re-made in the mid-20th century by Alan Sumner after it had been damaged beyond repair.



From *The Argus*, Melbourne, Saturday 4 June 1870, page 5:

“We have much pleasure in observing that the illuminated windows manufactured by Messrs. Ferguson, Urie, and Lyon, of this city, have been completed, and are now placed in the chancel of Christ Church, St.Kilda. They are five in number, representing the annunciation, birth, baptism, death, and resurrection of our Lord, and the Lamb of God. They add very greatly to the beauty of the edifice, and are an excellent sample of colonial art. These windows were obtained in response to an offer made by a member of the congregation to give the central window, provided the other four were subscribed for by the parishioners. This most desirable condition was fulfilled by a concert at the town-hall, Prahran, last September, at which several lady and gentleman amateurs performed, together with a donation of £20 given by Mr. E. Courtney towards the object to the lady who got up the concert.”

NOTICES



Join us for a sumptuous

MID-WINTER FEAST

in the candle-lit ambiance of Christ Church St Kilda

Raising funds for the renewal of the mission of the church

Friday 21 June, 6 for 6.30pm

\$95 per head, \$550 for a table of 6; \$720 for a table of 8

Champagne on arrival; BYO wine

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/CRROF>

SAVE THE DATE!

The biggest fund-raising event of the year is not far away! Do ensure that you have the date in your diary so you don't miss out. More information will be available in coming weeks.

Trivia Night – Saturday 10 August

One of the most popular Trivia night's around, with our own Geoffrey Court asking all the hard questions!

ROSTER FOR MAY

Date	1st	2nd	Intercessions	Eucharistic Assistant	Offertory
19 th May	Lindy	Fr Ken	Fr Craig	Geoffrey	Geoffrey
26 th May	Geoffrey	Valerie	Geoffrey	Valerie	Gary

INTERCESSIONS

For the World:

For an end to political and military violence in the more than thirty countries currently in conflict; praying for the people of Palestine and Israel, Ukraine, Russia and Haiti. We pray and give thanks for those who have lost their lives in times of war.

For the Church:

In the world-wide Community of Faith, we pray for the Anglican Church of Canada (Abp Linda Nicholls). In Australia we pray for the Diocese of Melbourne (Abp Philip Freier, Asst Bps Paul Barker, Bradly Billings, Genieve Blackwell, Kate Prowd, Clergy & People). In this diocese we pray for St George's, Queenscliff and St James Point Lonsdale (Jo White); and for Hospital Chaplaincy (Co-ordinator & Chaplains).

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: Danny Allan, Hugh, Patty Dowd, Lee, Fr Shane Hübner & for those we name in our hearts.

Also remembering those with long-term needs for prayer: John, Joe, Charles, Byron, Aaron, Elizabeth, Mary & Brian and their carers, Helen, Fr Andrew, Evan, Ruth, Judy, Robyn, Fran, Peter, Greg and Sharyn and family.

For the Departed:

those who have died recently, and those whose Year's Mind occurs this week: Ian Rodney Purvis, Alan Koschade

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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