

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



Ferguson and Urie, Good Shepherd window – Christ Church St Kilda

## **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**9.30am**

**21 April 2024**

**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.

### **DIARY DATES**

Thursday 25 April	St Mark – Eucharist at 9.30am
Wednesday 1 May	SS Philip and James – Eucharist at 9.30am
Saturday 4 May	Monthly Market
Thursday 9 May	Ascension Day – Eucharist at 9.30am

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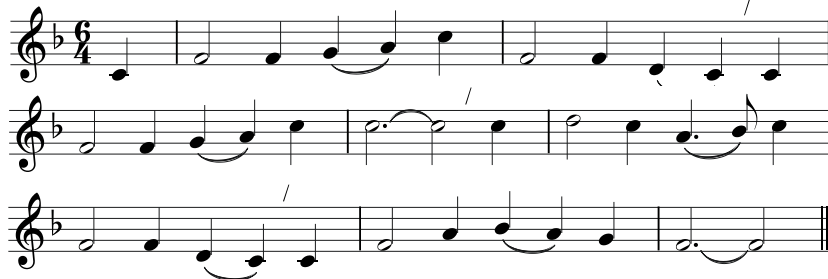
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# GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*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*



**I come with joy to meet my Lord,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall  
his life laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.**

**As Christ breaks bread and bids us share  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.**

**And thus with joy we meet our Lord,  
his presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known:  
we see, and praise him here.**

**Together met, together bound,  
we'll go our different ways,  
and as his people in the world  
we'll live and speak his praise.**

American folk hymn, coll. and arr. Annabel Morris Buchanan 1889-1983.  
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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.**

Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy,  
and confess that we need forgiveness.

Lord God, you created this world, and made us in your own image. Forgive us when we turn away from you.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy**

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death.

Rescue us from slavery to sin.

Christ, have mercy.

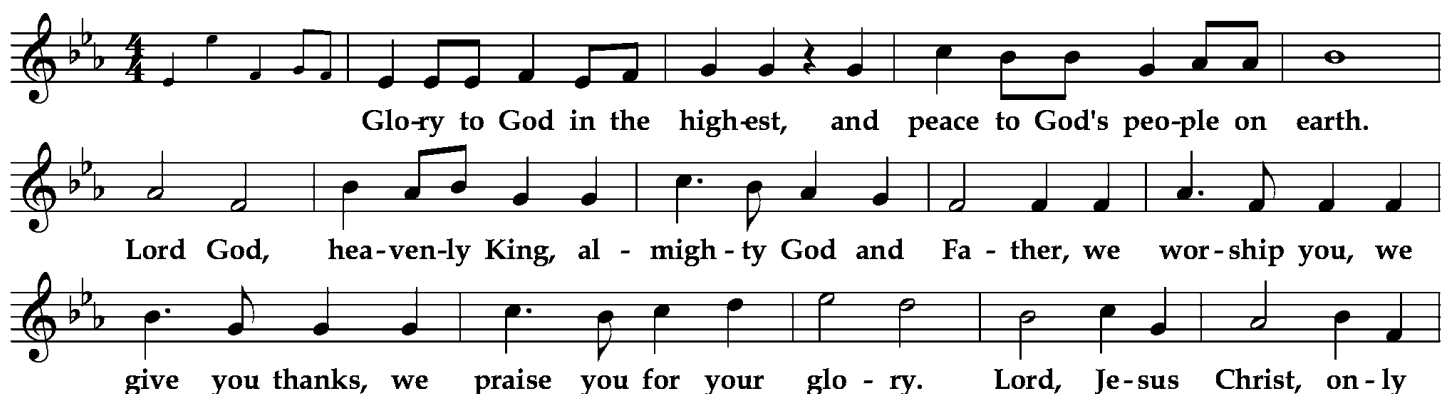
**Christ, have mercy**

Lord God, by your Spirit, you restore us to fellowship with you and with one another. Breathe your love and freedom into our lives.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy**

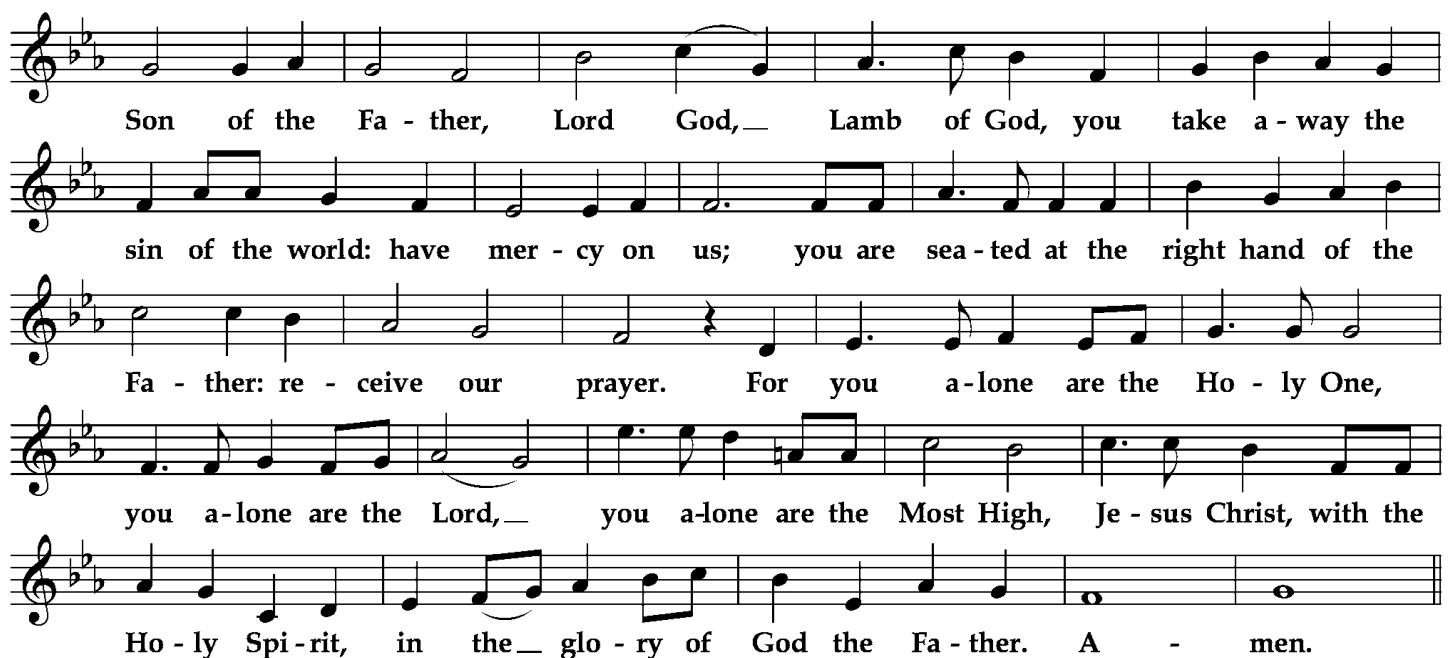
*The celebrant pronounces the absolution*



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.

*The celebrant reads the prayer of the day*

Jesus, good shepherd of the sheep, by whom the lost are sought and guided into the fold: feed us and we shall be satisfied, heal us and we shall be whole, and lead us that we may be with you, where you live and reign with the Father 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

4.5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, ‘By what power or by what name did you do this?’ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, ‘Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is “the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.” There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.’

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

## Psalm 23



My shep - herd is the Lord, no - thing in-deed shall I want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **Response**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness, no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **Response**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes;  
my head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **Response**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **Response**

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A reading from the first letter of John

3.16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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.**

“I am the good shepherd”, says the Lord.

“I know my sheep and they know me.”

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*10.11-18*

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

For the Gospel of the Lord,

**praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*All sit*

*Sermon – Fr Craig D’Alton*

*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*

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:*



**Hail Redeemer, King divine!  
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine,  
King, whose reign shall never cease,  
Prince of everlasting peace.**

***Angels, saints and nations sing,  
'Praised be Jesus Christ, our King!  
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,  
King of love on Calvary.'***

**King, whose name creation thrills,  
rule our minds, our hearts, our wills,  
till in peace each nation rings  
with their praises, King of kings.**

***Angels, saints and nations sing ...***

**King most holy, King of truth,  
guide the lowly, guide the youth;  
Christ the King of glory bright,  
be to us eternal light.**

***Angels, saints and nations sing ...***

**Shepherd-king, from mountains steep,  
homeward bring the wandering sheep;  
shelter in one royal fold  
states and kingdoms, new and old.**

***Angels, saints and nations sing ...***

Patrick Brennan 1877–1951 *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 al - so 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 notation for the Prayer of Thanksgiving. It consists of four staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first two staves are in 4/4 time, and the last two are in 3/4 time. The lyrics are: "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 lyrics are placed below the corresponding musical notes.

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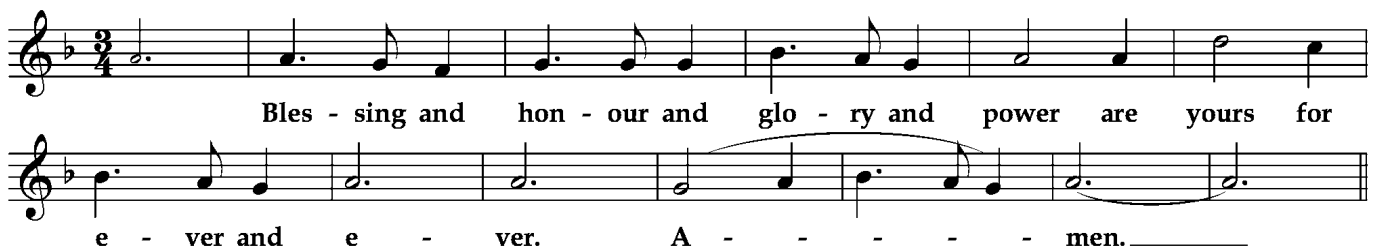
*The Prayer of Thanksgiving continues...*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Musical notation for the mystery of faith. It consists of two staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain." The lyrics are placed below the corresponding musical notes.

Christ has died, Christ is  
ri - sen, 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*

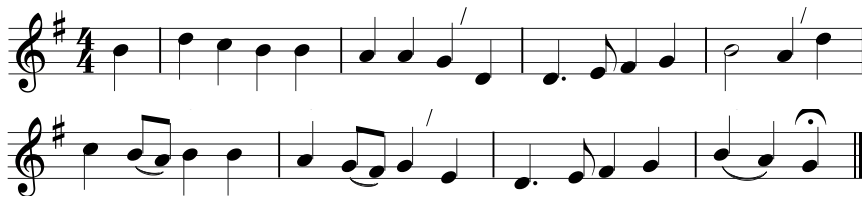
*THE WINE as studies suggest this may be less hygienic than drinking from the common cup.*

*During communion the cantor will sing  
"Christ is the world's redeemer".*

*After communion all stand*

Most glorious Lord of life, we thank you that you nourish us in these Easter mysteries. Fill us with the spirit of love and unite us in faith that we may witness to the resurrection and show your glory to the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE**



**The king of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine for ever.**

**Where streams of living water flow  
my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow  
with food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home rejoicing brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
thy unction grace bestoweth;**

**and O what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never:  
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house for ever.**

Henry Williams Baker 1821–77  
based on Psalm 23  
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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 God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you what is pleasing in his sight; 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**

On Saturday I was delighted to give several iterations of a talk on the stories of the stained glass windows here at Christ Church, as part of the National Trust Australian Heritage Festival 2024. As part of my preparations for those talks I spent some time delving into the archives, which have been carefully curated for some years by Lee Baird. It has been fascinating to read the vestry minute books from the early decades of the parish's life, and to see at one level how little has changed: concerns about the state of the old vicarage, the need for extra income to support the church, issues around the garden and grounds, and the struggle to find people willing and able to take on roles such as churchwarden.

The richness of the archives made me wonder somewhat that, apart from Jennifer O'Donnell's *St Kilda Families*, which is not really a parish history, there is no sustained account published of the church's place in the suburb of St Kilda, or of its life and mission. Over the next few years we are approaching some important anniversaries. November this year is the 170<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of the church – something which I hope we will be able to mark by the completion of the first state of the church renovations. Next year (2025) will make the 175 anniversary of the declaration of the parish, on 19 April 1850. I wonder what we might aim for as we mark the second of those key dates?

Every blessing,

Fr Craig.

## NOTICES

### PLANNED GIVING

Christ Church relies heavily on the financial support of parishioners to fund its day-to-day operations. We are a small congregation, but often a generous one in terms of time and talents as well as financially. This year's budget for giving was \$70,000 out of a total budgeted income of \$189,000. Given our average Sunday attendance this is a very good figure. We are running almost exactly to that budget, however this is only because a very small number of parishioners have been generous in "topping up" monthly totals over the past several months. If these additional contributions, which cannot continue, are discounted, we would already be running \$3,500 behind our budgeted figure, with six months left in the church financial year.

It needs also to be highlighted that this year's budget expects a deficit of \$56,000. Importantly, we have no general reserves on which we can call to fund that deficit. We have been most fortunate in the past year to have received substantial gifts to enable restoration work to commence on the church, but all of these funds are for that purpose only. They cannot be used to fund the day-to-day. We thus face a very real and immediate problem in terms of funding the basics of ministry and running costs.

This Eastertide, as we give thanks week by week and live out the joy of the Resurrection, it is timely to consider how each of us ensures that the work of the parish can continue to go forward. Many give generously, some very

generously indeed. In two weeks time every parishioner will receive an email or a letter outlining how to give to the parish to ensure we have a future. When that material arrives I would ask you prayerfully to consider what you are able and willing to do. - Fr Craig.

### ROSTER FOR APRIL

Date	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Intercessions	Eucharistic Assistant	Offertory
21 <sup>st</sup> April	Lindy	Fr Ken	Philip	Geoffrey	Geoffrey
28 <sup>th</sup> April	Geoffrey	Valerie	Geoffrey	Elisabeth	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. For those suffering the effects of earthquake in Taiwan.

#### **For the Church:**

In the world-wide Community of Faith, we pray for the work of the Mothers' Union. We pray for the Diocese of Perth (Abp Kay Goldsworthy). In this diocese we pray for St Luke's South Melbourne (Jon Cox, Michelle Moorhouse).

#### **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, Byron, Hugh, Patty Dowd, Lee & for those we name in our hearts.

Also remembering those with long-terms needs for prayer: John, Joe, Charles, 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.

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

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