

# St James' Old Cathedral

4<sup>th</sup> October 2026 at 10:00am

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

The Purchase of Blood: Hebrews 9:1-15

*Service of Holy Communion from  
A Prayer Book for Australia (1995)*



St James' Old Cathedral

## Acknowledgement of Country

We worship our creator God on the ancestral lands of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation. We acknowledge them as the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

## Child Safety Officer

We are committed to continuous improvement in a safe culture for all, and especially vulnerable persons. Our parish's Child Safety Officer is Una Ebsworth. Una is an accredited specialist in criminal law. All correspondence and questions relating to safety checks should be forwarded to her at [safety@sjoc.org.au](mailto:safety@sjoc.org.au)

## The Old Cathedral Voices

The Old Cathedral Voices are a consort choir directed by Alex Ritter. Alex is on leave. Today's director is Spencer Chapman, and singers are:

|                  |                 |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Lucy Nieuwesteeg | Maggie Dunleavy | Lily Flynn      |
| Tanum Shipp      | Elias Elwyn     | Spencer Chapman |
| Matthew Crossley | Mike Mews       |                 |

## The Organ

The present organ was built in 1991 by Australian Pipe Organs, restoring and expanding the 1866 Fincham organ. 2 manuals, 18 speaking stops, 8 couplers. Gt: 8.8.4.4.2.III. Sw: 8.8.8.4.2.III.8. Ped: 16.16.10-2/3.8.4.

The Old Cathedral's organist is David Brown, who is on leave. The organ is played today by Andrew Anderson.

## The Bells

Melbourne's first peal of bells were the six bells hung in St James' Cathedral in 1853, replacing an old ship's bell. Two more were added in 1885. All were cast by Mears and Stainbank of Whitechapel Road, London, and are reputed to be the finest ever cast there. They are still rung regularly by a team of volunteers.

**Processional**  
**Agnus Dei**

***The Old Cathedral Voices***  
***A. Batten (1591-1637)***

*O Lamb of God: that takest away the sins of the world:*  
*have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God: that takest away the sins of the world:*  
*have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God: that takest away the sins of the world:*  
*grant us thy peace.*

**Greeting**

***Rev. Dr. Tim Foster***

Christ has entered once for all into the holy place,  
not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood,  
thus obtaining eternal redemption.     *Hebrews 9:12*

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

The Lord be with you:

**And also with you.**

**Prayer of Preparation**

***Rev. Dr. Tim Foster***

Let us pray.

**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.**

**Welcome**

***Rev. Dr. Tim Foster***

Through Christ, then,

let us offer a continual sacrifice of praise to God:

**the fruit of lips that confess his name.**      *Heb 13:15*

**Hymn 249ii v1,3,4,6 (Picardy)      *Venantius Fortunatus (530-609)***

**Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle,**

**sing the last, the dead affray;**

**o'er the cross, the victor's trophy,**

**sound the high triumphal lay,**

**how, the pains of death enduring,**

**earth's Redeemer won the day.**

**When the thirty years were ended**

**which on earth he willed to see,**

**willingly he meets his passion,**

**born to set his people free;**

**on the cross the Lamb is lifted,**

**there the sacrifice to be.**

**There the nails and spear he suffers,**

**vinegar and gall and reed;**

**from his sacred body pierced**

**blood and water both proceed:**

**precious flood which all creation**

**from the stain of sin has freed.**

**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.**

## **The Commandments**

***Rev. Dr. Tim Foster***

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one;  
you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
and with all your soul,  
and with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.’

Jesus said: ‘This is the great and first commandment.  
And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.’

## **Gloria**

***Canon Matt Williams***

**Glory to God in the highest  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**

**receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One;**

**you alone are the Lord;**

**you alone are the Most High,**

**Jesus Christ,**

**with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **The Collect**

***Rev. Dr. Tim Foster***

Merciful God,

your Son offered himself as a sacrifice without blemish  
and obtained for us eternal redemption:  
cleanse our consciences from dead works,  
that we may worship you, the living God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Ministry of the Word**

***Rev. Dr. Tim Foster***

See that you do not refuse the One who is speaking.

The word of God is living and active...

it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

*Heb 12:25; Heb 4:12*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,

give us wisdom and understanding.

As we listen to your Word,

may we know you better,

love you more,

and learn to please you in all we do;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Gathering for Children's Chapel**

***Bridget Chapman***

*We offer an age-appropriate experience of the Ministry of the Word for children, led today by Bridget Chapman. They are invited to process out to the conference centre, as the choir sings. They will return for Holy Communion.*

*Childsafe Policy: Children's Chapel is supervised at all times by at least two unrelated adults with current Clearance for Service from Kooyoora.*

## **Meditation**

***The Old Cathedral Voices***

**Have mercy upon me**

***J. Barnby (1838-1896)***

*Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness  
according to the greatness of thy mercies do away mine offences.*

*Psalm 51:1*

## **First Lesson: Leviticus 16:1-17**

***Bei-En Zou***

The Lord spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron,  
when they drew near before the Lord and died.

<sup>2</sup> The Lord said to Moses:

“Tell your brother Aaron not to come just at any time  
into the sanctuary inside the curtain  
before the cover that is upon the ark, or he will die,  
for I appear in the cloud upon the cover.

<sup>3</sup> Thus shall Aaron come into the holy place:  
with a young bull for a purification offering  
and a ram for a burnt offering.

<sup>4</sup> He shall put on the holy linen tunic  
and shall have the linen undergarments next to his body,  
fasten the linen sash, and wear the linen turban;  
these are the holy vestments.

He shall bathe his body in water and then put them on.

- <sup>5</sup> He shall take from the congregation of the Israelites  
two male goats for a purification offering  
and one ram for a burnt offering.
- <sup>6</sup> “Aaron shall offer the bull as a purification offering for himself  
and shall make atonement for himself and for his house.
- <sup>7</sup> He shall take the two goats and set them before the Lord  
at the entrance of the tent of meeting,
- <sup>8</sup> and Aaron shall cast lots on the two goats,  
one lot for the Lord and the other lot for Azazel.
- <sup>9</sup> Aaron shall present the goat on which the lot fell for the Lord  
and offer it as a purification offering,
- <sup>10</sup> but the goat on which the lot fell for Azazel  
shall be presented alive before the Lord  
to make atonement over it,  
that it may be sent away into the wilderness to Azazel.
- <sup>11</sup> “Aaron shall present the bull as a purification offering for himself  
and shall make atonement for himself and for his house;  
he shall slaughter the bull as a purification offering for himself.
- <sup>12</sup> He shall take a censer full of coals of fire  
from the altar before the Lord  
and two handfuls of crushed sweet incense,  
and he shall bring it inside the curtain
- <sup>13</sup> and put the incense on the fire before the Lord,  
that the cloud of the incense may shroud the cover  
that is upon the covenant, or he will die.
- <sup>14</sup> He shall take some of the blood of the bull  
and sprinkle it with his finger on the front of the cover,  
and before the cover he shall sprinkle the blood with his finger  
seven times.

<sup>15</sup> “He shall slaughter the goat of the purification offering  
that is for the people  
and bring its blood inside the curtain  
and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull,  
sprinkling it upon the cover and before the cover.

<sup>16</sup> Thus he shall make atonement for the sanctuary,  
because of the uncleannesses of the Israelites  
and because of their transgressions, all their sins,  
and so he shall do for the tent of meeting,  
which remains with them in the midst of their uncleanness.

<sup>17</sup> No one shall be in the tent of meeting  
from the time he enters to make atonement in the sanctuary  
until he comes out and has made atonement for himself  
and for his house and for all the assembly of Israel.

Hear the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 51:7-17**

***Rev. Dr. Tim Foster***

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:

**wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

Make me hear of joy and gladness:

**let the bones which you have broken rejoice.**

Hide your face from my sins:

**and blot out all my iniquities.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God:

**and renew a right spirit within me.**

Do not cast me out from your presence:

**do not take your holy spirit from me.**

O give me the gladness of your help again:

**and support me with a willing spirit.**

Then I will teach transgressors your ways:

**and sinners shall turn to you again.**

O Lord God of my salvation, deliver me from bloodshed:

**and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.**

O Lord, open my lips:

**and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

You take no pleasure in sacrifice, or I would give it:

**burnt-offerings you do not want.**

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit:

**a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

Now the first covenant had regulations for worship  
and an earthly sanctuary.

<sup>2</sup> For a tent was constructed, the first one,  
in which were the lampstand, the table,  
and the bread of the Presence;  
this is called the holy place.

<sup>3</sup> Behind the second curtain was a tent called the holy of holies.

<sup>4</sup> In it stood the golden altar of incense  
and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold,  
in which there were a golden urn holding the manna,  
and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant;

<sup>5</sup> above it were the cherubim of glory  
overshadowing the mercy seat.

Of these things we cannot speak now in detail.

<sup>6</sup> These preparations having thus been made,  
the priests go continually into the first tent  
to carry out their ritual duties,

<sup>7</sup> but only the high priest goes into the second,  
and he but once a year and not without taking the blood  
that he offers for himself  
and for the sins committed unintentionally by the people.

<sup>8</sup> By this the Holy Spirit indicates  
that the way into the sanctuary has not yet been disclosed  
as long as the first tent is still standing.

<sup>9</sup> This is a symbol of the present time,  
indicating that gifts and sacrifices are offered  
that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper  
<sup>10</sup> but deal only with food and drink and various baptisms,  
regulations for the body imposed  
until the time comes to set things right.

<sup>11</sup> But when Christ came as a high priest  
of the good things that have come,  
then through the greater and more perfect tent  
(not made with hands, that is, not of this creation),  
<sup>12</sup> he entered once for all into the holy place,  
not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood,  
thus obtaining eternal redemption.

<sup>13</sup> For if the blood of goats and bulls  
and the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer  
sanctifies those who have been defiled  
so that their flesh is purified,  
<sup>14</sup> how much more will the blood of Christ,  
who through the eternal Spirit offered himself  
without blemish to God,  
purify our conscience from dead works  
to worship the living God!

<sup>15</sup> For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant,  
so that those who are called  
may receive the promised eternal inheritance,  
because a death has occurred that redeems them  
from the transgressions under the first covenant.

Hear the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 157 (Petra)**

***A. M. Toplady (1740-78)***

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood,  
from thy riven side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure,  
cleanse me from its guilt and power.**

**Not the labours of my hands  
can fulfil thy law's demands;  
could my zeal no respite know  
could my tears for ever flow,  
all for sin could not atone:  
thou must save, and thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring,  
simply to thy cross I cling;  
naked, come to thee for dress;  
helpless, look to thee for grace;  
foul, I to the fountain fly;  
wash me, Saviour, or I die.**

**While I draw this fleeting breath,  
when my eyelids close in death,  
when I soar through tracts unknown,  
see thee on thy judgement throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee.**

**Gospel: Mark 10:42-45**

***Rev. Dr. Tim Foster***

The Gospel is written in the tenth chapter of the Gospel according to Mark, beginning at the forty-second verse.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>42</sup> So Jesus called them and said to them,  
“You know that among the gentiles  
those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them,  
and their great ones are tyrants over them.

<sup>43</sup> But it is not so among you;  
instead, whoever wishes to become great among you  
must be your servant,  
<sup>44</sup> and whoever wishes to be first among you  
must be slave of all.

<sup>45</sup> For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve  
and to give his life a ransom for many.”

For the gospel of the Lord: **praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Assoc. Prof. Rachelle Gilmour**

**Anthem**

**The Old Cathedral Voices**

**O Lord, in thee is all my trust**

**T. Tallis (1505-1585)**

*O Lord, in thee is all my trust.  
Give ear unto my woeful cries.  
Refuse me not, that am unjust,  
but bowing down thy heav'nly eyes,  
behold how I do still lament  
my sins wherein I thee offend.  
O Lord, for them shall I be shent<sup>1</sup>,  
sith<sup>2</sup> thee to please I do intend?*

*No, no, not so! Thy will is bent  
to deal with sinners in thine ire:  
but when in heart they shall repent  
thou grant'st with speed their just desire.  
To thee therefore still shall I cry,  
to wash away my sinful crime.  
Thy blood, O Lord, is not yet dry,  
but that it may help me in time.*

*Haste now, O Lord, haste now, I say,  
to pour on me the gifts of grace  
that when this life must flit away  
in heav'n with thee I may have place  
where thou dost reign eternally  
with God which once did down thee send,  
where angels sing continually.  
To thee be praise, world without end. Amen.*

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<sup>1</sup> Shent: Put to shame, reproached, or destroyed.

<sup>2</sup> Sith: archaic variant of 'since'

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.**

## Intercessory Prayers

**Owen Billington**

We do not have a high priest  
who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses,  
but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are,  
yet without sin.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,  
so that we may receive mercy  
and find grace to help in time of need. *Heb 4:15-16*

*Response:*

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who taught us 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.**

## **Confession**

***Rev. Dr. Tim Foster***

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy,  
welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

(Silence may be kept.)

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.**

## **Absolution**

***Rev. Dr. Tim Foster***

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.**

## **Greeting of Peace (All Stand)**

***Rev. Dr. Tim Foster***

We are the body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*Remaining in our pews, we greet those around us: "Peace be with you."  
During this hymn, the Children's Chapel rejoin us for Holy Communion.*

*The last two lines of each stanza are repeated.*

**And can it be that I should gain  
an interest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain?  
For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

**He left his Father's throne above,  
(so free, so infinite his grace!)  
emptied himself of all but love,  
and bled for Adam's helpless race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
for, O my God, it found out me.**

**Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
fast bound in sin and nature's night:  
thine eye diffused a quickening ray -  
I woke; the dungeon flamed with light!  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.**

**No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head,  
and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach the eternal throne,  
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.**

## Thanksgiving & Holy Communion

*Rev. Dr. Tim Foster*

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.**

It is indeed right, our Lord and God,  
that we should continually offer up  
a sacrifice of praise to you,  
the fruit of lips that confess your name. *Heb 13:15*

Long ago you spoke to our ancestors  
in many and various ways by the prophets. *Heb 1:1*  
You approved those who believed your promises, *Heb 11:2*  
yet these, though commended for their faith,  
did not receive what was promised,  
since you had planned something better:  
that only together with us would they be made perfect.  
*Heb 11:39-40*

Now, in these last days, you have spoken to us by a Son,  
whom you appointed heir of all things,  
through whom you also created the worlds. *Heb 1:2*

He is the radiance of your glory  
and the exact imprint of your very being,  
and he sustains all things by his powerful word. *Heb 1:3*

He has appeared once for all at the end of the ages  
to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself, *Heb 9:26*  
establishing a new and better covenant. *Heb 8:6*

When he had made purification for sins:

he sat down at the right hand of the majesty on high,  
having become as much superior to angels  
as the name he has inherited  
is more excellent than theirs. *Heb 1:3-4*

And so, joining our voices to countless angels in festal gathering,  
and the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven,  
and the spirits of the righteous made perfect,  
we praise and glorify you, saying, *Heb 12:22-23*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

*Rev 4:8*

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

*Isa 6:3*

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Mk 11:10*

Merciful God, we thank you  
for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine,  
and pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit  
we who eat and drink them  
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread,  
and when he had given you thanks,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,  
and again giving you thanks,  
he gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Drink from this, all of you.

This is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Sanctify us by your eternal Spirit,

through whom Christ offered himself unblemished to you.

By his blood, cleanse our consciences from dead works

to worship the living God:

*Heb 9:14*

**Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Heb 1:8*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,

**for we all share in the one bread.**

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.

### **(The Communion)**

*All baptised believers in the Lord Jesus Christ,  
including baptised children at their parents' discretion,  
are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table.*

*If you are not baptised, you may still come forward  
and receive a blessing from the priest.*

*Please place your hands across your chest to indicate this preference.*

*If you need gluten-free bread, advise the priest at the rail.*

*If you prefer an individual cup of grape juice,  
simply decline the common cup of wine when it is offered to you.*

## **Meditation**

**God so loved the world**

***The Old Cathedral Voices***

***R. Chilcott (b. 1955)***

*God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son,  
that whoso believeth in him should not perish  
but have everlasting life.                      John 3:16*

## **After Communion**

***Rev. Dr. Tim Foster***

Living God, at this table you graciously feed us  
from the altar of the heavenly tabernacle                      *Heb 13:10*  
where Christ offered himself once for all.                      *Heb 9:11-12*  
Strengthen us in love, hospitality, and generosity,                      *Heb 13:1-2,16*  
and finally bring us to that lasting city and heavenly country  
where all your saints feast with you for ever. **Amen.**  
*Heb 11:16*

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
let us lay aside every weight  
and the sin that clings so closely,  
**and let us run with perseverance**  
**the race that is set before us,**  
**looking to Jesus,**  
**the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**                      *Heb 12:1-2*

Hymn 85 (To God be the Glory)

*F. J. van Alstyne (1820-1915)*

To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Refrain: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory! Great things he has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to every believer the promise of God!  
and every offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.      *Refrain*

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.      *Refrain*

## **Blessing & Dismissal**

***Rev. Dr. Tim Foster***

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 peace to love and serve the Lord:

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## **Recessional**

***Andrew Anderson (Organ)***

Please join us for morning tea  
in the conference centre next door  
following the service

### **Upcoming Key Dates:**

7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> October: Melbourne Synod meets

18<sup>th</sup> October: Paperwork Party and Safe Culture Training

24<sup>th</sup> October: Open Garden Fundraiser

8<sup>th</sup> November: Annual Pioneer Service

29<sup>th</sup> November: Annual General Meeting

13<sup>th</sup> December: Nine Lessons and Carols

6<sup>th</sup> February 2027: Ordination of Bridget Chapman

## Paperwork Party: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October

A couple of months ago, the Diocese greatly expanded the roles that require a full clearance for service and informed us that from 1 November there would be no grace period.

However, this has since been retracted and both the list of roles and the grace period are being revised again.

The shifting sands of policy leave us in considerable uncertainty, and we think it best to press ahead with seeking to be a community with as widespread training in and clearance for child safety as possible.

To make this more effective and less onerous, the vicar has undertaken accreditation to become a trainer, so that he can provide the child safe training required to replace the four hours of online modules. This will be a pastorally led discussion together, including seeking your collaboration in making recommendations for further improvement in our practice to the parish council.

Completed training is valid for **three years**.

**Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup>** we will hold a light parish **luncheon from 12:00-1:00pm**, including paperwork assistance, and **training from 1:00pm-5:00pm**. For paperwork, bring several forms of ID (e.g. Passport, Driver's Licence, Medicare Card), and your laptop if you have one. Childcare and pastoral support will be offered on the day.

A clearance for service encompasses a Working with Children Check, Police Check, and the completion of several training modules, along with paperwork verified by Kooyoora.

Please note that a disclosable outcome on a police check does not necessarily disqualify you from clearance. The relevance and context of any matters named would be explored in a confidential manner.

*Una Ebsworth (Child Safety Officer)*

## Supporting our new Assistant Curate

From 2011-2021 our parish had an Assistant Minister. Since 2022 Canon Matt has been carrying the pastoral load of the parish without someone in this role. To support the further growth of the parish, we would love to restore this position, and we have the right person!

We are seeking to employ **Bridget Chapman** as our Assistant Curate. To ensure we can support her appointment we are aiming to **raise our regular offertory levels by about \$1,200 per week**. Current patterns suggest we are about 80% of the way there. Thank you!

We encourage all who make their spiritual home with us to consider playing your part, by setting up or reviewing your regular gift to the account below. This will give parish council confidence in budgeting for her appointment and is also a great way to affirm the gifts for ordained ministry we see clearly in Bridget.

*Please set up your regular offertory as a transfer to:*

**St James' Old Cathedral**

**BSB: 013 377**

**Acc. No.: 008 684 064**

*Tax-deductible giving to support our music program is also possible through the St James' Gift Fund. Please direct these gifts to:*

**Melbourne West ITF Gift Fund**

**BSB: 013 377**

**Acc. No.: 526 890 909**

## Intercessions

**We pray for:** Our West Melbourne Community; Haileybury College; Mike Raiter and The Centre for Biblical Preaching; Emma Payne (CMS); Chris & Sarah Griffioen and family (OM); Australian Indigenous Churches; Ridley College; Trinity College; the Overseas Chinese Christian Church; Lorraine Hedley; Diane and Roger Smith and family; Beverly Stephenson; The Hamilton family; Jean Ely; Neil Hawthorn; Jenny Swain; Kim Boulton; Tony Billington; Jamie Chisholm; Anne Ellison; Gillian Williams; Yen-Ling Chiu; Warren Mills; Chris & Roselee Jones; Soleil Latif; The Fairlie family and all who mourn Ron Morris.

## Notices

- Canon Matt is on annual leave this weekend, returning Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Our president is Rev. Dr. Tim Foster, a former Vice-Principal of Ridley College. Our preacher is Dr Rachelle Gilmour, Bromby Associate Professor of Old Testament at Trinity College Theological School. Both are members of our congregation here.
- Our consultation on 1662 BCP services showed high levels of support for retaining the status quo, so no change was decided upon. Parish Council resolved to continue to receive feedback until 18<sup>th</sup> October.
- Open Garden supporting SJOC on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October** 11am-4pm. 73 Broadway, Camberwell. Please save the date and sign up to volunteer.

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