

St James' Old Cathedral

25th October 2026 at 10:00am

Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity

Faith: Hebrews 11:1-40

*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

The Old Cathedral Voices

First formed in 2009 from some of Melbourne's finest choral soloists, The Old Cathedral Voices are a consort choir directed by Alex Ritter.

Today's singers are:

Monika Harris	Maggie Dunleavy	Alex Ritter
Tanum Shipp	Elias Elwyn	Jack Jordan
Mike Mews	Matthew Crossley	Andrew Anderson

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. David undertook studies as an organ scholar at the Universities of Cambridge and St Andrews. He also serves as College Organist for Scotch College.

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

O Lord, Increase our Faith

The Old Cathedral Voices

H. Loosemore (1600-1670)

*O Lord, increase our faith,
strengthen us and confirm us in thy true faith,
endue us with wisdom, charity, chastity,
and patience in all our adversities, Sweet Jesus, say 'Amen'.*

Greeting

Lwe Moo San Tay

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith,
did not receive what was promised,
since God had provided something better
so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

Hebrews 11:39-40

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

Lwe Moo San Tay

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

Lwe Moo San Tay

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 303 (Maccabaeus)

E. Budry (1854-1932)

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes, where thy body lay.**

***Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.***

**Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord is living, death has lost its sting...**

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above...**

The Commandments

Lwe Moo San Tay

**'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

Lwe Moo San Tay

**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

Lwe Moo San Tay

**Almighty and everlasting God,
give to us the increase of faith, hope and love;
and, that we may obtain what you promise,
make us to love what you command,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

Lwe Moo San Tay

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

Since by Man came death (Messiah) *G. F. Handel (1685-1759)*

Since by man came death:

by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die:

Even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 1 Cor 15:21-22

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen.

²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.

³By faith we understand
that the worlds were prepared by the word of God,
so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain's.
Through this he received approval as righteous,
God himself giving approval to his gifts;
he died, but through his faith he still speaks.

⁵By faith Enoch was taken so that he did not experience death;
and 'he was not found, because God had taken him.'
For it was attested before he was taken away
that 'he had pleased God.'

⁶And without faith it is impossible to please God,
for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists
and that he rewards those who seek him.

⁷By faith Noah, warned by God about events as yet unseen,
respected the warning and built an ark to save his household;
by this he condemned the world and became an heir
to the righteousness that is in accordance with faith.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called
to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance;
and he set out, not knowing where he was going.

⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised,
as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob,
who were heirs with him of the same promise.

¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations,
whose architect and builder is God.

¹¹By faith he received power of procreation,
even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—
because he considered him faithful who had promised.

¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead,
descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven
and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises,
but from a distance they saw and greeted them.

They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth,

¹⁴for people who speak in this way
make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.

¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind,
they would have had opportunity to return.

¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one.

Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God;
indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

Psalm 105:8-15

Lwe Moo San Tay

God has remembered his covenant for ever:

the word that he ordained for a thousand generations,

The covenant that he made with Abraham:

the oath that he swore to Isaac,

And confirmed it to Jacob as a statute:

to Israel as an everlasting covenant,

Saying, 'I will give you the land of Canaan:

to be the portion of your inheritance',

And that when they were but few:

little in number and aliens in the land.

They wandered from nation to nation:

from one people and kingdom to another.

He suffered no one to do them wrong:

but reproved even kings for their sake,

Saying 'Touch not my anointed:

and do my prophets no harm.'

Epistle: Hebrews 11:17-40

Andrew Watkins

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac.

He who had received the promises

was ready to offer up his only son, ¹⁸of whom he had been told,

'It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named after you.'

¹⁹He considered the fact that God is able

even to raise someone from the dead—

and figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

²⁰By faith Isaac invoked blessings for the future on Jacob and Esau.

²¹By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph,
‘bowing in worship over the top of his staff.’

²²By faith Joseph, at the end of his life,
made mention of the exodus of the Israelites
and gave instructions about his burial.

²³By faith Moses was hidden by his parents
for three months after his birth,
because they saw that the child was beautiful;
and they were not afraid of the king’s edict.

²⁴By faith Moses, when he was grown up,
refused to be called a son of Pharaoh’s daughter,
²⁵choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God
than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

²⁶He considered abuse suffered for the Christ
to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt,
for he was looking ahead to the reward.

²⁷By faith he left Egypt, unafraid of the king’s anger;
for he persevered because he saw him who is invisible.

²⁸By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood,
so that the destroyer of the firstborn
would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea
as if it were dry land,
but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned.

³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell
after they had been encircled for seven days.

³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish
with those who were disobedient,
because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say?

For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah,
of David and Samuel and the prophets—

³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice,
obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions,
³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword,
won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war,
put foreign armies to flight.

³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection.

Others were tortured, refusing to accept release,
in order to obtain a better resurrection.

³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging,
and even chains and imprisonment.

³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two,
they were killed by the sword;
they went about in skins of sheep and goats,
destitute, persecuted, tormented—

³⁸of whom the world was not worthy.

They wandered in deserts and mountains,
and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith,
did not receive what was promised,

⁴⁰since God had provided something better
so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

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

**The God of Abraham praise
who reigns enthroned above,
ancient of everlasting days and God of love:
Jehovah, great I AM
by earth and heaven confessed!
I bow and bless the sacred name
for ever blest.**

**The God who reigns on high
the great archangels sing;
and holy, holy, holy cry, almighty King.
Who was and is the same,
and evermore shall be;
Jehovah, Father, great I AM,
we worship thee.**

**Before the Saviour's face
the ransomed nations bow;
o'erwhelmed at his almighty grace for ever new:
he shows his prints of love,
they kindle to a flame,
and sound through all the worlds above
the slaughtered Lamb.**

**The whole triumphant host
gives thanks to God on high;
hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! they ever cry.
Hail, Abraham's God, and mine!
I join the heavenly lays;
all might and majesty are thine
and endless praise.**

Gospel: John 3:13-21

Lwe Moo San Tay

The Gospel is written in the third chapter of the Gospel according to John, beginning at the thirteenth verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹³No one has ascended into heaven
except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world
to condemn the world,
but in order that the world might be saved through him.

¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned;
but those who do not believe are condemned already,
because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

¹⁹And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world,
and people loved darkness rather than light
because their deeds were evil.

²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light,
so that their deeds may not be exposed.

²¹But those who do what is true come to the light,
so that it may be clearly seen
that their deeds have been done in God.’

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

Meditation

The Old Cathedral Voices

Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem

C. V. Stanford (1852-1924)

*Ye choirs of new Jerusalem, Your sweetest notes employ,
The Paschal victory to hymn in strains of holy joy.*

*For Judah's Lion bursts His chains, crushing the serpent's head;
And cries aloud through death's domains to wake th'imprison'd dead.*

*Devouring depths of hell their prey at His command restore;
His ransom'd hosts pursue their way where Jesus goes before.*

*Triumphant in His glory now to Him all power is given;
To Him in one communion bow all saints in earth and heaven.*

*While we, His soldiers, praise our King, His mercy we implore,
Within His palace bright to bring and keep us evermore.*

*All glory to the Father be, All glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee, While endless ages run. Alleluia! Amen.*

- St Fulbert of Chartres (1048)

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

Leon Di Stefano

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

Lwe Moo San Tay

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

Canon Matt Williams

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*)

Lwe Moo San Tay

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.*

**For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.**

Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

**O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine,
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.**

Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

**The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.**

Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

**But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.**

Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost,**

Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Thanksgiving & Holy Communion

Canon Matt Williams

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.*

During Communion
God so loved the world

The Old Cathedral Voices
J. Stainer (1840-1901)

*God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son
that whoso believeth in him should not perish
but have everlasting life.*

*For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world
but that the world through him might be saved.*

John 3:16-17

After Communion

Canon Matt Williams

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

Heb 13:10

Heb 9:11-12

Heb 13:1-2,16

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 374 v1,3,4 (Austria)

J. Newton (1725-1807)

Glorious things of you are spoken,
Zion, city of our God:

he whose word cannot be broken
formed you for his own abode.

On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
you may smile at all your foes.

Blest inhabitants of Zion,
washed in their Redeemer's blood;
Jesus, whom their souls rely on
makes them Kings and priests to God.
'Tis his love his people raises
over self to reign as kings,
and as priests, his solemn praises
each for a thank-offering brings.

Saviour, since of Zion's city
I, through grace, a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in your name.
fading is the worldling's pleasure,
all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Zion's children know.

Blessing & Dismissal

Canon Matt Williams

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

David Brown (Organ)

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

Upcoming Key Dates:

8th November: Annual Pioneer Service

22nd November: Warren Mills' 80th Birthday

29th November: Annual General Meeting

13th December: Nine Lessons and Carols

24th December 11pm: Christmas Eve Holy Communion

25th December 10am: Christmas Day Holy Communion

6th February 2027: Ordination of Bridget Chapman

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 70% 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

Child Safe Culture Principle of the Week

1. Insist on two unrelated adults

Any church programme that involves looking after children must be led by at least two adults who are not related to each other. This is a rule that knows no exceptions. If you see a lesser standard, please ask questions. Tell the vicar. Email Una at safety@sjoc.org.au.

If you do find yourself in a space alone with someone else's child, gently and naturally encourage them back with a larger group as soon as possible, or if they are physically safe, just go and make sure their parent or guardian knows where they are.

Kids: whenever you're at church, make sure you can always see either one of the grown-ups you came with; or two other grown-ups who are leading your program.

2. Kooyoora is your friend.

3. Don't look into it.

4. Make grooming look odd.

5. Make allies not accusations.

6. Do paperwork with thanksgiving!

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Commitment to Child Safety

Jesus said:

*"Anyone who welcomes a little child in my name welcomes me.
But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to stumble –
it would be better for him if a heavy millstone were hung around his neck
and he were drowned in the depths of the sea."*

Matthew 18:5-6

As we meet together to worship God,
we seek to honour him by the diligent protection of children.

We are committed to creating a culture of safety for all,
and undergoing regular training to do so.

We seek to normalise routine submission
to Police Checks and Working With Children Checks
for all members of the community.

If anyone sees any behaviour
related to child safety that strikes them as odd,
they should not investigate the matter themselves,
but call the independent Professional Standards Hotline
(Kooyoora Ltd) for expert guidance:

1800 135 246

or our local police (313 Spencer Street, Docklands):

03 8690 4444

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; Kim Boulton; Tony Billington; Jamie Chisholm; Anne Ellison; Gillian Williams; Yen-Ling Chiu; Warren Mills; Chris & Roselee Jones; Soleil Latif; Helen Haines.

Notices

- Thank you to those who supported the Open Garden yesterday.
- KYB – a bible study for women – is meeting on Wednesdays at 10am studying the book of Ezra.
- Dinner & Bible Study continues on Monday nights at Canon Matt's house – 96 Roden Street, West Melbourne.
- Youth Group meets at 7pm on Fridays in the basement of 12 Batman St.
- Parish Council will meet today at 12pm.

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