

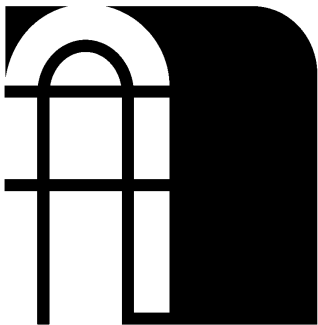
St James' Old Cathedral

9th March 2025 at 10:00am

First Sunday in Lent

The Virtues of Jesus: Patience

*Service of Holy Communion from
The Book of Common Prayer (1662)*



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

Formed in March 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:

Eliza Bennetts O'Connor	Jenny George	Lucy Hood	Alex Ritter
Clyde Saniga	Jack Jordan	Mike Mews	Julien Robinson

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

The Old Cathedral Voices

Out of the deep

C. Wood (1866-1926)

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice.

O let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss,

O Lord, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with thee,

therefore shalt thou be feared. Amen. Psalm 130:1-4

Sentence of Scripture

Bei-En Zou

Do you despise the riches of God's kindness

and forbearance and patience? *Romans 2:4*

The Lord's Prayer

Bei-En Zou

Our Father which art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive them that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation;

But deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Collect

Bei-En Zou

**Almighty God,
unto whom all hearts be open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love thee,
and worthily magnify thy holy Name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Welcome

Bei-En Zou

Hymn 52 (Wareham)

P. Doddridge (1702-51)

**Great God, we sing that mighty hand
by which supported still we stand;
the opening year your mercy shows,
and mercy crowns it at its close.**

**By day, by night, at home, abroad,
still are we guided by our God;
by his incessant bounty fed,
by his unerring counsel led.**

**With grateful hearts the past we own;
the future, all to us unknown,
we to your guardian care commit,
and peaceful leave before your feet.**

**In scenes exalted or depressed
you are our joy, and you our rest;
your goodness all our hopes shall raise,
adored through all our changing days.**

The Commandments

Bei-En Zou

God spake these words, and said:

I am the Lord thy God: Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image,
nor the likeness of anything that is in heaven above,
or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth.

Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain:
for the Lord will not hold him guiltless, that taketh his Name in vain.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

Six days shalt thou labour, and do all that thou has to do;
but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God.

In it thou shalt do no manner of work.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honour thy father and thy mother.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Thou shalt not covet.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

The Collect of the Day

Bei-En Zou

God of mercy,
you are full of patience and compassion,
slow to anger, rich in mercy,
and always ready to forgive:
grant us grace to follow Christ,
that we may be patient with others, as you are with us,
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Collect for Hope²⁵

Bei-En Zou

God of Hope,
you call on us to be your witnesses in this uncertain world;
by your Spirit awaken in us
a true vision of your kingdom,
a greater certainty of our salvation, and
a deeper dedication to your service;
that through our words and actions the same Spirit may
bring many who are lost to be found,
and for them to celebrate the hope
that we can only have in Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Gathering for Children's Chapel

Canon Matt Williams

We offer an age-appropriate experience of the Ministry of the Word for children, led today by Canon Matt. They are invited to process out to the conference centre, as the following anthem is sung. They will return in time to join us at Holy Communion.

Childsafe Policy: Children's Chapel is supervised at all times by at least two unrelated adults with current Working with Children Check approvals.

Meditation

Alex Ritter (Alto)

O Rest in the Lord (from "Elijah")

F. Mendelssohn (1809-47)

*O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for him,
and he shall give thee thy heart's desires.*

*Commit thy way unto him, and trust in him:
and fret not thyself because of evildoers.*

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for him.

First Reading: Exodus 34:1-9

Jenny George

The Lord said to Moses,

'Cut two tablets of stone like the former ones,

and I will write on the tablets the words

that were on the former tablets, which you broke.

²Be ready in the morning,

and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai

and present yourself there to me, on the top of the mountain.

³No one shall come up with you,

and do not let anyone be seen throughout all the mountain;

and do not let flocks or herds graze in front of that mountain.'

⁴So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the former ones;
and he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai,
as the Lord had commanded him,
and took in his hand the two tablets of stone.

⁵The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there,
and proclaimed the name, 'The LORD.'

⁶The LORD passed before him, and proclaimed,
'The LORD, the LORD,
a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,
⁷keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation,
forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin,
yet by no means clearing the guilty,
but visiting the iniquity of the parents
upon the children
and the children's children,
to the third and the fourth generation.'

⁸And Moses quickly bowed his head towards the earth,
and worshipped.

⁹He said, 'If now I have found favour in your sight, O Lord, I pray,
let the Lord go with us.

Although this is a stiff-necked people,
pardon our iniquity and our sin,
and take us for your inheritance.'

Here endeth the reading.

Psalm 37:1-11

Bei-En Zou

Do not vie with the wicked:

or envy those that do wrong;

For they will soon wither like the grass:

and fade away like the green leaf.

Trust in the Lord and do good:

and you shall dwell in the land

and feed in safe pastures.

Let the Lord be your delight:

and he will grant you your heart's desire.

Commit your way to the Lord:

trust him, and he will act.

He will make your righteousness shine as clear as the light:

and your innocence as the noonday.

Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him:

**do not be vexed when someone prospers,
when they put their evil purposes to work.**

Let go of anger and abandon wrath:

let not envy move you to do evil.

For the wicked shall be cut down:

but those who wait for the Lord shall possess the land.

In a little while the ungodly shall be no more:

**you will look for them in their place,
but they will not be found.**

But the meek shall possess the land:

and enjoy the abundance of peace.

Epistle: Romans 2:1-11

Warren Mills

Therefore you have no excuse, whoever you are,
when you judge others;
for in passing judgement on another you condemn yourself,
because you, the judge, are doing the very same things.

²You say, 'We know that God's judgement on those
who do such things is in accordance with truth.'

³Do you imagine, whoever you are,
that when you judge those who do such things
and yet do them yourself,
you will escape the judgement of God?

⁴Or do you despise the riches of his kindness
and forbearance and patience?

Do you not realize that God's kindness
is meant to lead you to repentance?

⁵But by your hard and impenitent heart
you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath,
when God's righteous judgement will be revealed.

⁶For he will repay according to each one's deeds:

⁷to those who by patiently doing good
seek for glory and honour and immortality,
he will give eternal life;

⁸while for those who are self-seeking
and who obey not the truth but wickedness,
there will be wrath and fury.

⁹There will be anguish and distress for everyone who does evil,
the Jew first and also the Greek,

¹⁰but glory and honour and peace for everyone who does good,
the Jew first and also the Greek. ¹¹For God shows no partiality.

Here endeth the reading.

Hymn 364 (Vienna)

C. Wesley (1707-88)

**Christ, from whom all blessings flow,
perfecting the saints below,
hear us, who thy nature share,
who thy mystic body are.**

**Join us, in one spirit join,
let us still receive of thine;
still for more on thee we call,
thou who fillest all in all.**

**Move, and actuate, and guide:
various gifts to each divide;
placed according to thy will,
let us all thy work fulfil;**

**freely may we all agree,
touched with loving sympathy;
kindly for each other care;
every member feel its share.**

**Love, like death, has all destroyed,
rendered all distinctions void;
names, and sects, and parties fall;
thou, O Christ, art all in all.**

The holy Gospel is written in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, beginning at the twenty-first verse.

²¹Then Peter came and said to him,

‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’

²²Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times,

but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³‘For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared

to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.

²⁴When he began the reckoning,

one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him;

²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold,

together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made.

²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying,

“Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.”

²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him

and forgave him the debt.

²⁸But that same slave, as he went out,

came upon one of his fellow-slaves

who owed him a hundred denarii;

and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.”

²⁹Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him,

“Have patience with me, and I will pay you.”

³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison

until he should pay the debt.

³¹When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened,
they were greatly distressed,
and they went and reported to their lord
all that had taken place.

³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him,
“You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt
because you pleaded with me.

³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave,
as I had mercy on you?”

³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured
until he should pay his entire debt.

³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you,
if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

Here endeth the gospel.

The Sermon

Rev. Mike Raiter

Anthem

The Old Cathedral Voices

Lord, for thy tender mercies’ sake

R. Farrant (1530-80)

Lord, for thy tender mercies’ sake

lay not our sins to our charge:

but forgive that is past and give us grace to amend our sinful lives,

to decline from sin and incline to virtue:

that we may walk in an upright heart

before thee now and evermore. Amen.

(Lidley’s Prayers 1566)

The Nicene Creed

Bei-En Zou

**I Believe in one God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible :
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
Begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God,
Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father,
By whom all things were made :
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,
And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
And was made man,
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
And ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead:
Whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life,
Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one Catholick and Apostolick Church.
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the Resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Intercessions

Rev. Mike Raiter

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's
Church militant here in earth.

Almighty and everliving God,
who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us
to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men:
We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept these offerings,
and to receive these our prayers,
which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty;
beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church
with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord:
And grant, that all they that do confess thy holy Name
may agree in the truth of thy holy Word,
and live in unity, and godly love.

We beseech thee also to save and defend
all Christian Kings, Princes, and Governors;
and specially thy servant Charles our King,
that under him we may be godly and quietly governed:
And grant unto his whole Council,
and to all that are put in authority under him,
that they may truly and indifferently minister justice,
to the punishment of wickedness and vice,
and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and Curates,
that they may both by their life and doctrine
set forth thy true and lively Word,
and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace;
and specially to this congregation here present;
that, with meek heart and due reverence,
they may hear, and receive thy holy Word;
truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness
all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord,
to comfort and succour all them,
who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow,
need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants
departed this life in thy faith and fear;
beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples,
that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom:
Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake,
our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Preparation for Confession

Bei-En Zou

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins,
and are in love and charity with your neighbours,
and intend to lead a new life,
following the commandments of God,
and walking from henceforth in his holy ways:
Draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort;
and make your humble confession to Almighty God,
meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Confession

Bei-En Zou

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Maker of all things, Judge of all men:
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,
Which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
By thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty,
Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent,
And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
The remembrance of them is grievous unto us;
The burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
Forgive us all that is past;
And grant that we may ever hereafter
Serve and please thee in newness of life,
To the honour and glory of thy Name;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

Rev. Mike Raiter

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins
to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him;
Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins;
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness;
and bring you to everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The children rejoin us during the following hymn.

Hymn 522 (Soldau 90)

W. Gladden (1836-1918)

**O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
thy secret tell; help me to bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.**

**Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay
and guide them in the homeward way.**

**Teach me thy patience; still with thee
in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong,**

**In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live.**

Thanksgiving

Canon Matt Williams

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith
unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that travail and are heavy laden,
and I will refresh you. *Matt 11:28*

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,
to the end that all that believe in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Tim 1:15

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.

1 John 2:1

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty,
that we should at all times, and in all places,
give thanks unto thee, O Lord,
Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we laud and magnify thy glorious Name;
evermore praising thee, and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Amen.**

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table,
O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,
but in thy manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much
as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table.
But thou art the same Lord,
whose property is always to have mercy:
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ
to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption;
who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered)
a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction,
for the sins of the whole world;
and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue,
a perpetual memory of that his precious death,
until his coming again:

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee;
and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine,
according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution,
in remembrance of his death and passion,
may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood:
who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread;
and, when he had given thanks, he brake it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying,
"Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you:
Do this in remembrance of me."
Likewise after supper he took the Cup;
and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying,
"Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament,
which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins:
Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." **Amen.**

(The Communion)

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

Gluten free wafers are available on request.

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

During Communion
The God of Love my Shepherd is

The Old Cathedral Voices
T. Tallis (1505-1585)

*The God of love my Shepherd is,
And he that doth me feed;
While he is mine and I am his,
What can I want or need?
He leads me to the tender grass,
Where I both feed and rest;
Then to the streams that gently pass:
In both I have the best.*

*Or if I stray, he doth convert,
And bring my mind in frame;
And all this not for my desert,
But for his holy name.
Yea, in death's shady black abode
Well may I walk, not fear;
For thou art with me; and thy rod
To guide, thy staff to bear.*

*Nay, thou dost make me sit and dine,
Ev'n in my enemies' sight:
My head with oil, my cup with wine
Runs over day and night.
Surely thy sweet and wondrous love
Shall measure all my days;
And, as it never shall remove,
So neither shall my praise.*

After Communion

Canon Matt Williams

Our Lord and heavenly Father,
we thy humble servants entirely desire thy fatherly goodness
mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
most humbly beseeching thee to grant,
that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ,
and through faith in his blood,
we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins,
and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord,
ourselves, our souls and bodies,
to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee;
humbly beseeching thee, that all we,
who are partakers of this holy Communion,
may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins,
to offer unto thee any sacrifice,
yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service;
not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences,
through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom,
in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee,
O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

Notices

Canon Matt Williams

Hymn 464 (Ich Halte Treulich Still) *John Wesley (1703-91)*

**Put thou thy trust in God,
in duty's path go on;
walk in his strength with faith and hope,
so shall thy work be done.**

**Commit thy ways to him,
thy works into his hands,
and rest on his unchanging word,
who heaven and earth commands.**

**Though years on years roll on,
his covenant shall endure;
though clouds and darkness hide his path,
the promised grace is sure.**

**Give to the winds thy fears;
hope, and be undismayed:
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears;
God shall lift up thy head.**

**Through waves and clouds and storms
his power will clear thy way:
wait thou his time; so shall this night
soon end in joyous day.**

**Leave to his sovereign sway
to choose and to command;
so shalt thou, wondering, own his way,
how wise, how strong his hand.**

Blessing**Canon Matt Williams**

The peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost,
be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional**David Brown (Organ)****Prelude and Fugue in Em (BWV533) J. S. Bach (1685-1750)**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR MORNING TEA
IN THE CONFERENCE CENTRE NEXT DOOR
AFTER THE SERVICE**

Instead of collecting offertories during the service, we gratefully receive offerings made at the exit, where a tap and go facility is provided. Bank transfers may be directed to:

St James' Old Cathedral**BSB: 013 377****Acc. No.: 008 684 064**

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Child Safe Culture Principle of the Week

2. Kooyoora is your friend.

If you become aware of current child abuse, please call the police. Our local police are on 03 8690 4444.

But lots of other situations are more grey areas. You might be unsure whether escalation is warranted, or feel out of your depth reading a situation, and you know you shouldn't investigate (principle 3). You may observe behaviour in church workers or volunteers which is not illegal but sits outside of our code of conduct, Faithfulness in Service. You may want to make the church aware of something without making a statement to the police. Or you may want professional support to make a police report.

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It is never the wrong thing to call Kooyoora and relate a concern.

You can call Kooyoora on 1800 135 246.

1. Insist on two unrelated adults

3. Don't look into it.

4. Make grooming look odd.

5. Make allies not accusations.

6. Do paperwork with thanksgiving!

HOPE25

HOPE IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD

Hope25 is an initiative of the Anglican Church of Australia for an intentional season of sharing our hope in Jesus from Easter to Pentecost in 2025.

At St James' Old Cathedral we are planning 3 main activities:

During Lent we will prepare using a study booklet put together by our bishops - Hope25 Lenten Studies 2025. The booklet contains testimonies, daily devotions (beginning Ash Wednesday, March 5th), and also **weekly group studies** which we will go through after church:

- From the second Sunday in Lent (Sunday March 16th - Sunday April 13th) in the Conference Centre adjacent to the hall
- Beginning 15 minutes after the end of the service and lasting around 30 minutes (approximately 11:45am - 12:15pm)

On Easter Day (April 20th) the service at St James' Old Cathedral will aim to present our hope in Christ in an especially accessible and inviting way. Afterwards we will have a celebratory morning tea.

After Easter and through Pentecost (June 8th) we will run a 6-to-7-week course exploring the fundamentals of the Christian faith.

Feel free to reach out to Owen Billington, Leon Di Stefano, Bei-En Zou, or Graeme and Anne Sells with any questions or if you would like to be involved.

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; Tony and Wendy Greenwood; Neil; Beverly Stephenson; Jill Sculley; Sergio Altin; Hugo Ellis; Josephine Carne; Jean Ely; Lorraine Hedley; Merle Taylor; Jamie Chisholm; Stuart; Janette Wells; The Altin family; Lisa Thompson; Jenny Swain; Jean Miller; Tony Billington; Ken McAlpine.

Notices

- This Lent we will be offering people the opportunity to be involved in Hope25. Details are on page 26 – see Owen Billington, Leon Di Stefano, Bei-En Zou, Anne Sells or Graeme Sells if you want to participate.

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