

# St James' Old Cathedral

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025 at 10:00am

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

The Gracious Father (Luke 15:11-32)

*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

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:

Monika Harris	Alex Ritter	Mike Mews	Alex Gorbatov
Carolyn Baker	Alex Owens	Andrew Anderson	Lucy Hood

## 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 (All Stand)**  
**Sweet is Thy Mercy**

**The Old Cathedral Voices**  
**J. Barnby (1838-1896)**

*Sweet is Thy mercy, Lord!  
Before Thy mercy seat,  
My soul adoring pleads Thy word,  
and owns thy mercy sweet.*

*Where'er Thy Name is blest,  
Where'er Thy people meet,  
There I delight in Thee to rest,  
and find Thy mercy sweet.*

*Light Thou our weary way,  
Lead Thou my wand'ring feet;  
That while we stay on earth we may  
Still find Thy mercy sweet.*

*Thus shall the heav'nly host  
Hear all our songs repeat,  
To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
Our joy, Thy mercy sweet.*

*J. S. B. Monsell (1811-75)*

**Sentence and Preparation**

***Dr Callum Dawson***

But while the prodigal was still far off, his father saw him  
and was filled with compassion;  
he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.

*Luke 15:20*

The Lord be with you:

**And also with you.**

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.**

**Hymn 4 (Iste Confessor)**

*Anon. Latin C10th.*

**Father most holy, merciful and tender,  
Jesus our Saviour, with the Father reigning,  
Spirit all-kindly, advocate, defender,  
light never waning;**

**Trinity sacred, Unity unshaken,  
Deity perfect, giving and forgiving,  
light of the angels, life of the forsaken,  
hope of all living,**

**maker of all things, all thy creatures praise thee;  
lo, all things serve thee through thy whole creation:  
hear us, Almighty, hear us as we raise thee  
heart's adoration.**

**To the all-ruling triune God be glory:  
highest and greatest, help thou our endeavour;  
we too would praise thee, giving honour worthy  
now and for ever.**

## **The Commandments**

***Dr Callum Dawson***

‘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**

***Dr Callum Dawson***

**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.**

**Collect*****Dr Callum Dawson***

Undaunted you seek the lost, O God,  
exultant you bring home the found:  
touch our hearts with grateful wonder  
at the tenderness of your forbearing love;  
grant us delight at the mercy that has found us;  
and bring us all to rejoice at the feast of forgiven sinners.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Ministry of the Word*****Dr Callum Dawson***

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*****Dr Matthew Champion***

*We offer an age-appropriate experience of the Ministry of the Word for children, led today by Dr Matthew Champion. They are invited to process out to the conference centre, as the following meditation is sung.*

*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 Owens (Baritone)*****Come unto me*****A. Anderson (b. 1971)***

*Co-Commissioned by St James' Old Cathedral and the Consort of Melbourne as part of "A Lenten Cantata". Seventh Movement. Premiered 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2016.*

*Come unto me, all who are weary and burdened,  
    and I will give you rest.*

***Matt 11:28***

**First Reading: Exodus 34:1-9**

**Nick Fairlie**

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.

<sup>2</sup>Be 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.

<sup>3</sup>No 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.’

<sup>4</sup>So 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.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there,  
and proclaimed the name, ‘The LORD.’

<sup>6</sup>The 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,  
<sup>7</sup>keeping 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.’



<sup>8</sup>And Moses quickly bowed his head towards the earth,  
and worshipped.

<sup>9</sup>He 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.'

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

## **Psalm 86**

*Dr Callum Dawson*

Incline your ear to me, O God, and answer me:  
**for I am poor and in misery.**

Preserve my life, for I am faithful:  
**my God, save your servant who trusts in you.**

Be merciful to me, O Lord:  
**for I call to you all the day long.**

O make glad the soul of your servant:  
**for I put my hope in you, O Lord.**

For you, Lord, are good and forgiving:  
**of great and continuing kindness  
to all who call upon you.**

Hear my prayer, O Lord:  
**and give heed to the voice of my supplication.**

In the day of my trouble I call upon you:  
**for you will surely answer.**

Among the gods there is none like you, O lord:  
**nor are there any deeds like yours.**

All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you:  
**O Lord, they shall glorify your name.**

For you are great and do marvellous things:  
**and you alone are God.**

Show me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth:  
**let my heart delight to fear your name.**

I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart;  
**and I will glorify your name for ever.**

For great is your abiding love toward me:  
**and you have delivered my life  
from the lowest depths of the grave.**

The insolent, O God, have risen against me:  
**a ruthless band seek my life,  
they have not set God before their eyes.**

But you, Lord, are a God gracious and compassionate:  
**slow to anger, full of goodness and truth.**

Turn to me and be merciful, give your strength to your servant:  
**and save the child of your handmaid.**

Show me some token of your goodness:  
**that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed,  
because you, Lord, are my helper and my comforter.**

**Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7**

***Mimi Lee***

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation,  
<sup>4</sup>who consoles us in all our affliction,  
so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction  
with the consolation with which we ourselves  
are consoled by God.

<sup>5</sup>For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us,  
so also our consolation is abundant through Christ.

<sup>6</sup>If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation;  
if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation,  
which you experience when you patiently endure  
the same sufferings that we are also suffering.

<sup>7</sup>Our hope for you is unshaken;  
for we know that as you share in our sufferings,  
so also you share in our consolation.

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

**Hymn 27 v1,3,5 (Mit Freuden Zart)**

***J. J. Schutz (1640-90)***

**Sing praise to God, who reigns above,  
the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love,  
the God of our salvation:  
my soul with comfort rich he fills,  
and every grief he gently stills:  
*to God give praise and glory!***

**What God's almighty power has made  
that will he ever cherish,  
and will, unfailing, soon and late  
with lovingkindness nourish;  
and where he rules in kingly might  
there all is just and all is right:  
*to God give praise and glory!***

**So come before his countenance  
and leap in exultation;  
now gladly pay your due of praise  
in joyful celebration.**

**Take courage in the Lord, my heart,  
refreshed in him, play your full part:  
*to God give praise and glory!***

The Gospel is written in the fifteenth chapter of the Gospel according to Luke, beginning at the eleventh verse.

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

<sup>11</sup>Then Jesus said, ‘There was a man who had two sons.

<sup>12</sup>The younger of them said to his father,  
“Father, give me the share of the property  
that will belong to me.”

So he divided his property between them.

<sup>13</sup>A few days later the younger son gathered all he had  
and travelled to a distant country,  
and there he squandered his property in dissolute living.

<sup>14</sup>When he had spent everything,  
a severe famine took place throughout that country,  
and he began to be in need.

<sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out  
to one of the citizens of that country,  
who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs.

<sup>16</sup>He would gladly have filled himself with the pods  
that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup>But when he came to himself he said,  
“How many of my father’s hired hands  
have bread enough and to spare,  
but here I am dying of hunger!

<sup>18</sup>I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him,  
‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you;

<sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son;  
treat me like one of your hired hands.’ ”

<sup>20</sup>So he set off and went to his father.

But while he was still far off, his father saw him  
and was filled with compassion;  
he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.

<sup>21</sup>Then the son said to him,  
“Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you;  
I am no longer worthy to be called your son...”

<sup>22</sup>But the father said to his slaves,  
“Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him;  
put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.

<sup>23</sup>And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate;  
<sup>24</sup>for this son of mine was dead and is alive again;  
he was lost and is found!” And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup>Now his elder son was in the field;  
and when he came and approached the house,  
he heard music and dancing.

<sup>26</sup>He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on.

<sup>27</sup>He replied, “Your brother has come,  
and your father has killed the fatted calf,  
because he has got him back safe and sound.”

<sup>28</sup>Then he became angry and refused to go in.

His father came out and began to plead with him.

<sup>29</sup>But he answered his father, “Listen! For all these years  
I have been working like a slave for you,  
and I have never disobeyed your command;  
yet you have never given me even a young goat  
so that I might celebrate with my friends.

<sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came back,  
who has devoured your property with prostitutes,  
you killed the fatted calf for him!”

<sup>31</sup>Then the father said to him,  
“Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.

<sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and rejoice,  
because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life;  
he was lost and has been found.” ’

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

**Sermon**

***Rev. Professor Graham Cole***

**Anthem**

***The Old Cathedral Voices***

**Do not be afraid**

***P. Stopford (b. 1977)***

*Refrain: Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.*

*I have called you by your name; you are mine.*

*When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you;  
you will never sink beneath the waves.*

*When the fire is burning all around you,  
you will never be consumed by the flames. Refrain*

*When the fear of loneliness is looming,  
then remember I am at your side.*

*When you dwell in the exile of the stranger,  
remember you are precious in my eyes. Refrain*

*You are mine, O my child, I am your Father,  
and I love you with a perfect love. Refrain*

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.**



**Intercessions**

*Jeanette Lawrence*

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.**

**Preparation**

*Dr Callum Dawson*

Let us pray.

**We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy  
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.**

**But you are the same Lord,  
whose nature is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,  
that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

## **Confession**

*Dr Callum Dawson*

Knowing the goodness of God

and our failure to respond with love and obedience,  
let us confess our sins, saying together,

**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. Professor Graham Cole*

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**

*Dr Callum Dawson*

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."*

*The children's chapel rejoin us as the following hymn is sung.*

**Hymn 104 (Was Lebet)**

***P. R.N. Appleford (b. 1925)***

**Father all loving, thou rulest in majesty,  
judgment is thine, and condemneth our pride;  
stir up our rulers and peoples to penitence,  
sorrow for sins that for vengeance have cried.**

**Blessed Lord Jesus, thou camest in poverty,  
sharing a stable with beasts at thy birth;  
stir us to work for thy justice and charity,  
truly to care for the poor upon earth.**

**Come, Holy Spirit, create in us holiness,  
lift up our lives to thy standard of right;  
stir every will to new ventures of faithfulness,  
flood the whole church with thy glorious light.**

**Holiest Trinity, perfect in unity,  
bind in thy love every nation and race:  
may we adore thee for time and eternity,  
Father, Redeemer, and Spirit of grace.**

**Thanksgiving & Holy Communion**      *Rev. Professor Graham Cole*

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.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross  
and rising to new life,  
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

And now we thank you  
for these gifts of bread and wine;  
may we who receive them,  
as Jesus said,  
share his body and his blood.

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

After supper he took the cup  
and gave you thanks.  
He shared the cup with them and said,  
'This is my blood poured out  
so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

You have gathered us together  
to feed on Christ  
and to remember all he has done for us:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory.**

Fill us with your Spirit  
that we may follow Jesus  
in all we do and say,  
working for justice and bringing your peace  
to this world that you have made.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

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.

*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**  
**Plenteous Grace**

***The Old Cathedral Voices***  
***A. Anderson (b. 1971)***

*This is the eighth and final movement of "A Lenten Cantata",  
co-commissioned by The Old Cathedral and The Consort of Melbourne,  
and first performed here on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2017.*

*Plenteous grace with Thee is found,  
grace to cover all my sin;  
let the healing streams abound,  
make and keep me pure within:  
thou of life the fountain art,  
freely let me take of thee,  
spring thou up within my heart,  
rise to all eternity.*

**After Communion**

***Rev. Professor Graham Cole***

Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
**Keep us in this hope that we have grasped;**  
**so we and all your children shall be free,**  
**and the whole earth live to praise your name.**

**Notices**

***Rev. Professor Graham Cole***

**Hymn 68 v1,2,3,5 (Praise, my Soul)**

***J. Goss (1800-1880)***

**Praise, my soul, the king of heaven;  
to his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me his praise should sing?  
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,  
praise the everlasting king!**

**Praise him for his grace and favour  
to our fathers in distress;  
praise him still the same for ever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless:  
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,  
glorious in his faithfulness.**

**Father-like he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes:  
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,  
widely as his mercy flows!**

**Angels, help us to adore him,  
ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space:  
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,  
praise with us the God of grace!**



**Blessing & Dismissal**

***Rev. Professor Graham Cole***

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you,  
that your lives may be a light to the world;  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon 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  
AFTER THE SERVICE**

*Instead of collecting offertories during the service, we gratefully receive free offerings made at the exit, or by electronic transfers to:*

**St James' Old Cathedral**

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# Hope25

## What is Hope25?

- It is an initiative of the Anglican Churches of Australia.
- It is an intentional season of **sharing hope in Jesus** for every parish and community in the Anglican Church right across Australia.
- It aims to strengthen the church as they reach out to others.
- We want to be a part of this at St James' Old Cathedral.

## When is Hope25?

- We launch at St James' Old Cathedral on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February when opportunities to be involved will be shared.
- From the start of Lent (3<sup>rd</sup> March) we seek to strengthen one another in our hope as we pray and prepare.
- We reach out to others from Easter Day (April 20<sup>th</sup>) to Pentecost Sunday (June 8<sup>th</sup>) 2025.

## Collect for Hope25

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.**

# St James' Old Cathedral

## 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**

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## Intercessions

**We pray for:** Our West Melbourne Community; Haileybury College; Joy Surgical; 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; Andrew; Neil; Beverly Stephenson; Jill Sculley; Sergio Altin; Hugo Ellis; Josephine Carne; Jean Ely; Lorraine Hedley; Merle Taylor; Jamie Chisholm; Zoe Creelman; Stuart; Janette Wells; The Altin family; Lisa Thompson; Jenny Swain; Jean Miller; Tony Billington; The Family of Chris Coffee.

## Notices

- Canon Matt is on Long Service Leave from December 16<sup>th</sup> to February 24<sup>th</sup>. The Reverend Professor Graham Cole is Locum Vicar.
- Youth Group returns this Friday February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- A 9 week study using Know Your Bible (KYB) study materials, for the women in our church, will re-commence this Thursday at 10am in the Conference Centre. For more details see Diana Robertson or Sarah Raiter.
- This Lent we will be offering people the opportunity to be involved in Hope25. Details are on page 26 – see Owen Billington if you are interested in participating.

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