

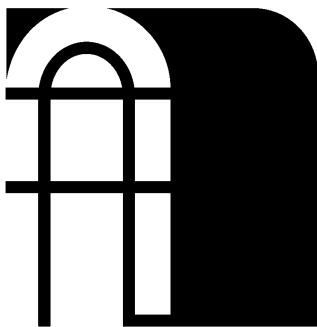
St James' Old Cathedral

20th September 2026 at 10:00am

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

A Fitting High Priest: Hebrews 7:18-28

*Service of Confirmation in 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

Formed in March 2009 from some of Melbourne's finest choral soloists, The Old Cathedral Voices are a consort choir directed by Alex Ritter. Alex is on leave. The choir is directed by Jenny George. Today's singers are:

Eliza Bennetts	Lucy Niewestee	Hamish Gould	
Jenny George	Jack Jordan	Tanum Shipp	Elias Elwyn
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 is on leave. The organ is played by Professor Robin Batterham AO.

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.

Testimony: Henry Robertson (Baptised 27.10.2013)

My name is Henry Robertson, I am 13 years old and in Year 7 at school. My whole life I have grown up here in Melbourne and have been at this church for over 10 years. In my free time I like to play with my lego, go out on my bike, and play cricket, basketball and table tennis with my friends and family.

My Christian faith started when I was born, being born into a Christian family, and I was baptised on the 27th of October in 2013. I started out going to St John's Lutheran church in Southbank. When my family moved to West Melbourne in 2015, we started attending here at St James' Old Cathedral.

At my baptism, my family promised that they would help me grow my faith by helping me turn to Christ and reject all that is evil. My family has helped me understand the Lord and now I take on this responsibility to be my own. I want to strengthen my faith and help it grow even more. I really think this is my time to get confirmed and that is why I am here today.

Testimony: Eliza Rose Beer (Baptised 03.02.2013)

I am here today because about 14 years ago I was baptised by my Auntie Megan and now I am ready to declare that Jesus is the Lord of my life. I believe that Jesus died and rose again so that our sins could be forgiven.

As it says in Romans 5:6-8

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

I am getting confirmed today because I want Jesus to shape who I am and who I am going to be.

Testimony: Jasper Liam Beer (Baptised 22.08.2010)

Today I am being confirmed, because I want to declare that Jesus Christ is Lord. I was baptised as a baby and now I want to honour the promises that were made on my behalf and recognise the truth of what Jesus has done to make me part of his family.

I would want a non-follower to be able to see Jesus through me and know that He is there for them at any stage of their life, no matter what they've done. This is important to me because I follow Jesus because I've personally seen Him work. I've also seen people being healed in His name, and experiences like that have made my faith stronger and shown me that Jesus is real and still active in people's lives today.

Because of my faith and the things I've experienced, following Jesus has had a big impact on my life. One of the ways I've noticed this is through the people I spend time with. Going to a Christian school has also played a big part in shaping me, because I'm surrounded by people who share similar beliefs and values.

Growing up in a Christian family and community has also shaped the way I see the world, and I think that has had an impact on who I am today. My faith has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember, and it has influenced the way I think, the choices I make and the person I want to become.

Testimony: Philippa Williams (Baptised 20.5.2012)

I grew up in a Christian family. I was baptised as a baby, and I learned a lot about the Bible from a very young age, but all those decisions weren't made by me. I've been through some mental health challenges during my teen years, and I often feel like no one understands what goes through my head.

I want to get confirmed because I'd like to take a step in the journey of a Christian on my own. I want to feel more connected to God, because I know that if anyone understands me, he does.

Others being confirmed today were recently baptised here at St James' Old Cathedral and shared their testimonies then.

They are:

Will Batten (Baptised 20.04.2025)

Diane Clingin (Baptised 06.04.2026)

Arielle Cowham (Baptised 06.04.2026)

Leilani Frost (Baptised 06.04.2026)

Miles Gray (Baptised 31.05.2026)

Shea Latif (Baptised 16.08.2026)

Jack Zhao (Baptised 06.04.2026)

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***Bishop Megan Curlis-Gibson***

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

And also with you.**Sentence of Scripture*****Canon Matt Williams***

Jesus is able for all time
to save those who approach God through him,
since he always lives to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 7:25

There is one body and one Spirit;
there is one hope in God's call to us.

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism,
one God and Father of all.

Welcome***Canon Matt Williams***

All my hope on God is founded;

he doth still my trust renew.

Me through change and chance he guideth

only good and only true.

God unknown,

he alone

calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,

sword and crown betray his trust;

what with care and toil he buildeth,

tower and temple, fall to dust.

But God's power,

hour by hour,

is my temple and my tower.

Daily doth the almighty giver

bounteous gifts on us bestow;

his desire our soul delighteth

pleasure leads us where we go.

Love doth stand

at his hand;

joy doth wait on his command.

Still from man to God eternal

sacrifice of praise be done,

high above all praises praising

for the gift of Christ his Son.

Christ doth call

one and all:

ye who follow shall not fall.

Confession

Canon Matt Williams

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

(All sit or kneel). Let us pray.

Lord God, you created this world,
and made us in your own image.

Forgive us when we turn away from you.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Rescue us from slavery to sin.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord God, by your Spirit, you restore us to fellowship
with you and with one another.

Breathe your love and freedom into our lives.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Bishop Megan Curlis-Gibson

Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you your sins,
and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Canon Matt Williams

Everliving God,
your Spirit made us your children,
confident to call you Father.
Increase your Spirit within us
and bring us to our promised inheritance
in 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 choir sings. They will return to witness the confirmations and share in 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

I will greatly rejoice

M. Greene (1695-1755)

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord:

my soul shall be joyful in my God.

For he has clothed me with the garments of salvation:

he has covered me with the robe of righteousness.

Isaiah 61:10

Then he showed me the high priest Joshua
standing before the angel of the Lord
and the accuser (or 'the Satan')
standing at his right hand to accuse him.

² And the Lord said to the accuser,
"The Lord rebuke you, O accuser!
The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you!
Is not this man a brand plucked from the fire?"

³ Now Joshua was wearing filthy clothes as he stood before the angel.

⁴ The angel said to those who were standing before him,
"Take off his filthy clothes."

And to him he said, "See, I have taken your guilt away from you,
and I will clothe you with festal apparel."

⁵ And he said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head."

So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with apparel,
and the angel of the Lord was standing by.

⁶ Then the angel of the Lord warned Joshua, saying

⁷ "Thus says the Lord of hosts: If you will walk in my ways
and keep my requirements,
then you shall rule my house and have charge of my courts,
and I will give you the right of access
among those who are standing here.

⁸ Now listen, Joshua, high priest,
you and your colleagues who sit before you!

For they are an omen of things to come:
I am going to bring my servant the Branch.

⁹ For on the stone that I have set before Joshua,
on a single stone with seven facets,
I will engrave its inscription, says the Lord of hosts,
and I will remove the guilt of this land in a single day.

¹⁰ On that day, says the Lord of hosts,
you shall invite each other to come
under your vine and fig tree.”

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

Psalm 62:1-8

Canon Matt Williams

My soul waits in silence for God:
for from him comes my salvation.

He only is my rock and my salvation:
my strong tower, so that I shall never be moved.

How long will you all plot against me to destroy me:
as though I were a leaning fence or a buckling wall?

Their design is to thrust me from my height,
and their delight is in lies:
they bless with their lips, but inwardly they curse.

Nevertheless, my soul, wait in silence for God:
for from him comes my hope.

He only is my rock and my salvation:
my strong tower, so that I shall not be moved.

In God is my deliverance and my glory:
God is my strong rock and my shelter.

Trust in him at all times, O my people:
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

- ¹⁸ There is, on the one hand,
the abrogation of an earlier commandment
because it was weak and ineffectual
¹⁹ (for the law made nothing perfect);
there is, on the other hand,
the introduction of a better hope
through which we approach God.
- ²⁰ This was confirmed with an oath,
for others have become priests without an oath,
²¹ but this one became a priest with an oath
because of the one who said to him,
*“The Lord has sworn
and will not change his mind,
‘You are a priest forever’ ”*
- ²² accordingly Jesus has also become
the guarantor of a better covenant.
- ²³ Furthermore, the former priests were many in number
because they were prevented by death
from continuing in office,
²⁴ but he holds his priesthood permanently
because he continues forever.
- ²⁵ Consequently, he is able for all time
to save those who approach God through him,
since he always lives to make intercession for them.
- ²⁶ For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest,
holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners,
and exalted above the heavens.

²⁷ Unlike the other high priests,
 he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day,
 first for his own sins and then for those of the people;
this he did once for all when he offered himself.

²⁸ For the law appoints as high priests humans,
 who are subject to weakness,
but the word of the oath, which came later than the law,
 appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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

**Hail, thou once despised Jesus,
hail, thou Galilean King!**

**Thou didst suffer to release us;
thou didst free salvation bring.**

**Hail, thou universal Saviour,
bearer of our sin and shame,
by thy merits we find favour;
life is given through thy name.**

**Paschal Lamb by God appointed,
all our sins on thee were laid;
by almighty love anointed,
thou hast full atonement made:
all thy people are forgiven
through the virtue of thy blood;
opened is the gate of heaven;
peace is made 'twixt man and God.**

**Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory,
there for ever to abide;
all the heavenly host adore thee,
seated at thy Father's side:
there for sinners thou art pleading,
there thou dost our place prepare,
ever for us interceding
till in glory we appear.**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 1:18-21

Bridget Chapman

The Gospel is written in the first chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew, beginning at the eighteenth verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way.

When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph,

but before they lived together,
she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man
and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace,
planned to divorce her quietly.

²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this,
an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said,
“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife,
for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, (or “Joshua”) for he will save his people from their sins.”

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

Sermon

Bishop Megan Curlis-Gibson

Anthem

The Old Cathedral Voices

Give me Jesus

Spiritual arr. L. Anderson

1. In the morning when I rise, Give me Jesus.

*Refrain: Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus,
You may have all this world, Give me Jesus.*

2. I heard my mother say, ‘Give me Jesus.’ Refrain

3. Dark midnight was my cry! Give me Jesus. Refrain

4. And when I come to die, Give me Jesus. Refrain

The Presentation of Confirmees

Bishop Megan Curlis-Gibson

The bishop invites the four candidates who were baptised as infants, together with the minister and any other sponsors, to gather before the congregation.

The bishop invites the minister and sponsors of confirmation candidates to present the candidates.

We welcome those who have come to be confirmed.

I invite their sponsors to present them now.

The minister and any sponsors present each candidate by name.

Candidates baptised as infants may choose to read their testimony aloud.

We present Jasper Beer who comes to be confirmed.

We present Eliza Beer who comes to be confirmed.

We present Henry Robertson who comes to be confirmed.

We present Philippa Williams who comes to be confirmed.

Following the testimonies, the bishop invites other candidates for confirmation to gather in view of the congregation.

The minister presents each candidate by name.

Bishop Megan, I also present

Will Batten,

Diane Clingin,

Arielle Cowham,

Leilani Frost,

Miles Gray,

Shea Latif, and

Jack Zhao,

who all come to be confirmed.

The Decision

Bishop Megan Curlis-Gibson

The bishop says to all those who are to be confirmed:

Before God and this congregation,
you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

I reject them all.

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

I renounce all that is evil.

Will you each, by God's grace,
strive to live your whole life as a disciple of Christ,
loving God with all your heart, and your neighbour as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

The bishop says to the congregation:

You have heard these our brothers and sisters
renew their response to Christ. Will you support them?

We will.

The Prayers

Canon Matt Williams

Let us pray for those who have affirmed their baptism
and are to receive the laying on of hands.

Merciful God, deliver them from all evil
that they may walk in the way of truth and life;
Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Open their hearts by the Holy Spirit to your grace and truth;
Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church;
Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Send them into the world to witness to your love and justice;
Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Bring them and us all into the fullness of your peace and glory;
Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

The Profession of Faith

Bishop Megan Curlis-Gibson

The bishop says to the candidates:

I now ask you to affirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The bishop says to the congregation:

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith:

We believe in one God:

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Confirmation

Bishop Megan Curlis-Gibson

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord
now, and for ever. Amen.

Almighty and everliving God,
you have given your servants
new birth by water and the Spirit,
and have forgiven them their sins.

Strengthen them, we pray, with the Holy Spirit
that they may grow in grace.

Increase in them the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of discernment and inner strength,
the spirit of knowledge and true godliness,
and fill them with wonder and awe at your presence,
through Jesus Christ our Lord now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Those who are to be confirmed kneel around the communion rail
before the bishop, who lays a hand upon each of them saying:*

Strengthen, Lord, your servant, *name* with your Holy Spirit.
Empower and sustain *him/her* for your service. **Amen.**

*When all candidates have received the laying on of hands,
the congregation prays together:*

**Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace,
that they may continue yours for ever,
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more
until they come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.**

Further Prayers

Bishop Megan Curlis-Gibson

The bishop prays for all those upon whom hands have been laid.

Almighty and everliving God,
watch over these your servants
upon whom we have now laid our hands.
Let your Holy Spirit always be with them
and lead them to know and obey your word,
that they may serve you in this life,
and dwell with you in the life to come:
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Greeting of Peace (*All Stand.*)

Canon Matt Williams

We are the body of Christ:

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you:

And also with you.

*We share a greeting of peace with one another
as the candidates return to their pews.*

Hymn 520 (Savannah)

F. R. Havergal (1836-79)

**Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.**

**Take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.**

**Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my voice, and let me sing,
always, only, for my King.**

**Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold.**

**Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.**

**Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love: my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.**

**Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.**

Thanksgiving & Holy Communion

Bishop Megan Curlis-Gibson

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.

Loving God,

we thank you for this world of wonder and delight.

You have given it to us to care for,

so that all your creatures may enjoy its bounty.

Lord our God,

we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you that when we turned away from you,

you sent Jesus to live and work as one of us,

and bring us back to you.

He showed us how to love you

and set us free to love and serve one another.

Lord our God,

we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you that on the cross

Jesus took away our sin,

all that keeps us from one another and from you.

He frees us from hate and fear,

from all that destroys love and trust.

Lord our God,

we give you thanks and praise.

And so with everyone who believes in you,
with all the saints and angels,
we rejoice and praise you, 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:

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.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

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 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
Once for All

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

Commissioned for The Old Cathedral Voices. Premiered 27th July 2014.

*By God's will we have been sanctified
through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ,
once for all.*

*For by a single offering
Christ has perfected for all time
those who are sanctified.*

Heb 10:10,14

After Communion

Bishop Megan Curlis-Gibson

Living God, in this holy meal you fill us with new hope.
May the power of your love,
 which we have known in word and sacrament,
continue your saving work among us,
give us courage for our pilgrimage,
and bring us to the joys you promise.

Father,
we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
 to live and work to your praise and glory.

Notices

Canon Matt Williams

**O Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
Lord, be for ever near me,
my master and my friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if you will be my guide.**

**O let me feel you near me:
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw me nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.**

**Lord, let me see your footmarks
and in them plant my own;
that I may follow boldly
and in your strength alone:
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my friend.**

Blessing

Bishop Megan Curlis-Gibson

Go forth into the world in peace;
Be of good courage;
hold fast to that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the faint hearted;
support the weak;
help the afflicted;
give honour to all;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Canon Matt Williams

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Recessional

Robin Batterham (Organ)

Hymne d'Action de Grâce "Te Deum" *J. Langlais (1907-1991)*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR MORNING TEA
IN THE CONFERENCE CENTRE
FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

Paperwork Party: Sunday 18th 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 18th 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 something coming up on your 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**. 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

SJOC Parish Vision

At St James' we have a seven-point vision for what kind of church we aspire to be. As we do them, we will be "like yeast" (Mt 13:33). We expect, in God's power, that our contributions will have an outsized, eternal impact for good.

1. A Centre for Godly Community

Everything we do starts with who we are: a community gathered by the Triune God through our Lord Jesus Christ to love, enjoy and worship him.

2. A Centre for Biblical Preaching

We want to be a place known for preaching the whole counsel of scripture. We aim to explain and apply biblical texts with theological cogence, historical awareness and pastoral sensitivity, and train others to preach similarly.

3. A Centre for Loving Outreach

We want to share the love of God in Christ by connecting the people of God in this parish with others in our community.

4. A Centre for Ministry Training

We want to foster the health of the wider Anglican church by equipping people for ministry and encouraging vocations to Anglican ordination.

5. A Centre for Historical Awareness

We seek to highlight and connect people with their histories:

- a) the history of God's dealings with his people;
- b) the history of the church universal, its songs and prayers;
- c) the history of Melbourne and the Anglican church within it; and
- d) the histories of their families as they have intersected with us in past years.

6. A Centre for Liturgical Creativity

We want to be a place where traditional Anglican liturgical forms are refreshed and made accessible and attractive for a new generation.

7. A Centre for Musical Excellence

We seek to marshal the finest musical talents we can access to glorify the living God and inspire his people in worship.

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

- Today is a service of confirmation. We are delighted to welcome our new Bishop of Merri, Megan Curlis-Gibson, who was consecrated yesterday.
- Parish Council meets next Sunday at 12pm. This includes making a decision about the future pattern of 1662 BCP services. We are asking parishioners to let us know their preferences with the forms provided.
- Open Garden supporting SJOC on **Saturday 24th October** 11am-4pm. 73 Broadway, Camberwell. Please save the date and sign up to volunteer.

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