St James' Old Cathedral

15th November 2026 at 10:00am

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity

A Holy Government: Hebrews 12:14-29

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	Lily Flynn
Jenny George	Hamish Gould	Alex Ritter
Elias Elwyn	Tanum Shipp	
Mike Mews	Matthew Crossley	

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***

Thou knowest, Lord ***H. Purcell (1659-1695)***

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayer,
but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty,
O holy and most merciful Saviour,
thou most worthy judge eternal,
suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death,
to fall from thee. Amen. *1662 BCP Burial Service*

Gathering in God's Name ***Lwe Moo San Tay***

Since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken,
let us show gratitude,
by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship
with reverence and awe,
for indeed our God is a consuming fire. *Hebrews 12:28-29*

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

We pray on Wurundjeri land:
Father God, bless your Aboriginal people always.*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

*This response translates a prayer from the 1840s Merri Creek Aboriginal School, joining our voices with early Christian Wurundjeri Elders. In the Woiwurrung language, the prayer reads:
Pundgul Marman, bar marnameek Nerrembee borun, yellenwa nulworthen bopup Koolinner.
They used to sing the prayer to the famous hymn tune *Old Hundredth*.

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***

Hymn 65 (Nicaea) ***R. Heber (1783-1826)***

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty,
early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
God everlasting through eternity.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy, there is none beside thee
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty,
all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

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***

O God, the Judge of all,
through the saving blood of your Son
you have brought us to the heavenly Jerusalem
and given us a kingdom which cannot be shaken:
fill us with reverence and awe in your presence,
that in thanksgiving we and all your Church
may offer you acceptable worship;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives to intercede for us,
now and for ever. **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***

I saw the Lord ***J. Stainer (1840-1901)***

I saw the Lord, sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up,
and his train filled the temple.
Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings;
with twain he covered his face,
and with twain he covered his feet,
and with twain he did fly.
And one cried unto another,
Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts:
the whole earth is full of his glory.
And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried,
and the house was filled with smoke. *Isaiah 6:1-4*

O Trinity! O Unity!
Be present as we worship Thee,
And with the songs that angels sing
Unite the hymns of praise we bring. Amen.

First Lesson: Exodus 19:16-25 ***Nick Fairlie***

16 On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning,
as well as a thick cloud on the mountain
and a blast of a trumpet so loud
that all the people who were in the camp trembled.

17 Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God.

They took their stand at the foot of the mountain.

18 Now all of Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke,
because the Lord had descended upon it in fire;
the smoke went up like the smoke of a kiln,
while the whole mountain shook violently.

19 As the blast of the trumpet grew louder and louder,
Moses would speak and God would answer him in thunder.

20 When the Lord descended upon Mount Sinai,
to the top of the mountain,
the Lord summoned Moses to the top of the mountain,
and Moses went up.

21 Then the Lord said to Moses,
"Go down and warn the people not to break through to see the Lord;
otherwise many of them will perish.

22 Even the priests who approach the Lord
must consecrate themselves,
or the Lord will break out against them."

23 Moses said to the Lord, "The people are not permitted
to come up to Mount Sinai, for you yourself warned us, saying,
'Set limits around the mountain and keep it holy.' "

24 The Lord said to him, "Go down, then come back up
and bring Aaron with you,
but do not let either the priests or the people
break through to come up to the Lord;
otherwise he will break out against them."

25 So Moses went down to the people and told them.

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

Psalm 97 ***Lwe Moo San Tay***

The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice:

let the multitude of islands be glad.

Clouds and darkness are round about him:

righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

Fire goes before him:

and burns up his enemies on every side.

His lightnings light the world:

the earth sees it and quakes.

The mountains melt like wax before his face:

from before the face of the Lord of all the earth.

The heavens have proclaimed his righteousness:

and all peoples have seen his glory.

They are ashamed, all those who serve idols
and glory in mere nothings:

all gods bow down before him.

Zion heard and was glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoiced:

because of your judgements, O God.

For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth:

you are exalted far above all gods.

The Lord loves those that hate evil:

the Lord guards the life of the faithful,
and delivers them from the hand of the ungodly.

Light dawns for the righteous:

and joy for the true of heart.

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous:

and give thanks to his holy name.

Epistle: Hebrews 12:14-29 ***Ruth Champion***

14 Pursue peace with everyone
and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.
15 See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God,
that no root of bitterness springs up and causes trouble
and through it many become defiled.
16 See to it that no one becomes an immoral and godless person,
as Esau was, who sold his birthright for a single meal.
17 You know that later, when he wanted to inherit the blessing,
he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent,
even though he sought the blessing with tears.
18 You have not come to something that can be touched,
a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest,
19 and the sound of a trumpet,
and a voice whose words made the hearers beg
that not another word be spoken to them.
20 (For they could not endure the order that was given,
"If even an animal touches the mountain,
it shall be stoned to death."
21 Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said,
"I tremble with fear.")
22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God,
the heavenly Jerusalem,
and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,
23 and to the assembly of the firstborn
who are enrolled in heaven,
and to God the judge of all,
and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,
24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant,

and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word
than the blood of Abel.

25 See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking,
for if they did not escape when they refused
the one who warned them on earth,
how much less will we escape if we reject
the one who warns from heaven!

26 At that time his voice shook the earth,
but now he has promised, “Yet once more
I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.”

27 This phrase, “Yet once more,”
indicates the removal of what is shaken—
that is, created things—
so that what cannot be shaken may remain.

28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom
that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude,
by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship
with reverence and awe,
29 for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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

Hymn 7 (Leoni) ***Medieval Jewish Doxology***

Praise to the living God,
all praise be to his name,
who was, and is, and is to be,
for ay the same:
the One eternal God
ere aught that now appears,
the First, the Last, beyond all thought
his timeless years! *Cont. Over =>*

Formless, all lovely forms
declare his loveliness;
holy, no holiness of earth
can his express.
Lo, he is Lord of all:
creation speaks his praise,
and everywhere, above, below,
his will obeys.

His Spirit floweth free,
high surging where it will:
in prophet's word he spake of old,
he speaketh still.
Established is his law
and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart,
on sea, on land.

Eternal life hath he
implanted in the soul;
his love shall be our strength and stay
while ages roll.
Praise to the living God,
all praise be to his name,
who was, and is, and is to be,
for ay the same!

Gospel: Luke 14:15-24 ***Lwe Moo San Tay***

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

15 One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to Jesus,
"Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!"

16 Then Jesus said to him,
"Someone gave a great dinner and invited many.
17 At the time for the dinner he sent his slave
to say to those who had been invited,
'Come, for everything is ready now.'

18 But they all alike began to make excuses.

The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of land,
and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.'
19 Another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen,
and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.'
20 Another said, 'I have just been married,
and therefore I cannot come.'

21 So the slave returned and reported this to his master.
Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave,
'Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town
and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.'
22 And the slave said, 'Sir, what you ordered has been done,
and there is still room.'
23 Then the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the roads and lanes,
and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled.
24 For I tell you, none of those who were invited
will taste my dinner.' "

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

Sermon ***Canon Matt Williams***

Anthem ***The Old Cathedral Voices***

You have come to Mount Zion ***M. Nelson (b. 1990)***

Commissioned for The Old Cathedral Voices. Premiered 16th November 2014.

You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God,
the heavenly Jerusalem,
and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,
and to the assembly of the firstborn
who are enrolled in heaven,
and to God the judge of all,
and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,
and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant,
and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word
than the blood of Abel. *Hebrews 12:22-24*

Nicene Creed *(All Stand)* ***Lwe Moo San Tay***

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 ***Elizabeth Blades-Hamilton***

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.

We greet those around us: "Peace be with you."
During this hymn, the Children's Chapel rejoin us for Holy Communion.

Hymn 418 (Picardy) ***Liturgy of St James (5thC)***

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth
our full homage to demand.

King of Kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraphs,
cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Lord most high!

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 ***The Old Cathedral Voices***

May God himself ***R. Pearsall (1795-1856)***

May God himself, the God of peace,
now sanctify you through and through.
May your whole spirit, body, soul,
be blameless for the coming day,
and made to stand before the Lord. *1 Thess 5:23*

After Communion ***Canon Matt Williams***

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

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

Notices ***Canon Matt Williams***

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:

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 their 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

3. Don't look into it.

If you see something relating to child safety that looks odd,
please don't talk to others about it, or investigate further yourself.

Amateur investigations, gossip or insinuations could compromise an investigation by qualified professionals, and even prevent a just outcome. It could make an unsafe situation more unsafe, prevent procedural justice, or unfairly defame someone.

Just let either the police or Kooyoora Ltd (our independent professional standards body) know what you've seen or heard and why it bothered you, and then follow their instructions.

If you feel you need support to phone them, you may ask the child safety officer (Una Ebsworth) or a member of clergy as appropriate.

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

You can call Kooyoora on 1800 135 246.

Other principles:

1. Insist on two unrelated adults

2. Kooyoora is your friend.

4. Make grooming look odd.

5. Make allies not accusations.

6. Do paperwork with thanksgiving!

Consultation on 1662 BCP Services

Over the past couple of months your vicar and parish council have engaged in a consultation with parishioners about the current pattern of services, and whether the usual pattern of monthly 1662 BCP services was supported.

We received 45 responses, as follows. It was interesting to note that support for retaining the old service is strongest amongst our younger members.

Age Group	No. Retain or Increase	No. Reduce or Abolish	% Retain or Increase	% Reduce or Abolish
(0-59)	**16**	**6**	**73%**	**27%**
(60+)	**13**	**10**	**57%**	**43%**
TOTAL	**29**	**16**	**64%**	**36%**

We also received numerous wise and insightful comments from people with all views. With such strong support for the status quo, we have resolved not to make any changes to the standard pattern of the second Sunday of each month. The liturgy used on a given Sunday remains at the vicar's discretion.

A Liturgical Acknowledgement of Country

At our recent Safe Culture Training Day, a working group suggested we could improve by speaking an Acknowledgement of Country, hitherto only printed.

I have considered this and think they are correct.
However, I resist models of this which:
(a) precede the acknowledgement of God, which is disordered;
(b) make a statement without an appropriate prayerful response, which is not liturgy;
(c) are verbose, which is out of kilter with the brief liturgical rhythms blessing God and greeting each other.

In the absence of anything better provided, I have constructed the pattern used today between the Acclamation and Greeting. This frankly acknowledges those whom John Batman called "the real owners of the soil"; and prays for them using a prayer they themselves sang in the 1840s.

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; Janette Wells.

Notices

- Please see page 27 for communications from the vicar about the 1662 BCP consultation and the new liturgical Acknowledgement of Country.
- KYB meets Wednesdays at 10am, now studying the book of Ezra.
- Youth Group meets Friday nights at 7pm-9pm in the basement.
- Dinner & Bible Study continues on Monday nights at Canon Matt's house – 96 Roden Street, West Melbourne.
- The model ramp at the entrance of the church had to be removed for safety reasons. The rebuild cost is $5,000. Please support this if you can.

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