



St James' Old Cathedral

16th November 2025 at 10:00am
Feast of St Hilda (614-680)

Confirmation of Joel Casemore;
Ella Fairlie; Madeleine Spriggs;
and Rachel Bell

Reception of Yixuan Hu and
Nathan Oliver

Rededication of Stained Glass

*Service of Confirmation and Reception
in Holy Communion from
A Prayer Book for Australia (1995)*

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:

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| Monika Harris | Maggie Dunleavy | | |
| Eliza Bennetts O'Connor | Roslyn White | Alex Ritter | |
| Hamish Gould | Jack Jordan | Tanum Shipp | Mike Mews |
| Bailey Montgomerie | Matthew Crossley | 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.

Testimony: Madeleine Spriggs

When I was younger, church didn't mean much to me and it just sounded like a place to go to with my parents.

Now that I have grown up, I have realised that church has a deeper meaning to it. I have noticed that God isn't just in church, he can be in everyday activities you do, our communities, the leaders at church, new people you meet, friends and family.

I have decided to get confirmed not because of my parents or other people, but because I want to show my faith to God, because I feel closer to him. To me, being a Christian doesn't mean being perfect with no sins, it is instead being faithful and putting trust in him.

Testimony: Ella Fairlie

I was born into a Christian family and I was baptised when I was 3 months old.

I never really thought much about God and how lucky I was to have known Jesus from such a young age, and going to church was just a thing my family did.

The first church I ever attended was St Stephen's in Richmond, though I don't really remember it much because we moved to England when I was 2. We stayed in England for 4 years, regularly going to the services at St Jude's, and I went to their Sunday school which was led by a faithful lady who loved me and all the children who attended.

After St Jude's we came back to Australia and began looking for a new church. That's when we found St James' online during lockdown and we've continued coming up from Geelong ever since.

Recently I have been more active in Church and having more questions about God and putting my own faith in Jesus. I've decided now that I am ready to make the promises for myself that my parents and godparents made for me. I feel safe trusting myself to God knowing that he has the perfect plan for me.

Testimony: Joel Casemore

I was born into a secular family who used to attend church sometimes at Easter and Christmas. My mother planned for me to be christened in the Church of England. But they said she had to promise to take me to church every week, and she was unable to make such a promise.

I am a product of the English state education system, so the Church of England has played an indirect role in my life.

Looking back over my life I have often felt uncomfortable and riddled with anxiety, seeking some kind of stability and peace. Around the time of my 18th birthday I decided to be baptised in the Catholic church. (It was the incense I liked, not the ideology!) I spent the next year attending church infrequently until my attention on Christ fell away.

I fell into a life of active addiction and destructive behaviour, and life for myself and the people around me became extremely unmanageable. Once I had finally had enough, I sought help through the twelve-step fellowship of AA. Here I was encouraged to connect with God and to seek his guidance in my life.

Through God's grace I have been given a second chance at life. My fiancé has been attending St James for many years and I have been attending for about 6 months and feel very much at home here.

I now want to be confirmed in order to become closer to Christ and learn more about the scriptures. I truly believe that through God's grace I can be a productive part of this congregation.

Testimony: Rachel Bell

I first came to know Jesus from a very young age, as I grew up in a Christian family where we attended church and learnt about the love of God through Bible stories. At 11 years old, I then decided to commit my life to Jesus after witnessing how this love could transform people's lives even in the most extreme situations and was at work across the world. I continue to follow Jesus today because He brought hope, love, and mercy into my life when I needed it most, and He still sustains me day by day. I believe Jesus is hope for the world and I hope for others to experience the same transformation He has made in my life.

Testimony: Yixuan Hu

I was baptized in Feb 2014 in Shanghai. My faith journey has been one of steadily growing closer to God and learning to trust His guidance in my life. Our family moved from Shanghai to Melbourne at the beginning of this year, and we found Deep Creek to be a warm and welcoming home for me and my two boys. I've deeply appreciated the Scripture-based teaching there and the God-centered fellowship, and the boys have been enjoying Sunday School very much. Seeking reception feels like a natural next step, as I wish to commit more fully to this community and continue growing in Christ through worship and service.

Testimony: Nathan Oliver

I have served in senior church leadership and Christian mission organisations for over 20 years, which has deeply shaped my faith and understanding of Christian community. Having moved from vocational church leadership, our family has chosen to make the Anglican Church our spiritual home — a tradition my wife has grown up in. This move reflects both a personal and family journey of faith. I am seeking reception into the Anglican Church with a desire to continue serving in whatever capacity is needed, and to grow in faith with my family.

Processional***The Old Cathedral Voices*****O Lord, Increase our Faith*****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 Alison Taylor***

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***

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit
through the bond of peace. *Ephesians 3:3*

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

Hymn 327 (All for Jesus)

B. Foley (1919-2000)

**Holy Spirit, come confirm us
in the truth that Christ makes known;
we have faith and understanding
through your helping gifts alone.**

**Holy Spirit, come console us,
come as advocate to plead,
loving Spirit from the Father,
grant in Christ the help we need.**

**Holy Spirit, come renew us,
come yourself to make us live:
holy, through your loving presence,
holy, through the gifts you give.**

**Holy Spirit, come possess us,
you the love of Three in One,
Holy Spirit of the Father,
Holy Spirit of the Son.**

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 Alison Taylor

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

Prayer of the Day

Canon Matt Williams

O God of peace,
by whose grace the abbess Hilda
was endowed with gifts of justice, prudence, and strength
to rule as a wise mother:
Raise up these gifts in us,
that we, following her example and prayers,
may build up one another in love to the benefit of your church;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **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 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 (from "Elijah")

The Old Cathedral Voices

Blessed are the men who fear him

F. Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

*Blessed are the men who fear him:
they ever walk in the ways of peace.
Through darkness riseth light to the upright:
he is gracious, compassionate, he is righteous.
Blessed are women who fear him:
they ever walk in the ways of peace.*

First Lesson: Proverbs 6:16-23

Owen Billington

- ¹⁶ There are six things that the Lord hates,
seven that are an abomination to him:
- ¹⁷ haughty eyes, a lying tongue,
and hands that shed innocent blood,
- ¹⁸ a heart that devises wicked plans,
feet that hurry to run to evil,
- ¹⁹ a lying witness who testifies falsely,
and one who sows discord in a family.
- ²⁰ My child, keep your father's commandment,
and do not forsake your mother's teaching.
- ²¹ Bind them upon your heart always;
tie them around your neck.
- ²² When you walk, they will lead you;
when you lie down, they will watch over you;
and when you awake, they will talk with you.
- ²³ For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching a light,
and the reproofs of discipline are the way of life.

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

Psalm 122

Canon Matt Williams

I was glad when they said to me:

‘Let us go to the house of the Lord.’

And now our feet are standing:

within your gates, O Jerusalem;

Jerusalem which is built as a city:

where the pilgrims gather in unity.

There the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord:

as he commanded Israel,

to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

There are set thrones of judgement:

the thrones of the house of David.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

may those who love you prosper.

Peace be within your walls:

and prosperity in your palaces.

For the sake of my kindred and companions:

I will pray that peace be with you.

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God:

I will seek for your good.

Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6

Andrew Watkins

As a prisoner for the Lord, then,

I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

² Be completely humble and gentle;

be patient, bearing with one another in love.

³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit

through the bond of peace.

⁴ There is one body and one Spirit,

just as you were called to one hope when you were called;

⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

⁶ one God and Father of all,

who is over all and through all and in all.

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

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
reclothe us in our rightful mind:
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise,
in deeper reverence, praise.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our striving cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace,
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm.
O still small voice of calm.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 19:27-30

Canon Matt Williams

The Gospel is written in the nineteenth chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew, beginning at the twenty-seventh verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁷ Then Peter said to Jesus,

‘Look, we have left everything and followed you.

What then will we have?’

²⁸ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

²⁹ And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life.

³⁰ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

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

Sermon

Bishop Alison Taylor

Anthem

The Old Cathedral Voices

A Gaelic Blessing

J. Rutter (b. 1945)

Deep peace of the running wave to you

Deep peace of the flowing air to you

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you

Deep peace of the shining stars to you

Deep peace of the gentle night to you

Moon and stars pour their healing light on you

Deep peace of Christ - of Christ the light of the world - to you.

Deep peace of Christ to you.

The Presentation of Confirmees

Bishop Alison Taylor

The bishop invites all candidates for confirmation with the minister and any other sponsors to gather in view of 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.

The candidate may choose to read their testimony aloud.

We present Joel Casemore who comes to be confirmed.

We present Madeleine Spriggs who comes to be confirmed.

We present Ella Fairlie who comes to be confirmed.

We present Rachel Bell who comes to be confirmed.

The bishop says to 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 brother and sisters
renew their response to Christ. Will you support them?

We will.

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 Alison Taylor

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 Alison Taylor

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 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.**

Presentation for Reception

Ven. Megan Curlis-Gibson

The Vicar of Deep Creek Anglican Church presents candidates for reception.

Bishop, I present to you Yixuan Hu and Nathan Oliver.

They now ask to be received into communicant membership
of the Anglican Church of Australia
and seek our prayers in the fellowship of the parish of Deep Creek.

Affirmation for Reception

Bishop Alison Taylor

The bishop says to the candidates:

Do you stand by the Christian confession and commitment
made at your baptism? **I do.**

Do you desire to be admitted into communicant membership
of the Anglican Church of Australia
and accept her doctrine and order? **I do.**

The bishop welcomes the person in these words, taking him/her by the hand:

We recognise you as a baptised and communicant member
of the Christian church.

**We receive and welcome you into the communion
of the Anglican Church.**

Prayers

Bishop Alison Taylor

The candidates for reception kneel before the bishop.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of wisdom and love, source of all good,
by your Holy Spirit strengthen your servants
and guide them in your way of peace and love.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The bishop lays hands on each candidate's head, saying:

Name, may the Holy Spirit direct and uphold you
in the service of Christ and his kingdom
in the fellowship of this Church.

God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
bless, preserve and keep you. **Amen.**

Further Prayers

Bishop Alison Taylor

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.**

Rededication of Stained Glass

Canon Matt Williams

We are also gathered today to give thanks to God
for the cloud of witnesses who surround us,
depicted in stained glass on every side.

These windows have been restored and protected
through the labours of Robert Rusev
and in memory of June, Lady Zeidler,
as a gift from her four daughters.

Let us pray.

O God, our creator, restorer and protector,
we thank you for those whose craft and generosity
has restored these windows,
and for the greater light that now illumines this house of prayer.
May all who look upon these windows
be inspired to follow where your saints have gone before,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Act of Rededication

Bishop Alison Taylor

*The bishop stands before the new plaque,
installed by the window of St Hilda, and says:*

To the glory of God,
and in thankful remembrance of June, Lady Zeidler,
we rededicate these restored windows
for the adornment of this house
and the blessing of all who worship here;
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Greeting of Peace (*All Stand.*)

Bishop Alison Taylor

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.

Hymn 385 (Aurelia)

S. J. Stone (1839-1900)

The church's one foundation

is Jesus Christ her Lord:

she is his new creation

by water and the word;

from heaven he came and sought her

to be his holy bride;

with his own blood he bought her,

and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation

yet one o'er all the earth,

her charter of salvation

one Lord, one faith, one birth:

one holy name she blesses

partakes one holy food,

and to one hope she presses

with every grace endued.

Cont. Over =>

Through toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore,
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

Thanksgiving & Holy Communion

Bishop Alison Taylor

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 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.**

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.*

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 Old Cathedral Voices

There is one body

A. Anderson (b. 1971)

*Commissioned for the Old Cathedral Voices. Premiered 2019.
Andrew Anderson is our composer-in-residence.*

*There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called
to the one hope of your calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all.*

Ephesians 4:4-6a

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

Bishop Alison Taylor

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

*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

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:*

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Hymn 14 (Nun Danket)

M. Rinkart (1586–1649)

**Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hand and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom the world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
hath blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son and Holy Ghost,
one Lord in highest heaven:
the one eternal God
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.**

Blessing***Bishop Alison Taylor***

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***David Brown (Organ)***

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

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

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

03 8690 4444

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). So we expect, in God's power, that our small 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; Tony and Wendy Greenwood; Janette Wells; Neil; Diane and Roger Smith and family; Beverly Stephenson; Sergio Altin; The Hamilton Family; Jean Ely; Neil Hawthorn; Lorraine Hedley; Jamie Chisholm; Stuart; Jenny Swain; Kim Boulton; Tony Billington; Ken McAlpine; Anne Ellison; Faye Moses; Gillian Williams; Amodha Ratnayake; Mavis Payne; Lisa Thompson.

Notices

- We rejoice that three of our members today seek to confirm their faith, along with Rachel Bell from the parish of Ormond, and particularly welcome those who have come to support them in this step.
- We also welcome the Vicar of Deep Creek, The Venerable Megan Curlis-Gibson, who is presenting two candidates for reception.
- The Parish AGM is on Sunday 30th November at 12pm. If you would like to serve as Warden, Parish Councillor or Parish Nominator, please speak with the Vicar.
- Our new Archbishop, Ric Thorpe, will be installed on Sunday 30th at 4pm.

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