

St James' Old Cathedral

13th September 2026 at 10:00am

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

A Priest like Melchizedek: Hebrews 6:13-7:22

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



St James' Old Cathedral

Acknowledgement of Country

We worship our creator God on the ancestral lands of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation. We acknowledge them as the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

Child Safety Officer

We are committed to continuous improvement in a safe culture for all, and especially vulnerable persons. Our parish's Child Safety Officer is Una Ebsworth. Una is an accredited specialist in criminal law. All correspondence and questions relating to safety checks should be forwarded to her at safety@sjoc.org.au

The Old Cathedral Voices

Formed in 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:

Lily Flynn

Maggie Dunleavy

Jenny George

Tanum Shipp

Elwyn Elias

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

Above all praise and all majesty

F. Mendelssohn (1809-47)

Above all praise and all majesty:

Lord, thou reignest evermore. Hallelujah!

Sentence of Scripture

Canon Matt Williams

We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul,
a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain,
where Jesus, a forerunner on our behalf, has entered,
having become a high priest forever
according to the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 6:19-20

The Lord's Prayer

Canon Matt Williams

Our Father which art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come.

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

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive them that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation;

But deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Collect

Canon Matt Williams

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

Welcome

Canon Matt Williams

Hymn 438 v1,2,3,5 (Woodlands 109) *H. Bonar (1808-89)*

**Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
here would I touch and handle things unseen,
here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace,
and in my weariness upon thee lean.**

**Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
here drink with thee the royal wine of heaven;
here would I lay aside each earthly load,
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.**

**This is the hour of banquet and of song,
this is the heavenly table spread for me;
here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong
this hallowed hour of fellowship with thee.**

**Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.**

The Commandments

Canon Matt Williams

God spake these words, and said:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

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

In it thou shalt do no manner of work.

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

Honour thy father and thy mother.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Thou shalt not covet.

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

Collect of the Day**Canon Matt Williams**

Almighty God, you have given your only Son
to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and our great High Priest:
give us grace that we may always rejoice
to approach the throne of grace through him,
and finally be brought to enjoy eternal fellowship with you
through the same 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 Working with Children Check approvals.

Meditation**The Old Cathedral Voices****Hosanna filio David****T. L. de Victoria (1548-1611)**

Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the Highest! Amen.

¹⁷ After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer
and the kings who were with him,
the king of Sodom went out to meet Abram at the Valley of Shaveh,
that is, the King's Valley.

¹⁸ And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine;
he was priest of God Most High.

¹⁹ He blessed him and said,

“Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
maker of heaven and earth,

²⁰ and blessed be God Most High,
who has delivered your enemies into your hand!”

And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

²¹ Then the king of Sodom said to Abram,
“Give me the persons, but take the goods for yourself.”

²² But Abram said to the king of Sodom,

“I have sworn to God Most High, maker of heaven and earth,

²³ that I would not take a thread or a sandal strap
or anything that is yours,

so that you might not say, ‘I have made Abram rich.’

²⁴ I will take nothing but what the young men have eaten
and the share of the men who went with me:

Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre. Let them take their share.”

Here endeth the lesson.

Psalm 110 (APBA)

Canon Matt Williams

Of David. A Psalm.

The Lord said to my lord:

**‘Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool.’**

The Lord commits to you the sceptre of your power:

reign from Zion in the midst of your enemies.

Noble are you, from the day of your birth upon the holy hill:

**radiant are you, even from the womb,
in the morning dew of your youth.**

The Lord has sworn and will not turn back:

‘You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.’

The king shall stand at your right hand, O Lord:

and shatter kings in the day of his wrath.

Glorious in majesty, he shall judge among the nations:

and shatter heads over a wide land.

He shall slake his thirst from the brook beside the way:

therefore shall he lift up his head.

- ¹³ When God made a promise to Abraham,
because he had no one greater by whom to swear,
he swore by himself, ¹⁴ saying,
“I will surely bless you and multiply you.”
- ¹⁵ And thus Abraham, having patiently endured,
obtained the promise.
- ¹⁶ Humans, of course, swear by someone greater than themselves,
and an oath given as confirmation
puts an end to all dispute among them.
- ¹⁷ In the same way, when God desired
to show even more clearly to the heirs of the promise
the unchangeable character of his purpose,
he guaranteed it by an oath,
¹⁸ so that through two unchangeable things,
in which it is impossible that God would prove false,
we who have taken refuge
might be strongly encouraged to seize the hope set before us.
- ¹⁹ We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul,
a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain,
²⁰ where Jesus, a forerunner on our behalf, has entered,
having become a high priest forever
according to the order of Melchizedek.
- ^{7:1} This “Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God,
met Abraham as he was returning from defeating the kings
and blessed him,”
² and to him Abraham apportioned “one-tenth of everything.”
His name, in the first place, means “king of righteousness”;
next, he is also king of Salem, that is, “king of peace.”

³ Without father, without mother, without genealogy,
having neither beginning of days nor end of life
but resembling the Son of God, he remains a priest forever.

⁴ See how great he is! Even Abraham the patriarch
gave him a tenth of the spoils.

⁵ And those descendants of Levi who receive the priestly office
have a commandment in the law to collect tithes
from the people, that is, from their kindred,
though these also are descended from Abraham.

⁶ But this man, who does not belong to their ancestry,
collected tithes from Abraham
and blessed him who had received the promises.

⁷ It is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior.

⁸ In the one case, tithes are received by those who are mortal;
in the other, by one of whom it is testified that he lives.

⁹ One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes,
paid tithes through Abraham,

¹⁰ for he was still in the loins of his ancestor
when Melchizedek met him.

¹¹ Now if perfection had been attainable
through the Levitical priesthood—
for the people received the law under this priesthood—
what further need would there have been
to speak of another priest arising
according to the order of Melchizedek
rather than one according to the order of Aaron?

¹² For when there is a change in the priesthood,
there is necessarily a change in the law as well.

¹³ Now the one of whom these things are spoken
belonged to another tribe,
from which no one has ever served at the altar.

¹⁴ For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah,
and in connection with that tribe
Moses said nothing about priests.

¹⁵ It is even more obvious when another priest arises,
resembling Melchizedek, ¹⁶ one who has become a priest,
not through a legal requirement concerning physical descent
but through the power of an indestructible life.

¹⁷ For it is attested of him, *"You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek."*

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.

Here endeth the lesson.

**The God of Abraham praise
who reigns enthroned above,
ancient of everlasting days:
and God of love:
Jehovah, great I AM
by earth and heaven confessed!
I bow and bless the sacred name
for ever blest.**

**He by himself hath sworn,
I on his oath depend:
I shall, on eagle's wings upborne,
to heaven ascend;
I shall behold his face,
I shall his power adore,
and sing the wonders of his grace
for evermore.**

**The whole triumphant host
gives thanks to God on high;
Hail, Father, Son and Holy Ghost!
they ever cry.
Hail, Abraham's God, and mine!
I join the heavenly lays;
all might and majesty are thine,
and endless praise.**

Gospel Reading: Mark 15:33-39

Lwe Moo San Tay

The gospel is written in the fifteenth chapter of the gospel according to Mark, beginning at the thirty-third verse.

³³ When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land
until three in the afternoon.

³⁴ At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,
"Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"
which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

³⁵ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,
"Listen, he is calling for Elijah."

³⁶ And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick,
and gave it to him to drink, saying,
"Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."

³⁷ Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

³⁹ Now when the centurion who stood facing him
saw that in this way he breathed his last,
he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Here endeth the gospel.

Sermon

Canon Matt Williams

Anthem

Lily Flynn (Solo)

Thou art gone up on high (Messiah)

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

*Thou art gone up on high:
thou hast led captivity captive
and received gifts for men,
Yea, even for thine enemies,
that the Lord God might dwell among them. Psalm 68:18 (cf Eph 4:8)*

**I Believe in one God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And of all things visible and invisible :

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
Begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God,
Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father,
By whom all things were made :
Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
And was made man,
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
And ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead:
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life,
Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe one Catholick and Apostolick Church.
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the Resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Intercessions

Canon Matt Williams

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Preparation for Confession

Canon Matt Williams

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

Confession

Canon Matt Williams

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

Absolution

Canon Matt Williams

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

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

Hymn 439 v1,3,4 (Hyfrydol)

W. C. Dix (1837-98)

**Hallelujah! Sing to Jesus,
his the sceptre, his the throne;
hallelujah! His the triumph,
his the victory alone;
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood:
'Jesus out of every nation
has redeemed us by his blood.'**

**Hallelujah! bread of heaven,
and on earth our food, our stay;
hallelujah! here the sinful
flee to you from day to day:
intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, plead for me
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Hallelujah! King eternal,
you the Lord of lords we own;
hallelujah! Born of Mary,
earth your footstool, heaven your throne:
you within the veil have entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest;
you on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.**

Thanksgiving

Canon Matt Williams

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

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

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

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.
This is a true saying, and worthy of all people to be received,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Tim 1:15*

Hear also what Saint John saith.
If any one sin, we have an Advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.
1 John 2:1

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee;
and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine,
according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution,
in remembrance of his death and passion,
may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood:

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread;
and, when he had given thanks, he brake it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying,
“Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you:
Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise after supper he took the Cup;
and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying,
“Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament,
which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins:
Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.” **Amen.**

*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 God of Love my Shepherd is

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

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

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

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

After Communion

Canon Matt Williams

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

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

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

Notices

Canon Matt Williams

Hymn (Jerusalem)

C. Bancroft (1841-1923)

**Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea.
A great High Priest whose Name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in Heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.**

**When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free.
For God the just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me.**

**Behold Him there the risen Lamb,
My perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace.
One with my Lord I cannot die.
My soul is purchased by His blood,
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Saviour and my God!**

Blessing

Canon Matt Williams

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord:
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost,
be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional

David Brown (Organ)

***Please join us after the service
for morning tea in the conference centre.***

Paperwork Party: Sunday 18th October

In response to feedback from the CCYP, 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 week that has 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 is undergoing accreditation this week to become a trainer, so that he can provide the child safe training required. This can then be a pastorally led community discussion, not hours of online modules to work through.

Completed training is valid for **three years**.

Sunday October 18th we will hold a light parish luncheon, followed by paperwork and training after the service, to break the back of the administration together. Bring several forms of ID (e.g. Passport, Driver's Licence, Medicare Card), and your laptop if you have one.

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.

We will soon begin regularly publishing the list of people with a Clearance for Service, as a further form of public accountability.

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

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BSB: 013 377

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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; David Ingham and all who mourn Sue.

Notices

- **Sunday September 20th** will be a service of confirmation and reception with our new bishop, Megan Curlis-Gibson, who is consecrated Saturday.
- If you are not already on the **parish roll**, please consider signing up!
- The Parish Council is seeking to hear from parishioners as to the normal regularity of **1662 BCP Services**. Forms are provided for this purpose.
- Open Garden supporting SJOC on **Saturday 24th October** 11am-4pm. 73 Broadway, Camberwell. Please save the date and sign up to volunteer.
- Our choir director, **Alex Ritter**, and soprano **Monika Harris** were married yesterday. Please keep them in your prayers.

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