

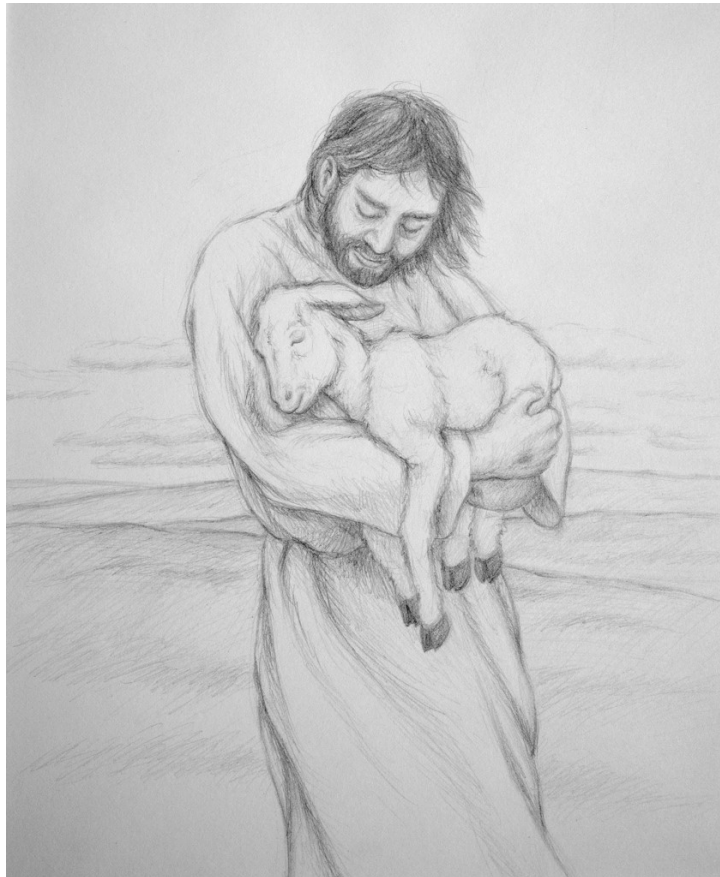


HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH WILLIAMSTOWN

Fourth Sunday of Easter

21 April 2024

8am & 10am Service of Holy Communion



On behalf of everyone at Holy Trinity, a warm welcome to this community, a faithful Christian presence in Williamstown since 1854. Holy Trinity welcomes everyone to all services and events, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race or background. We are moved by our calling as the Body of Christ to ensure all our spaces are safe places for everyone. Thank you for being part of our worship today. Recordings of our Worship services are usually available on the parish You Tube channel from Sunday each week, links are on our website under 'Services'.

www.htw.org.au

REFLECTION

Jesus as the Good Shepherd is an enduring image of comfort and care. The shepherd's role is to know the dangers, see the threats, and protect the flock, as well as ensuring that the flock's need for water, food and shelter is met. Jesus knows all too well the dangers of this world, and he taught us the ways of peace and love as a way to counter the threats of hatred and fear. Let us always turn to the comforting embrace of Jesus Christ and know that love is God's way. Rev. Elizabeth



PARISH PRAYER POINTS



For The Church:

- St Luke's Melbourne South
- Mothers' Union Australia, Diocese of Melbourne
- The Diocese of Perth
- The Anglican Church of Australia

In our Community

We pray from those preparing for marriage: Simon Bradwell & Caroline Bommers.

As part of our regular parish cycle of prayer we pray for Janice Schmidt, Malini Sighn, Mark & Ann Skurrie, Darren Steele, Ian Stewart, Kate Strasser, Margaret Swane, Marjorie Todd.

We pray for those who are suffering or unwell at this time for whom prayers have been requested.

Immediate need: Kimberley, Deborah Aluel, Leanne Linehan, Ingrid, Robyn Forbes.

Long-term need: Ann Carey, Barb & Brett Hingston, Heather Jobling, Rev. Mike Jobling, Robert Mander, David Mc Culloch, Marjorie Todd, John, Pamela, Brent, Rev. Margaret Burt, Derek Schippers, Helen.

We remember those who have recently died, and we remember those whose Years Mind anniversary of death falls at is time, Rod Walker.

Please note that the names of those on the 'Immediate need' list will remain for one month only. If there is a need to move them to the 'Long-term need' list, please contact the parish office.

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Holy Trinity Anglican Church is on Bunurong Country, the sovereign land of the Yalukit Willam people of the Kulin Nation. We recognise and honour the Indigenous custodians of this land over generations and today, and pay respect to all Elders past and present. We commit ourselves to the path of respect, truth-telling, justice and healing.

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*Please join in the parts of this service in **bold type**. All directions to stand, sit or kneel are invitations. Please always do as you are comfortable and able.*

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At 10am worship, words for hymns are in the red hymn books or sheets provided if they are not printed here.

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Please stand

*At 10am **Opening Hymn:** TIS 547 Be thou my vision*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Christ is risen. Alleluia! **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

THE SENTENCE

'I am the good shepherd,' says the Lord. 'I know my own and my own know me.' *John 10.14*

THE PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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.

CONFESSION

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival. *Silence may be kept*

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

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

Almighty God who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to God 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**

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

COLLECT PRAYER

Jesus, good shepherd of the sheep, by whom the lost are sought and guided into the fold: feed us and we shall be satisfied, heal us and we shall be whole, and lead us that we may be with you, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading: The Book of the Acts of the Apostles 4.5-12. Read by Marie Calthorpe at 8am, Sue Phillips at 10am.

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

For the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 23. Said in alternate verses.

¹ The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.

² **He will make me lie down in green pastures:
and lead me beside still waters.**

³ He will refresh my soul:
and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:
for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.**

⁵ You spread a table before me
in the face of those who trouble me:
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

⁶ **Surely your goodness and loving-kindness
will follow me all the days of my life:
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

Second Reading: First Letter of John 3.16-24. Read by Marie Calthorpe at 8am, Sue Phillips at 10am.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

For the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Please stand

*At 10am **Gradual Hymn:** TIS 693 Come as you are*

The Gospel according to St. John 10.11-18.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said ‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me,

because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Please sit

THE SERMON

The Reverend Elizabeth Murray, vicar

Please stand

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in one God, who made and loves all that is.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was born, lived, died and rose again, and is coming to call all to account.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who calls, equips and sends out God's people, and brings all things to their true end.

This is our faith, the faith of the Church:

We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Please sit or kneel

THE PRAYERS *Led by Ann Hodges at 8am.*

The response to each petition is usually

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The time of prayer concludes with

Almighty God you have promised to hear our prayers.

Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We pray together a prayer for growth

God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church:

send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness.

Help our church to grow:

in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you,

and in service to our local community,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand

THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ. **His spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Offerings – A collection will be taken up at this time

Donations to support the life & work of Holy Trinity are most welcome. We rely on your generosity. Cash donations & cheques can be left in the plate. Cashless giving options: Direct EFT details: BSB: 033100; Account number: 490175; or go to www.htw.org.au and click on 'Donate now'.

At 10am **Offertory Hymn: TIS 591 Forty Days**

THE OFFERTORY

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

The prayer continues

...forever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The prayer continues

... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The prayer continues

...in songs of never ending praise:

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

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

HOLY COMMUNION

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.**

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come let us take this holy sacrament in remembrance that Christ died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All Baptised Christians are welcome to receive communion. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please let the priest know. If you do not wish to receive communion and would like to receive a blessing, please come forward and indicate to the priest your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms in front of you. You are also welcome to remain in your pew. Ask someone to let the priest know if you need communion brought to you. Everyone is welcome to light a candle while communion is being shared. There are two stations available, one to the left of the sanctuary, and another at the memorial chapel at the back of the church.

Prayers of Anointing & Healing are available at this time, when all have received communion. Please wait in the front pew near the candle stand to indicate this wish.

Communion is distributed with these or similar words

The body of Christ the bread of heaven keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

The blood of Christ the cup of salvation keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Most glorious Lord of life, we thank you that you nourish us in these Easter mysteries. Fill us with the Spirit of love and unite us in faith, that we may witness to the resurrection and show your glory to the world.

Loving God, **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 may be given

Please stand

*At 10am **Final Hymn:** TIS 143 Immortal, invisible*

BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you what is pleasing in his sight; 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. Alleluia, alleluia!

In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

*You're invited to join us for refreshments after our worship.
After 8am, at Cocoa Latte in Ferguson Street around the corner.
After 10am, in the Parish Centre behind the church.*

*Please take this order of service with you.
The full colour PDF of this order of service is available at
<https://www.htw.org.au/weekly-pew-sheets.html>*

HTW GROUPS

A great way to connect with people who share your interests.

ADA CAMBRIDGE BOOK GROUP

The book group will meet in the Parish Centre **Wednesday 24th April**, 12-2pm to discuss “Bridge of Clay”. Members are reminded to collect their books from the usual place.

SPIRITUALITY & CREATIVITY WORKSHOPS

This a space where the spirituality of the creative process is discussed, explored and put into practise. They include a focus on songwriting, literature, healing through art, storytelling and cooking. The workshops are on the last Sunday of each month, 2.30-4.30pm in the Parish Centre. The next workshop is titled “Art for Healing”. It will be a creative arts workshop reflecting on art as a healing medium. We ask for cash donations of \$10/\$7 concession, to help cover the costs of materials.

MEN’S CHURCH GROUP (MCG)

MCG usually meets in the evening on the First Friday of the month at The Stag’s Head from 7.30pm. The next Gathering is **Friday 3rd May**. For more information and to join the WhatsApp group, contact Scott Phillips, Authorised Lay Minister, sphillips@kpcl.com.au 0411 751 755.

WOMEN OF HOLY TRINITY (WOHT)

WOHT meets on the Second Thursday of the month 7.30-9.30pm, and the next gathering is **Thursday 9th May**. We’ll be in the Parish Centre unless advised otherwise.

Please contact Barb Hingston (0424 466 405 - text if you can't get through on the phone), or Delia Paul (0432 562 454), for more info.

GARDENING GROUP

Keen gardeners meet on the Second Saturday of each month between 9.30am-2.30pm. Jobs for various levels of ability, BYO gloves, refreshments provided. Our next gathering will be **Saturday 11th May** (a great way to spend part of the long-weekend). You are always welcome to potter in the church gardens between meetings. And a reminder that the herb garden has produce you might like to pick. Please use scissors (available in the kitchen or byo). If anyone would like to be involved in the Garden Group please talk to any of us, there's always room for more helpers.

TEXTILE & DESIGN GROUP

This group of keen and creative makers usually meets on the Fourth Saturday of the month, 2pm in the Parish Centre. We're not meeting in April, and will next meet in the Parish Centre **Saturday 18th May**. Anyone interested in all things design and textile that add to our worship space is welcome to come along. Contact: Janice 0409 180 144.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



24th Dawn Riddel

P.S. If you think we have missed your birthday (or we got the date wrong), or you don't want your birthday listed, do let Rev. Elizabeth know and we'll update our list.

HTW PARISH NEWS

VICARAGE TOURS Friday 25th & Saturday 26th April

As part of the Heritage Festival, we will be offering the public tours of the vicarage between 2-5pm on Friday 26th April & Saturday 27th April. Thanks to those who have already signed up. We're probably sorted for volunteers now, but if you really want to be part of this public event, contact Rev. Elizabeth.

AN INTERFAITH CONVERSATION

Thursday 30th May, during National Reconciliation Week, we will host an Interfaith Conversation being organised by the Hobsons Bay Interfaith Network. Including a tour of the church, some entertainment and a panel discussion on the theme, "Now more than ever" this event runs 10.30am-1pm. Look out for promotional material coming soon. Tell your friends.

VICAR ON LEAVE

Rev. Elizabeth will be on a combination of study leave and annual leave 1-15 May. There will be a locum vicar during that time, but we need the help of the parish family too. If you can help with opening and/locking the church each day. Also, please check the MASTER TEMPLATE for the monthly roster and the draft May roster. It would be great to have all of that finalised by 28th April.

PENTECOST PARISH BREAKFAST

Our two congregations have distinct styles of worship, but we are all one parish family. For the Feast of Pentecost on Sunday 19th May, we are all invited to come together for breakfast at 9am between the services to share in some fellowship.

PRAYER GROUP MEETING

As part of her ongoing ministry with the South Sudanese community in Melbourne, Rev. Monica is organizing a prayer

group which will be dedicated in ministry Saturday 25 May at Holy Trinity Williamstown. Please pray for her and all those involved. Members of Holy Trinity Williamstown with children or grandchildren are invited to bring their family to this dedication service. If you choose to attend, you are requested to wear white shirt, black slacks or skirt, and ties for men as this is considered a formal occasion.

Woman's
PRAYER GROUP
DEDICATION

SERVE OUR CHILDREN O GOD

HOLY TRINITY ANGELICAN CHURCH WILLIAMSTOWN

MAY 25TH AT 12PM

VENUE:
255 NELSON PLACE
WILLIAMSTOWN VIC 3016

ALL ARE WELCOME

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT
REV MONICA AYOR 0421482533
REV ANDREW CHOLTER 0421199931

Holy Trinity Anglican Church
Williamstown Concert Series 2024

Melbourne
Baroque
Orchestra

Friday 7.30pm
26th April



Bellissimo Cellissimo

International baroque cellist star, Mime Brinkmann, joins the MBO in a riot of fabulous music including Vivaldi's Double Cello Concerto & works by JS Bach, Handel & Corrette.

Tickets:
Scan QR code or via website
melbournebaroqueorchestra.com
or at the door



DATES FOR THE DIARY 2024

We know that life can be busy, but it is our hope that by giving you these dates in advance you can plan to be involved in these important events in our Parish life.

Sunday 19th May Pentecost – 9am Parish Breakfast between services

Sunday 26th May Trinity Sunday – Parish Feast of Naming
10am worship followed by Parish BBQ (*Call for volunteers to help set up, provide salads, help cook etc...*)

Thursday 30th May Interfaith Conversation over lunch

Friday 26th July 7.30pm Melbourne Baroque Orchestra Concert in the Church.

SEPTEMBER – Month of Creationtide (details on the way)

Sunday 6th October 10am Parish Celebration of Church Building's 150th. SAVE THE DATE, and tell your friends.

Friday 11th October 7.30pm Melbourne Baroque Orchestra Concert in the Church.

Sunday 13th October 2.30pm Blessing of the Pets

Thursday 31st October 7pm All Souls Commemoration

Sunday 10th November 7pm Lighting of the Lamp Remembrance
Sunday service

WHAT'S HAPPENING

APRIL

20 th	3.30pm	Wedding – Glyn & Anastasia
21 st	8am & 10am	Holy Communion
24 th	12noon	Ada Cambridge Book Group
26 th	10am-1pm	Community Lunches
	2-5pm	Tours of the Vicar (bookings essential)
	7.30pm	Melbourne Baroque Orchestra Concert in the Church
27 th	2-5pm	Tours of the Vicar (bookings essential)
28 th	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Confirmation Service with Bishop Brad
	2.30-4.30pm	Spirituality & Creativity Workshop in parish centre
	4-7pm	South Sudanese Dinka Congregation Memorial Prayers in church

MAY

	<i>Vicar on Leave 1st- 15th May</i>	
1 st	10am	Holy Communion
3 rd	10am-1pm	Community Lunches
5 th	8am & 10am	Holy Communion
8 th	10am	Holy Communion
9 th	7.30pm	WOHT
10 th	10am-1pm	Community Lunches
11 th	9.30am-2.30pm	Gardening Group
	4pm	TBC South Sudanese Dinka Congregation Prayer service
12 th	8am & 10am	Holy Communion
15 th	10am	Holy Communion
16 th	6.30pm	Parish Council meeting
17 th	10am-1pm	Community Lunches
	12noon	Holy Communion @ The Village
18 th	2pm	Textile & Design Group
	3pm	Wedding Blessing – Pam & Ron

PARISH ROSTER

Please check the Roster Template and confirm your availability.

THIS SUNDAY: 21st April – Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 4.5-12 **Psalm:** 23

Second Reading: 1 John 3.16-24 **Gospel:** John 10.11-18

Welcomers/Sidespersons: Marie C at 8am, Carol W at 10am.

Eucharistic Assistant at 8am: Kate S

Liturgical Minister at 10am: Rev. Elizabeth

Readers: Marie C at 8am, Sue P at 10am

Intercessors: Ann H at 8am, TBC at 10am

Music at 10am: Anna G

Morning Tea after 10am: Sue P & Scott P

Flowers: Wilma R

NEXT SUNDAY: 28th April – Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 8.26-40 **Psalm:** 22.26-32

Second Reading: 1 John 4.7-21 **Gospel:** John 15.1-8

Welcomers/Sidespersons: Jo H 8am, help needed at 10am.

Eucharistic Assistant at 8am: Ann H

Liturgical Minister at 10am: Kate S

Readers: Jo H at 8am, Liz W & Darren S at 10am

Intercessors: Ann H at 8am, TBC at 10am

Music at 10am: Anna G

Morning Tea after 10am: Pamela McF, Sue P, + *BRING A*

PLATE, please 😊

Flowers: Wilma R

Don't forget to put your name down on the Monthly or Template Roster at the back of the church. If you need to make a swap to your roster, please do so and also advise Rev. Elizabeth vicar@htw.org.au 0419 106 457.
Thank you.

Safe Ministry is God-honouring, life-giving, harm free

We strongly condemn any form of abuse and are committed to safeguarding children and vulnerable people, speaking out against violence, and ensuring our spaces are safe for everyone. If you would like to raise any concerns, please contact the independent Professional Standards Body, Kooyoora, phone 1800 135 246 enquiries@kooyoora.org.au

If anyone is in immediate danger, call 000.

THE PARISH AT A GLANCE

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OUR TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS

These people give their time and talents to supporting the life of the parish

Authorised Honorary Lay Minister:

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Assistant Curate (part-time):

Rev. Monica Matoc **0421 482 533**

Wardens:

Scott Phillips **0411 751 755**

Jill Ringrose

Treasurer:

Laurence Gray **0431 322 490**

Bookkeeper:

Ian Stewart **0438 070 439**

Pastoral Care:

Janice Schmidt..... **0409 180 144**

Baptism Arrangements & Weddings:

Rev. Elizabeth.....**0419 106 457**

The Pilot, Parish Journal:

Kate Strasser **0417 396 265**

Community Lunch Program:

Wilma Roberts **0409 862 292**

Anglicare Emergency Relief:

Carol Willis **0439 458 096**

Organist (Weddings & Funerals):

John Rivers **0473 028 187**

Women of Holy Trinity:

Barb Hingston **0424 466 405**

Ada Cambridge Book Group:

Wilma Roberts **0409 862 292**

Interfaith Dialogue:

Scott Phillips **0411 751 755**

Synod Representatives:

Scott Phillips **0411 751 755**

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