

HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH WILLIAMSTOWN

Second Sunday of Easter

7 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'.

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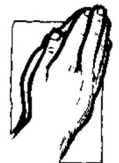
REFLECTION

Part of faith is accepting that we may not know all the answers to the really big and deep questions in our lifetime on earth. But, there are answers available to us on many matters that can be found in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and in the words of scripture gifted to us. Doubt is not the opposite of faith, so let us be a place that people can bring their questions and queries about faith and where we can ask our own.

Rev. Elizabeth



PARISH PRAYER POINTS



For The Church:

- The Parish of St Thomas', Langwarrin with St Peter's, Pearcedale
- The Diocese of Bendigo
- Police Force Chaplains and members of the Police Force
- The Episcopal Province of Alexandria

In our Community

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

As part of our regular parish cycle of prayer we pray for Deny Martin, Rev. Monica Matoc, Hamish McDonald, Pamela McFadyen, Laurie McLay, James Mulholland, Rebecca Murphy.

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

Immediate need: Deborah Aluel, Elliot, Leanne Linehan, Wilma, Robert, 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, Nola Cordell, and we remember those whose Years Mind anniversary of death falls at is time Ada Hanson.

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: Christ, Be Our Light***

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness
Longing for truth, we turn to You.
Make us Your own, Your holy people
Light for the world to see.**

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in Your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us.

Make us your living voice.

Refrain

Longing for food, many are hungry

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us Your bread, broken for others

Shared until all are fed.

Refrain

Longing for shelter, many are homeless
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us Your building, sheltering others
Walls made of living stone.

Refrain

Many the gift, many the people
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another
Making Your kingdom come.

Refrain

Bernadette Farrell

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

'Peace be with you,' says the Lord. 'As the Father has sent me,
so I send you.' *John 20.21*

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 FOR THE DAY

Risen Christ, whose absence leaves us in despair but whose presence is overwhelming: breathe on us with your abundant life, that where we cannot see we may have courage to believe that we may be raised with you. **Amen.**

Please be seated

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading: The Book of the Acts of the Apostles 4.32-37.

Read by a volunteer at 8am, Sue Phillips at 10am.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means 'son of encouragement'). He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

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

Psalm 133. Said in alternate verses.

¹ Behold how good and how lovely it is:

when families live together in unity.

² **It is fragrant as oil upon the head,**

that runs down over the beard:

fragrant as oil upon the beard of Aaron,

that ran down over the collar of his robe.

³ It is like a dew of Hermon:

like the dew that falls upon the hill of Zion.

⁴ **For there the Lord has commanded his blessing:**

which is life for evermore.

Second Reading: First Letter of John 1.1-2.2. Read by a volunteer at 8am, Sue Phillips at 10am.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and

declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

Please stand

*At 10am **Gradual Hymn:** TIS 351 Lift high the cross*

The Gospel according to St. John 20.19-31

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven

them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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 the vicar at 8am, Laurence Gray at 10am.*

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.

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 242 I danced in the morning*

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

As this bread was once many grains which have been gathered together and made on bread, **so may your church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

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.

*At 10am **Optional Communion Hymn:** TIS 339 O sacred*

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 152 Ode to Joy*

BLESSING

Almighty God, who redeemed us through the resurrection of Christ, and has brought us out of slavery into everlasting freedom, give you joy and peace in faith and bring you to your eternal inheritance; 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.

WOMEN OF HOLY TRINITY (WOHT)

WOHT meets on the Second Thursday of the month 7.30-9.30pm, although for the next gathering **Thursday 11th April** there is an earlier start time of 7pm at the Parish Centre. Delia has organized to demonstrate a wonderful initiative called, "Creators of Peace" which is a global network of women working to build resilient and hospitable communities, one person at a time. Through Creators of Peace Circles, they seek to ignite each person's capacity for building peace in our world. We wish to extend a wide invitation to this event. A flyer will be attached to the parish email ad we'll make some hardcopies available. 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 13th April** (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.

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 monthly Creativity Workshop meets on the last Sunday of the month, next on **Sunday 28th April** 2.30-4.30pm in the Parish Centre. 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. 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.

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



Ian Stewart
Sue Searls
Laurie English

Trinity Roots Band!



Just Friends

**A fundraising Concert of Jazz, Blues and Gospel
with
Trinity Roots Band**

Saturday 13th April from 2-4pm

@Holy Trinity Williamstown

255 Nelson Pl \$15 through Humanitix or at the door

Refreshments will be served during intermission Bring Friends!



HTW PARISH NEWS

CONCERT IN THE CHURCH – JUST FRIENDS

In addition to needing you to spread the word about this fabulous concert, we will be offering refreshments at intermission. So please do let The Trio know if you can help out on the day.

APPOINTMENT AT WERRIBEE ANGLICAN CHURCH

It was announced last Sunday that The Reverend Gavin Hansford has accepted the appointment as Vicar at St Thomas' Werribee, and that Bishop Brad Billings will institute him on Tuesday 16 April at 7.30pm. Rev. Gavin is known to HTW folk from his time as Acting Vicar when Rev. Elizabeth was seconded to St. Paul's Cathedral as Acting Precentor. All are welcome to attend the event on Tuesday 16th at St. Thomas' Church, 119-121 Synnot Street, Werribee. Let's car pool!

VICARAGE TOURS – HELP WANTED

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. We would like to have afternoon tea refreshments available for our visitors, so we are looking for volunteers to help with this hospitality. Let Rev. Elizabeth know of you interested and available for either of these afternoons.

BOOKKEEPING

Holy Trinity Williamstown has been blessed over the years to have Ian Stewart as our parish bookkeeper. We are so very grateful for his dedication, skill and knowledge, and we hope to be able to publicly acknowledge that service in the near future. Due to various health matters, Parish Council are now looking to implement a succession plan so that Ian can pass along his knowledge and we can continue to manage our financial resources responsibly.

Please speak to our Treasurer Laurence if you or anyone you know may be able to assist. We will publicly celebrate and acknowledge Ian's service at a suitable time.

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.



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

AN INTERFAITH CONVERSATION

Plans are underway to have a conversation and lunch on Thursday 30th May at Holy Trinity that includes other faith communities. As we celebrate 150 years of our church building, we also celebrate 20 years of the Interfaith Network in Hobson's Bay, and the part HTW played in forming this space where people across many faiths come together and respectfully share. Stay tuned for details.

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



150TH CELEBRATIONS

AKA our SESQUICENTENARY (say it with me!)

Here's are some projects inspired by this milestone.

LIFT YOUR BANNER HIGH

The Textile & Design group is already well into their project to mark this milestone in the life of the parish with an original banner.

VOICES OF HOLY TRINITY

The 150th of our building also marks 170 years for the parish itself. As part of celebrating this history and looking to the future, we want to put together a podcast-style collection of our stories. Over the coming months, Rev. Elizabeth will be inviting everyone to share their HTW memories, reflecting on questions like:
What brought you to Holy Trinity and what keeps you here?
What are your strongest memories of life at Holy Trinity?
What is your favourite aspect of the church building?
... And various other questions that come to mind. If you have something that you have always wanted to share or know, let Rev. Elizabeth know.

If you're not comfortable with being recorded, we will gratefully receive written recollections of up to 1000 words that can then be read by someone else. Thank you to those who have already done so.

HISTORY IN PICTURES

We hope to compile 6-8 panels that chart aspects of the parish's 170 year history and the church building's 150 year history, from acknowledging the First Peoples who called this land home, to the days of the "Iron Pot" that inspired the construction of the current building, through to our ongoing care and use of this place of worship. If this sounds like your kind of project, speak to Rev. Elizabeth.

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

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

7 th	8am & 10am	Holy Communion
	12noon	Baptism Preparation
	2.30pm	Confirmation Class
10 th	10am	Holy Communion
	1-5pm	<i>Vicar at MAF strategy day</i>
11 th	7pm	WOHT - "Creators of Peace"
12 th	10am-1pm	Community Lunches
		<i>Vicar's day off owed</i>
13 th	2-4pm	Concert in the Church – Just Friends
14 th	8am & 10am	Holy Communion
	12noon	Baptism
	2.30pm	Confirmation Class
16 th	7.30pm	<i>Commissioning of Rev Gavin Hansford at St Thomas', Werribee</i>
17 th	10am	Holy Communion
	12.30-2.30pm	<i>Vicar & Curate at Deanery Meeting</i>
18 th	12-2pm	<i>Vicar at Oodthenong Team meeting</i>
19 th	10am-1pm	Community Lunches
	12noon	Holy Communion at The Village
20 th	3.30pm	Wedding
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

MAY

1 st	10am	Holy Communion
3 rd	10am-1pm	Community Lunches

PARISH ROSTER

Please check the draft April Roster and confirm your availability.

THIS SUNDAY: 7th April – Second Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 4.32-37. **Psalm:** 133.

Second Reading: 1 John 1.1-2.2. **Gospel:** John 20.19-31

Welcomers/Sidespersons: Sue S at 8am, TBC at 10am

Eucharistic Assistant at 8am: Kate S

Liturgical Minister at 10am: Ingrid D

Readers: TBC at 8am, Sue P at 10am

Intercessors: TBC at 8am, Laurence G at 10am

Music at 10am: Trio + Singers

Morning Tea after 10am: Sign up!

Flowers: Pamela McF

NEXT SUNDAY: 14th April – Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 3.12-20. **Psalm:** 4

Second Reading: 1 John 2.15-17, 3.1-6 **Gospel:** Luke 24.36-48

Welcomers/Sidespersons: TBC at 8am, Warren & Jeannine M at 10am.

Eucharistic Assistant at 8am: Ann H

Liturgical Minister at 10am: Scott P

Readers: TBC at 8am, Warren M at 10am

Intercessors: Wilma R at 8am, TBC at 10am

Music at 10am: Scott P

Morning Tea after 10am: Ingrid D & Christa F

Flowers: Sue S

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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Day Off Mondays

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OUR TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS

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

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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:

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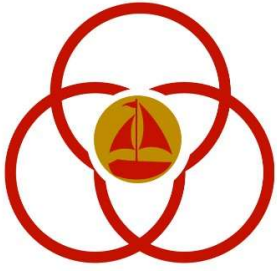
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Hayden Jones



HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH WILLIAMSTOWN

Second Sunday of Easter

7 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'.

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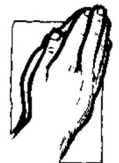
REFLECTION

Part of faith is accepting that we may not know all the answers to the really big and deep questions in our lifetime on earth. But, there are answers available to us on many matters that can be found in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and in the words of scripture gifted to us. Doubt is not the opposite of faith, so let us be a place that people can bring their questions and queries about faith and where we can ask our own.

Rev. Elizabeth



PARISH PRAYER POINTS



For The Church:

- The Parish of St Thomas', Langwarrin with St Peter's, Pearcedale
- The Diocese of Bendigo
- Police Force Chaplains and members of the Police Force
- The Episcopal Province of Alexandria

In our Community

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

As part of our regular parish cycle of prayer we pray for Deny Martin, Rev. Monica Matoc, Hamish McDonald, Pamela McFadyen, Laurie McLay, James Mulholland, Rebecca Murphy.

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

Immediate need: Deborah Aluel, Elliot, Leanne Linehan, Wilma, Robert, 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, Nola Cordell, and we remember those whose Years Mind anniversary of death falls at is time Ada Hanson.

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: Christ, Be Our Light***

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness
Longing for truth, we turn to You.
Make us Your own, Your holy people
Light for the world to see.**

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in Your church gathered today.

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.**

Refrain

**Longing for food, many are hungry
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us Your bread, broken for others
Shared until all are fed.**

Refrain

Longing for shelter, many are homeless
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us Your building, sheltering others
Walls made of living stone.

Refrain

Many the gift, many the people
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another
Making Your kingdom come.

Refrain

Bernadette Farrell

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

'Peace be with you,' says the Lord. 'As the Father has sent me,
so I send you.' *John 20.21*

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 FOR THE DAY

Risen Christ, whose absence leaves us in despair but whose presence is overwhelming: breathe on us with your abundant life, that where we cannot see we may have courage to believe that we may be raised with you. **Amen.**

Please be seated

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading: The Book of the Acts of the Apostles 4.32-37.

Read by a volunteer at 8am, Sue Phillips at 10am.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means 'son of encouragement'). He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

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

Psalm 133. Said in alternate verses.

¹ Behold how good and how lovely it is:
when families live together in unity.

² **It is fragrant as oil upon the head,
that runs down over the beard:
fragrant as oil upon the beard of Aaron,
that ran down over the collar of his robe.**

³ It is like a dew of Hermon:
like the dew that falls upon the hill of Zion.

⁴ **For there the Lord has commanded his blessing:
which is life for evermore.**

Second Reading: First Letter of John 1.1-2.2. Read by a volunteer at 8am, Sue Phillips at 10am.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and

declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

Please stand

*At 10am **Gradual Hymn:** TIS 351 Lift high the cross*

The Gospel according to St. John 20.19-31

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven

them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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 the vicar at 8am, Laurence Gray at 10am.*

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.

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 242 I danced in the morning*

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

As this bread was once many grains which have been gathered together and made on bread, **so may your church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

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.

*At 10am **Optional Communion Hymn:** TIS 339 O sacred*

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 152 Ode to Joy*

BLESSING

Almighty God, who redeemed us through the resurrection of Christ, and has brought us out of slavery into everlasting freedom, give you joy and peace in faith and bring you to your eternal inheritance; 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.

WOMEN OF HOLY TRINITY (WOHT)

WOHT meets on the Second Thursday of the month 7.30-9.30pm, although for the next gathering **Thursday 11th April** there is an earlier start time of 7pm at the Parish Centre. Delia has organized to demonstrate a wonderful initiative called, "Creators of Peace" which is a global network of women working to build resilient and hospitable communities, one person at a time. Through Creators of Peace Circles, they seek to ignite each person's capacity for building peace in our world. We wish to extend a wide invitation to this event. A flyer will be attached to the parish email ad we'll make some hardcopies available. 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 13th April** (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.

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 monthly Creativity Workshop meets on the last Sunday of the month, next on **Sunday 28th April** 2.30-4.30pm in the Parish Centre. 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. 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.

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



Ian Stewart
Sue Searls
Laurie English

Trinity Roots Band!



Just Friends

A fundraising Concert of Jazz, Blues and Gospel

with

Trinity Roots Band

Saturday 13th April from 2-4pm

@Holy Trinity Williamstown

255 Nelson Pl \$15 through Humanitix or at the door

Refreshments will be served during intermission Bring Friends!



HTW PARISH NEWS

CONCERT IN THE CHURCH – JUST FRIENDS

In addition to needing you to spread the word about this fabulous concert, we will be offering refreshments at intermission. So please do let The Trio know if you can help out on the day.

APPOINTMENT AT WERRIBEE ANGLICAN CHURCH

It was announced last Sunday that The Reverend Gavin Hansford has accepted the appointment as Vicar at St Thomas' Werribee, and that Bishop Brad Billings will institute him on Tuesday 16 April at 7.30pm. Rev. Gavin is known to HTW folk from his time as Acting Vicar when Rev. Elizabeth was seconded to St. Paul's Cathedral as Acting Precentor. All are welcome to attend the event on Tuesday 16th at St. Thomas' Church, 119-121 Synnot Street, Werribee. Let's car pool!

VICARAGE TOURS – HELP WANTED

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. We would like to have afternoon tea refreshments available for our visitors, so we are looking for volunteers to help with this hospitality. Let Rev. Elizabeth know if you are interested and available for either of these afternoons.

BOOKKEEPING

Holy Trinity Williamstown has been blessed over the years to have Ian Stewart as our parish bookkeeper. We are so very grateful for his dedication, skill and knowledge, and we hope to be able to publicly acknowledge that service in the near future. Due to various health matters, Parish Council are now looking to implement a succession plan so that Ian can pass along his knowledge and we can continue to manage our financial resources responsibly.

Please speak to our Treasurer Laurence if you or anyone you know may be able to assist. We will publicly celebrate and acknowledge Ian's service at a suitable time.

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.



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

AN INTERFAITH CONVERSATION

Plans are underway to have a conversation and lunch on Thursday 30th May at Holy Trinity that includes other faith communities. As we celebrate 150 years of our church building, we also celebrate 20 years of the Interfaith Network in Hobson's Bay, and the part HTW played in forming this space where people across many faiths come together and respectfully share. Stay tuned for details.

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



150TH CELEBRATIONS

AKA our SESQUICENTENARY (say it with me!)

Here's are some projects inspired by this milestone.

LIFT YOUR BANNER HIGH

The Textile & Design group is already well into their project to mark this milestone in the life of the parish with an original banner.

VOICES OF HOLY TRINITY

The 150th of our building also marks 170 years for the parish itself. As part of celebrating this history and looking to the future, we want to put together a podcast-style collection of our stories. Over the coming months, Rev. Elizabeth will be inviting everyone to share their HTW memories, reflecting on questions like:
What brought you to Holy Trinity and what keeps you here?
What are your strongest memories of life at Holy Trinity?
What is your favourite aspect of the church building?
... And various other questions that come to mind. If you have something that you have always wanted to share or know, let Rev. Elizabeth know.

If you're not comfortable with being recorded, we will gratefully receive written recollections of up to 1000 words that can then be read by someone else. Thank you to those who have already done so.

HISTORY IN PICTURES

We hope to compile 6-8 panels that chart aspects of the parish's 170 year history and the church building's 150 year history, from acknowledging the First Peoples who called this land home, to the days of the "Iron Pot" that inspired the construction of the current building, through to our ongoing care and use of this place of worship. If this sounds like your kind of project, speak to Rev. Elizabeth.

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

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

7 th	8am & 10am	Holy Communion
	12noon	Baptism Preparation
	2.30pm	Confirmation Class
10 th	10am	Holy Communion
	1-5pm	<i>Vicar at MAF strategy day</i>
11 th	7pm	WOHT - "Creators of Peace"
12 th	10am-1pm	Community Lunches
		<i>Vicar's day off owed</i>
13 th	2-4pm	Concert in the Church – Just Friends
14 th	8am & 10am	Holy Communion
	12noon	Baptism
	2.30pm	Confirmation Class
16 th	7.30pm	<i>Commissioning of Rev Gavin Hansford at St Thomas', Werribee</i>
17 th	10am	Holy Communion
	12.30-2.30pm	<i>Vicar & Curate at Deanery Meeting</i>
18 th	12-2pm	<i>Vicar at Oodthenong Team meeting</i>
19 th	10am-1pm	Community Lunches
	12noon	Holy Communion at The Village
20 th	3.30pm	Wedding
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

MAY

1 st	10am	Holy Communion
3 rd	10am-1pm	Community Lunches

PARISH ROSTER

Please check the draft April Roster and confirm your availability.

THIS SUNDAY: 7th April – Second Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 4.32-37. **Psalm:** 133.

Second Reading: 1 John 1.1-2.2. **Gospel:** John 20.19-31

Welcomers/Sidespersons: Sue S at 8am, TBC at 10am

Eucharistic Assistant at 8am: Kate S

Liturgical Minister at 10am: Ingrid D

Readers: TBC at 8am, Sue P at 10am

Intercessors: TBC at 8am, Laurence G at 10am

Music at 10am: Trio + Singers

Morning Tea after 10am: Sign up!

Flowers: Pamela McF

NEXT SUNDAY: 14th April – Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 3.12-20. **Psalm:** 4

Second Reading: 1 John 2.15-17, 3.1-6 **Gospel:** Luke 24.36-48

Welcomers/Sidespersons: TBC at 8am, Warren & Jeannine M at 10am.

Eucharistic Assistant at 8am: Ann H

Liturgical Minister at 10am: Scott P

Readers: TBC at 8am, Warren M at 10am

Intercessors: Wilma R at 8am, TBC at 10am

Music at 10am: Scott P

Morning Tea after 10am: Ingrid D & Christa F

Flowers: Sue S

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

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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

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Carol Willis 0439 458 096

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John Rivers 0473 028 187

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Barb Hingston 0424 466 405

Ada Cambridge Book Group:

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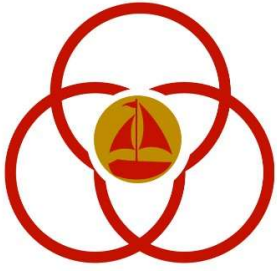
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HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH WILLIAMSTOWN

Second Sunday of Easter

7 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'.

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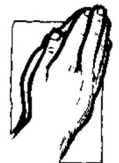
REFLECTION

Part of faith is accepting that we may not know all the answers to the really big and deep questions in our lifetime on earth. But, there are answers available to us on many matters that can be found in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and in the words of scripture gifted to us. Doubt is not the opposite of faith, so let us be a place that people can bring their questions and queries about faith and where we can ask our own.

Rev. Elizabeth



PARISH PRAYER POINTS



For The Church:

- The Parish of St Thomas', Langwarrin with St Peter's, Pearcedale
- The Diocese of Bendigo
- Police Force Chaplains and members of the Police Force
- The Episcopal Province of Alexandria

In our Community

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

As part of our regular parish cycle of prayer we pray for Deny Martin, Rev. Monica Matoc, Hamish McDonald, Pamela McFadyen, Laurie McLay, James Mulholland, Rebecca Murphy.

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

Immediate need: Deborah Aluel, Elliot, Leanne Linehan, Wilma, Robert, 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, Nola Cordell, and we remember those whose Years Mind anniversary of death falls at is time Ada Hanson.

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: Christ, Be Our Light***

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness
Longing for truth, we turn to You.
Make us Your own, Your holy people
Light for the world to see.**

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in Your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us.

Make us your living voice.

Refrain

Longing for food, many are hungry

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us Your bread, broken for others

Shared until all are fed.

Refrain

Longing for shelter, many are homeless
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us Your building, sheltering others
Walls made of living stone.

Refrain

Many the gift, many the people
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another
Making Your kingdom come.

Refrain

Bernadette Farrell

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

'Peace be with you,' says the Lord. 'As the Father has sent me,
so I send you.' *John 20.21*

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 FOR THE DAY

Risen Christ, whose absence leaves us in despair but whose presence is overwhelming: breathe on us with your abundant life, that where we cannot see we may have courage to believe that we may be raised with you. **Amen.**

Please be seated

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading: The Book of the Acts of the Apostles 4.32-37.

Read by a volunteer at 8am, Sue Phillips at 10am.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means 'son of encouragement'). He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

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

Psalm 133. Said in alternate verses.

¹ Behold how good and how lovely it is:
when families live together in unity.

² **It is fragrant as oil upon the head,
that runs down over the beard:
fragrant as oil upon the beard of Aaron,
that ran down over the collar of his robe.**

³ It is like a dew of Hermon:
like the dew that falls upon the hill of Zion.

⁴ **For there the Lord has commanded his blessing:
which is life for evermore.**

*Second Reading: First Letter of John 1.1-2.2. Read by a
volunteer at 8am, Sue Phillips at 10am.*

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and

declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

Please stand

*At 10am **Gradual Hymn:** TIS 351 Lift high the cross*

The Gospel according to St. John 20.19-31

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven

them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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 the vicar at 8am, Laurence Gray at 10am.*

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.

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 242 I danced in the morning*

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

As this bread was once many grains which have been gathered together and made on bread, **so may your church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

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.

*At 10am **Optional Communion Hymn:** TIS 339 O sacred*

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 152 Ode to Joy*

BLESSING

Almighty God, who redeemed us through the resurrection of Christ, and has brought us out of slavery into everlasting freedom, give you joy and peace in faith and bring you to your eternal inheritance; 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.

WOMEN OF HOLY TRINITY (WOHT)

WOHT meets on the Second Thursday of the month 7.30-9.30pm, although for the next gathering **Thursday 11th April** there is an earlier start time of 7pm at the Parish Centre. Delia has organized to demonstrate a wonderful initiative called, "Creators of Peace" which is a global network of women working to build resilient and hospitable communities, one person at a time. Through Creators of Peace Circles, they seek to ignite each person's capacity for building peace in our world. We wish to extend a wide invitation to this event. A flyer will be attached to the parish email ad we'll make some hardcopies available. 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 13th April** (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.

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 monthly Creativity Workshop meets on the last Sunday of the month, next on **Sunday 28th April** 2.30-4.30pm in the Parish Centre. 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. 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.

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



Ian Stewart
Sue Searls
Laurie English

Trinity Roots Band!



Just Friends

**A fundraising Concert of Jazz, Blues and Gospel
with
Trinity Roots Band**

Saturday 13th April from 2-4pm

@Holy Trinity Williamstown

255 Nelson Pl \$15 through Humanitix or at the door

Refreshments will be served during intermission Bring Friends!



HTW PARISH NEWS

CONCERT IN THE CHURCH – JUST FRIENDS

In addition to needing you to spread the word about this fabulous concert, we will be offering refreshments at intermission. So please do let The Trio know if you can help out on the day.

APPOINTMENT AT WERRIBEE ANGLICAN CHURCH

It was announced last Sunday that The Reverend Gavin Hansford has accepted the appointment as Vicar at St Thomas' Werribee, and that Bishop Brad Billings will institute him on Tuesday 16 April at 7.30pm. Rev. Gavin is known to HTW folk from his time as Acting Vicar when Rev. Elizabeth was seconded to St. Paul's Cathedral as Acting Precentor. All are welcome to attend the event on Tuesday 16th at St. Thomas' Church, 119-121 Synnot Street, Werribee. Let's car pool!

VICARAGE TOURS – HELP WANTED

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. We would like to have afternoon tea refreshments available for our visitors, so we are looking for volunteers to help with this hospitality. Let Rev. Elizabeth know if you are interested and available for either of these afternoons.

BOOKKEEPING

Holy Trinity Williamstown has been blessed over the years to have Ian Stewart as our parish bookkeeper. We are so very grateful for his dedication, skill and knowledge, and we hope to be able to publicly acknowledge that service in the near future. Due to various health matters, Parish Council are now looking to implement a succession plan so that Ian can pass along his knowledge and we can continue to manage our financial resources responsibly.

Please speak to our Treasurer Laurence if you or anyone you know may be able to assist. We will publicly celebrate and acknowledge Ian's service at a suitable time.

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.



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

AN INTERFAITH CONVERSATION

Plans are underway to have a conversation and lunch on Thursday 30th May at Holy Trinity that includes other faith communities. As we celebrate 150 years of our church building, we also celebrate 20 years of the Interfaith Network in Hobson's Bay, and the part HTW played in forming this space where people across many faiths come together and respectfully share. Stay tuned for details.

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



150TH CELEBRATIONS

AKA our SESQUICENTENARY (say it with me!)

Here's are some projects inspired by this milestone.

LIFT YOUR BANNER HIGH

The Textile & Design group is already well into their project to mark this milestone in the life of the parish with an original banner.

VOICES OF HOLY TRINITY

The 150th of our building also marks 170 years for the parish itself. As part of celebrating this history and looking to the future, we want to put together a podcast-style collection of our stories. Over the coming months, Rev. Elizabeth will be inviting everyone to share their HTW memories, reflecting on questions like:
What brought you to Holy Trinity and what keeps you here?
What are your strongest memories of life at Holy Trinity?
What is your favourite aspect of the church building?
... And various other questions that come to mind. If you have something that you have always wanted to share or know, let Rev. Elizabeth know.

If you're not comfortable with being recorded, we will gratefully receive written recollections of up to 1000 words that can then be read by someone else. Thank you to those who have already done so.

HISTORY IN PICTURES

We hope to compile 6-8 panels that chart aspects of the parish's 170 year history and the church building's 150 year history, from acknowledging the First Peoples who called this land home, to the days of the "Iron Pot" that inspired the construction of the current building, through to our ongoing care and use of this place of worship. If this sounds like your kind of project, speak to Rev. Elizabeth.

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

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

7 th	8am & 10am	Holy Communion
	12noon	Baptism Preparation
	2.30pm	Confirmation Class
10 th	10am	Holy Communion
	1-5pm	<i>Vicar at MAF strategy day</i>
11 th	7pm	WOHT - "Creators of Peace"
12 th	10am-1pm	Community Lunches
		<i>Vicar's day off owed</i>
13 th	2-4pm	Concert in the Church – Just Friends
14 th	8am & 10am	Holy Communion
	12noon	Baptism
	2.30pm	Confirmation Class
16 th	7.30pm	<i>Commissioning of Rev Gavin Hansford at St Thomas', Werribee</i>
17 th	10am	Holy Communion
	12.30-2.30pm	<i>Vicar & Curate at Deanery Meeting</i>
18 th	12-2pm	<i>Vicar at Oodthenong Team meeting</i>
19 th	10am-1pm	Community Lunches
	12noon	Holy Communion at The Village
20 th	3.30pm	Wedding
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

MAY

1 st	10am	Holy Communion
3 rd	10am-1pm	Community Lunches

PARISH ROSTER

Please check the draft April Roster and confirm your availability.

THIS SUNDAY: 7th April – Second Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 4.32-37. **Psalm:** 133.

Second Reading: 1 John 1.1-2.2. **Gospel:** John 20.19-31

Welcomers/Sidespersons: Sue S at 8am, TBC at 10am

Eucharistic Assistant at 8am: Kate S

Liturgical Minister at 10am: Ingrid D

Readers: TBC at 8am, Sue P at 10am

Intercessors: TBC at 8am, Laurence G at 10am

Music at 10am: Trio + Singers

Morning Tea after 10am: Sign up!

Flowers: Pamela McF

NEXT SUNDAY: 14th April – Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 3.12-20. **Psalm:** 4

Second Reading: 1 John 2.15-17, 3.1-6 **Gospel:** Luke 24.36-48

Welcomers/Sidespersons: TBC at 8am, Warren & Jeannine M at 10am.

Eucharistic Assistant at 8am: Ann H

Liturgical Minister at 10am: Scott P

Readers: TBC at 8am, Warren M at 10am

Intercessors: Wilma R at 8am, TBC at 10am

Music at 10am: Scott P

Morning Tea after 10am: Ingrid D & Christa F

Flowers: Sue S

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

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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:

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Carol Willis 0439 458 096

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John Rivers 0473 028 187

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