



ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
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# Vocations Sunday, Part II

6 October, 2024

*8am*

# Welcome

St. John's welcomes everyone to all services and events, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race or background. This is a wonderful and historic church, founded in 1859. We are part of the Anglican Church of Australia and a member of the global Anglican Communion, comprised of 80 million people.

## Worship

Regular services of worship are held each Sunday at 8am and 10am, and Wednesday at 7pm. Services are followed by times of fellowship over food and drinks. All are welcome.

## Mission

Our mission is to know and love Christ and neighbour. We actively follow Jesus' command to love God, love one's neighbour and to care for all people. We regularly visit the sick, home-bound, and the dying. We care for the poor and needy through service and charitable giving, through our Opportunity Shop run in partnership with the local Catholic and Uniting churches, and by supporting the work of Anglicare, The Brotherhood of St. Laurence and The Anglican Board of Mission. Our clergy regularly baptise new members of the church, preside at weddings and care for the grieving through our funeral ministry.

## Visitors

If you're visiting for the first time please introduce yourself to a welcomer or member of the clergy, and fill out the blue 'Welcome' card found at the end of every pew so we can stay in touch with you.

## The Church

The church is decorated in green, the liturgical colour during what the Church describes as 'Ordinary Time,' that is, the time outside the major seasons of Christmas and Easter. Green symbolises life, hope and anticipation.

## Cover Image

*The Angel Appears to Zacharias*, Alexander Ivanov (1806-1858),  
opaque watercolour on paper, 1824  
The State Russian Museum, Saint Petersburg

## Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge we meet on the Traditional Lands of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and Bunurong peoples of the East Kulin Nations and pay our respect to their Elders past and present.



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*As you enter the church, please ensure your phone is switched off or on silent.  
Please use the time before the service for prayer or quiet reflection, and allow others to do the same*

## INTRODUCTORY RITE

*Please stand as the procession enters the church*

PRELUDE    Pastorale (2nd mvmt, BWV 590)                      *J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

### THE INVOCATION

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

### GREETING

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

### HYMN 'Lord, speak to me that I may speak'

D    A    D                      G    D                      Bm

G    D    Em                      A                      E    A                      Bm    E

A    /    D    Em    D    G                      D                      A7    D

1. Lord, speak to me that I may  
speak  
In living echoes of your tone.  
As you have sought, so let me  
seek  
Your erring children, lost and  
lone.

2. Oh, use me, Lord, use even me,  
Just as you will, and when, and  
where  
Until your blessed face I see,  
Your rest, your joy, your glory  
share.

Words: Frances R. Havergal (1872)  
Tune: Rockingham (TiS 342)

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

**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.**

THE TWO GREAT COMMANDMENTS

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord your God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

KYRIE ELEISON *said*

Lord, have mercy, **Lord have mercy.**  
Christ, have mercy, **Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy, **Lord have mercy.**

CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *said*

**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 VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Almighty God, you have entrusted to your Church a share in the ministry of your Son our great high priest: inspire by your Holy Spirit the hearts of many to offer themselves for the ministry of your Church, that strengthened by his power, they may work for the increase of your kingdom and set forward the eternal praise of your name; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING Jeremiah 1:4-10 *read by Brenda Mouritz*

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy,' for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

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

THE PSALM Psalm 71. 1-6 *said*

In you, O Lord, I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.  
In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;  
incline your ear to me and save me.  
Be to me a rock of refuge,  
a strong fortress to save me,  
for you are my rock and my fortress.  
Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.  
For you, O Lord, are my hope,  
my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

From my birth I have leaned upon you,  
my protector since my mother's womb.

My praise is continually of you.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was  
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE SECOND READING Romans 4.13-22 *read by Ted Mouritz*

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness."

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

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel*

THE GOSPEL Luke 1.5-25

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was descended from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.

Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. Once when he was serving as priest before God during his section's turn of duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord to offer incense. Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified, and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Zechariah said to the angel, "How can I know that this will happen? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years." The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur." Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realised that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he returned to his home. After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, "This is what the Lord has done for me in this time, when he looked favourably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people."

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

THE SERMON The Revd Dr Aaron Ghiloni,  
Assistant Curate, St. George's, Malvern

THE NICENE CREED *said together, standing*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *led by Brenda Mouritz*

*The Prayers end with the following*

**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.**

PARISH NOTICES

THE GREETING OF PEACE *standing*

**We are the body of Christ. His Spirit is with us.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.**

*All share with each other a 'COVIDsafe' sign of peace*

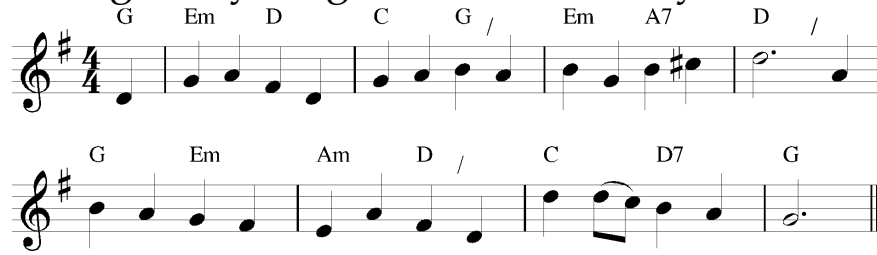
OFFERTORY

*As the gifts of bread and wine are brought forward, a monetary collection for the life of St. John's is taken. Please give by contributing to the collection plate, at the paypoint at the rear of the church or by scanning the QR code.*





OFFERTORY HYMN 'Begin, my tongue, some heavenly theme'



1. Begin, my tongue, some heavenly theme  
and speak some boundless thing,  
the mighty works or mightier  
name  
of our eternal king.
2. Tell of his wondrous faithfulness,  
and sound his power abroad;  
sing the sweet promise of his grace  
and our fulfilling God.
3. How would my leaping heart  
rejoice,  
and think my heaven secure!  
I trust the all-creating voice,  
and faith desires no more.

Isaac Watts 1674-1748 *alt.*  
(TiS 116)

PRAYER FOR RECEIVING 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

*All remain standing*

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 Great Thanksgiving Prayer continues to the following*

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

SANCTUS

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

BENEDICTUS

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Great Thanksgiving Prayer continues to the following*

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith  
**Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Great Thanksgiving Prayer ends with the following*

... songs of never ending praise *or* ... now and for ever.  
**Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.**

AGNUS DEI

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *kneeling or standing*

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I  
shall be healed.**

ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*All baptised Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Communion is available as consecrated bread, which is given to each person, and wine which may be drunk from the chalice. A separate chalice for intinction (dipped) is also provided. If you would prefer a blessing, please come forward and indicate this by keeping your arms behind your back. Gluten free wafers are available on request.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Please stand*

*The prayer ends with the following*

**Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.**

FINAL HYMN 'Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!'

Musical notation for the hymn 'Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!' in G major, 4/4 time. The notation consists of four staves. The first staff is the melody with chords A, D, G, and A above it. The second staff has chords D, A, G, D, Bm, Em, and A7 above it. The third staff has chords F# (Tacet), B, Em, and A above it. The fourth staff has chords D, G, D, Em, A7, and D above it.

1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!

Timothy Dudley-Smith 1926-2024  
*based on Luke 1:46-55 (TiS 161)*

2. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen**

POSTLUDE **Toccata and Fugue**

*Anon., Italian (18th century)*

*As the postlude is played please remain seated or leave quietly*



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## CURRENT NOTICES

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### **Need time for prayer? Some quiet space?**

Please know that the church is open every day from at least 9am until 5pm for you to come and pray, meditate, or sit quietly. There are prayer books and prayer booklets in the Angel Chapel and the Narthex for use, the latter of which you can also download [here](#). All welcome, all the time.

### **TODAY 'Vocations Day,' Part 2!**

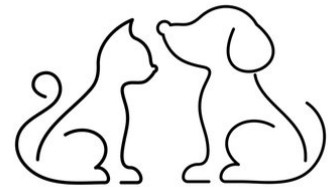
Many thanks to our guest preacher today, The Revd Dr Aaron Ghiloni, Assistant Curate from St. George's Malvern. Our Assistant Curate, Lydia, is preaching at St. George's, Malvern today.

### **TODAY Induction of a new Minister at Toorak Uniting Church, 2pm**

Toorak Uniting Church invites you to attend the induction of their new Minister, Rev Sylvia 'Akau'ola Tongotongo. A celebratory afternoon tea will follow.

### **TODAY Blessing of the Pets Service, 4pm**

A favourite afternoon in the St. John's calendar is the annual blessing of the pets service, held in honour of St. Francis (the patron saint of animals). All are welcome - with their pets! - to gather on the South Lawn for a service of prayer and blessing and for time together with our animals. Refreshments will be served.



Please do sign up to assist with the success of this day, with a sign-up sheet available in the narthex.

### **Synod, Wednesday 9 October - Saturday 12 October**

The Diocese of Melbourne's Synod meets in October this year, beginning with a service of Holy Communion 7pm Wednesday 9 October at St Paul's Cathedral, and ending on Saturday 12 October. (As a result there will be **no** Wednesday night Eucharist on Wednesday 9 October.) Our lay Synod representatives are Jenny Smith, Adriaan den Dulk and Anthony Mannering. Each of our clergy are also representatives. Please pray for this meeting and its success.

### **Baptism, Confirmation and Reception Service, 13 October 2024 at 10am**

Our bishop, The Rt. Revd. Genieve Blackwell, will preside and preach at a service of Confirmation at 10am on October 13, 2024. Confirmation preparation classes have commenced and will be held over five Sunday's after morning tea. The preparation classes will be led by the Vicar and the Assistant Curate. Please pray for those being baptised and confirmed: *Linda Gay* and *Lucas Weir*; those being confirmed *Chloe Joseph*, *Dylan Joseph*, *Charlotte Parfit*, *Ruairidh Savage-DeTamble*, *Ella Savage-DeTamble*, *Gus Malcolm Mastores* and *Kim Collins*; and those being received into the Anglican Church, *Mark Di Cesare*.

### **Morning Tea, 13 October 2024**

Thank you to those who have already volunteered to provide Morning Tea on Sunday 13 October. For this special occasion we are looking for additional volunteers to help out. Even if it's just to wash dishes! Your help is appreciated!

### **Parish Meeting, 20 October, 11.30am**

All members of the parish are warmly invited to an information session in the Hall regarding our life, ministry and sustainability in the lead up to the Annual Meeting on November 17.

### **All Souls Day Service, Thursday 31 October, 7pm**

On All Souls' Day we have the opportunity to hold before God those we hold dear in death as in life. This service includes a Commemoration of the Departed, Holy Communion and excerpts from Fauré's 'Requiem,' sung by St. John's choir. If you would like your dearly departed's name to be read during the service please complete the form by clicking [here](#) or contact the Parish Office [enquiries@saintjohnstoorak.org](mailto:enquiries@saintjohnstoorak.org), 9826 1765 or 9826 1434.

### **Remembrance Day Service, 10 November, 10am**

### **Archbishop's Dinner, Trinity College, 13 November**

Please mark this date in your diary: it is a wonderful evening of fellowship, in the presence of our Archbishop and in support of Trinity College Theological School. Please consider attending if you haven't before; and return if you have! Enquiries: Briony O'Halloran | [events@trinity.unimelb.edu.au](mailto:events@trinity.unimelb.edu.au) | 03 8341 0216 [www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1251381](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1251381) Flyers in the narthex.

### **Annual Meeting, 17 November, 11.30am**

All members of the parish are invited to the Annual Meeting, held in the church.

### **Now until November 3, Electoral Roll Review**

The Electoral Roll is being revised in advance of the Annual Meeting, in line with Diocesan legislative requirements. The review of the roll will be an opportunity for all parishioners to ensure their names appear on the Electoral Roll. Forms for new enrolments are available in the Narthex or by emailing the parish office [enquiries@saintjohnstoorak.org](mailto:enquiries@saintjohnstoorak.org). A copy of the current Electoral Roll is also available in the narthex today. All submissions to be made by November 3.

*Please note, to check your eligibility to be on the St. John's Electoral Roll, please see the folder in the narthex or contact the parish office.*

### **Advent Quiet Day at St Joseph's by the Sea, 7 December**

The Revd Dr Wendy Crouch will be holding an Advent focussed Quiet Day in the picturesque surrounds of St Josephs by the Sea, Williamstown. Further information to be provided soon. For expressions of interest please contact Wendy or the parish office.

## November & December Roster Availability

Roster availability forms for the months of November and December 2024 are now available. Hard copies will be available in the Narthex or you can complete the form online by clicking [here](#). Please note, additional dates for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day have been included in the form! If you have any questions about volunteering please speak to a member of the clergy or contact the Parish Office [enquiries@saintjohnstoorak.org](mailto:enquiries@saintjohnstoorak.org), 9826 1765 or 9826 1434.

## Giving to St. John's Ministry via the Anglican Development Fund (ADF)



We recommend using ADF to set up regular giving. Simply download and complete the form [here](#) or scan the QR code. You can choose to give through *direct debit* or *credit card*, and at what intervals you would like. It not only makes it easier for you to contribute to the ministry of St. John's, it also helps us to budget for the coming year. For any confidential questions or assistance, email our Parish Recorder, Richard Uglow: [giving@saintjohnstoorak.org](mailto:giving@saintjohnstoorak.org)

## Stonnington School Crossing Supervisors Needed!

Chandler Macleod is currently hiring School Crossing Supervisors within Stonnington Council. If you're reliable, friendly, and have great communication skills this could be for you! Part time contract positions with annual and sick/carers leave included. For more information contact Sinéad on 8561 8888. To apply, scan the QR code or email your resume to [clayton@chandlermacleod.com](mailto:clayton@chandlermacleod.com).



### PRAYER FOR THE SELECTION OF OUR NEW ARCHBISHOP

Eternal God, shepherd and guide, in your mercy give your Church in this diocese a shepherd after your own heart, who will walk in your ways, and with loving care watch over your people. Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth. So may your Church be built up and your name glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*A Prayer Book for Australia, p. 212.*

# REGULAR NOTICES

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## **Safeguarding and Wellbeing**

St. John's is committed to safeguarding all people and protecting their wellbeing, including young and vulnerable people, especially Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, and children with diverse needs. All relevant staff and volunteers are trained in child safety and have appropriate clearance for service or ministry. If you have any concerns about the wellbeing of children in this parish, contact Kooyoora on 1800 135 246 or [www.kooyoora.org.au](http://www.kooyoora.org.au) If you have concerns about your wellbeing or that of another churchgoer, please contact the clergy.

## **Pastoral Care**

Clergy and members of the Pastoral Care Team offer pastoral care on a regular basis to parishioners as well as to those who specifically request it. This may include Home Communion. They also visit local hospitals at the request of patients, family, friends or staff with the consent of the recipient. Clergy and Lay Pastoral Carers visit a number of local Aged Care facilities on a regular, usually monthly, basis. Parishioners and others are welcome to phone the church office to arrange a home visit by the clergy or a lay pastoral carer. Those who are no longer able to attend usual services at the church are visited on a regular basis.

## **The Melbourne Anglican (TMA) and Prayer Diary**

The latest edition of TMA is [here](#). The link to the October Prayer Diary is [here](#).

## **Contribute to Worship Services**

All our ministries at St John's are supported by our wonderful volunteers. The rosters for September are available [here](#). And you will note that volunteering for morning tea has now been added to the list of duties. If you can help fill any of the gaps please contact the parish office. Thanks in advance.

## **Communion Instructions**

All are welcome at the altar and those baptised are welcome to receive Communion. Holy Communion is distributed via a chalice from which to sip or, a separate chalice into which the bread may be intincted (dipped). If you wish to simply receive the bread only that is perfectly appropriate. Gluten free wafers are available on request. A blessing only is also available.

## **Zoom Link**

Our 10am Sunday service is streamed here:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84378054063?pwd=9vwM1WYJb5uHtBF7jOHFsKUIBhcFbn.1>

Meeting ID: 843 7805 4063 | Passcode: 147808

## **Prayer Requests**

Prayer requests can be sent to [prayers@saintjohnstoorak.org](mailto:prayers@saintjohnstoorak.org). The clergy check emails for prayer requests daily, and pray in solidarity with anyone who would like prayers said for them.

## **Clergy Days Off**

Our clergy have one regular day off per week. Our Assistant Curate Lydia has Monday and Vicar Peter has Friday. Wendy usually works Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday only. Please respect their time away from work and unless in an emergency, please refrain from telephoning, texting, visiting the Vicarage, or emailing them on these days. Thank you.

# FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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## **Prayers for Victims of War**

Give comfort, O Lord, to all who are torn away from their homes and their loved ones, by war, by famine, or by cruelty; give the world your peace and turn the hearts of those who will to war; grant that we who dwell secure in this insecure world may be generous in caring for our displaced brothers and sisters, of all faiths and none. We ask this in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**From the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** City on a Hill East, Malvern (Nicholas Coombs); Anglicare Australia (Bp Chris Jones, Chair; Kasy Chambers, Exec Director); Shelford Girls' Grammar (Katrina Brennan, Principal); St Augustine's Mont Albert North - Pastoral service (Bp Kate Prowd); St Aidan's Strathmore - Reception service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Holy Trinity Williamstown - Pastoral service (Bp Brad Billings); Holy Trinity Williamstown - Pastoral service (Abp Philip Freier); St Matthew's Wheelers Hill - Pastoral service (Bp Paul Barker); St Stephen & St Mary's, Mt Waverley - Commissioning Service (Bp Paul Barker); The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea (Archbishop Nathan Ingen);

**For those who lead us in Government:** His Majesty King Charles III; Governor General Ms Sam Mostyn AC; Prime Minister Anthony Albanese; Federal Member of Parliament for Division of Higgins, Dr. Michelle Ananda-Rajah; and Premier of Victoria, Jacinta Allan.

**For Reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians:** For Aboriginal Anglican clergy and lay-leaders around Australia, their spiritual health and physical well-being, and the people they care for. For Aboriginal and Government leaders and their work together.

**For The Toorak Ecumenical Movement:** Our partner churches, St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Toorak Uniting Church, and The Swedish Church.

**For The Anglican Board of Mission, The Brotherhood of St. Laurence, and Anglicare.**

**For schools in our parish:** Geelong Grammar School Toorak Campus, Head of Campus Nicole Ginnane; St Catherine's School, Interim Principal Robert Marshall; and Toorak Primary School, Principal Julie Manallack.

**For the sick and all in need:** Gwen, Rex, Bruce, Sam, Margaret, Nichole, Joanna, Ivan, Anthea, David, John, Tim, Joan, James, Karen, Trisha, Emma, Thomas, and Rod.

**For those in aged care and those who are housebound:** Beverley; Angela; Marg; Val; Rosalind; Elizabeth; Russ & Sue.

**For those who have died recently and those who mourn them:** Bridgett Housman

**Give thanks for those whose Anniversary of Death is this week:**

Graeme Fraser (2022); Ian McFarling (2015); Blair Catanach (2014); Douglas Anderson (2021); Gwendoline Wright (1995); Vesna Kovac (2022) & Andrew Cormie (2023).

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## SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

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### **Jeremiah 1:4-10**

The people of Israel have strayed from God's ways. In the late 600s BC, King Josiah guided the people back to godliness by removing all traces of foreign worship and by making Jerusalem the one place of worship. Jeremiah played a key role in Josiah's reforms. "The word of the LORD" is a characteristic expression in this book: the message Jeremiah proclaims is God's word. The Hebrew word *yashar*, translated "formed" (v. 5), is a technical term for *created*; a potter forms clay into pottery. Recall Genesis 2:7-8, where God *forms* man. The idea that God himself forms a child in its mother's "womb" (v. 5) was accepted. God has known Jeremiah since his first moment of existence – both intellectually and in his capacity for action. Even before that, God dedicated him, separated him for his purposes ("consecrated"), to serve him. Jeremiah is but a youth ("boy", v. 6 – probably in his early twenties), without experience and authority, but God will give him all necessary support. (Moses' reaction to God's command to lead the people of Israel was similar.) God commissions Jeremiah through the symbolic action of touching his mouth (v. 9). In vv. 5 and 10, the "nations" and "kingdoms" are most likely Assyria, Babylonia, Egypt and Judah: the history of Israel is intertwined with that of the whole Near East. Jeremiah's mission is to do away with corruption and ungodliness, and to promote ethical conduct and godliness. God's instructions to the prophet continue in v. 17. Jeremiah is to be ready for action ("gird up your loins"); he is to respond promptly to God's commands. Mighty as the ungodly are, he is not to flinch, but to "stand up" to them; if he fails to do so, God will "break" him. Even though the deviants will fight against him and persecute him, he will prevail, "for I am with you ... to deliver you" (v. 19).

### **Psalms 71:1-6**

The psalmist finds sanctuary in his trust in God; even so, he asks God to be his reference point ("rock", v. 3) and strength in life, to rescue him from "cruel" (v. 4) and ungodly people. He has trusted in God since his youth (v. 5) and, as v. 18 shows, he is now in "old age" and has "grey hairs". God has supported him throughout his life ("from my birth", v. 6). Note the belief that God caused him to be born.

### **Romans 4:13-22**

In Chapters 2 and 3, Paul has argued that through the gospel, it is faith that brings humans into harmony with God. Now he considers Abraham as an example. At the time, rabbis argued that God's blessings came to Abraham because he kept Mosaic Law (which, they said, he knew in advance – before Moses received the tablets on Mount Sinai.) In v. 13, Paul argues against this rabbinic lore: Abraham was blessed because he believed, had faith, that he would be father of a nation and a source of blessing for "all ... families" (Genesis 12:3). If only those who keep Mosaic Law are God's people, faith is meaningless ("null", v.

14) and God's "promise" of universal godliness is nonsense – because the Law is a contract; in a contract, each party has responsibilities, each knows what he will receive (e.g. "wages", v. 4), but a promise is a gift, and is therefore an object of faith: faith that what is promised will be received. Paul now notes: because we all deviate from God's ways at times, sinning does happen. For those under the Law, a penalty (God's "wrath", v. 15) ensues, but for us, not living under the Law ("no law"), there is no contract to violate. Paul now returns to his main argument: so rather than the human relationship being legally based, "it depends on faith" (v. 16), on God's freely given gift of love ("grace"). Were it legally based, continually breaking the pact would make a nonsense of it, but being faith-based, the relationship is "guaranteed" to all peoples in every age – not just to Jews but also to others. Per Genesis 17:5, Abraham is spiritual father of us all (v. 17). Sarah's bearing of Isaac when beyond child-bearing age ("gives life to the dead") was due to his faith; it had been promised to him by God. Isaac was called into existence. So Abraham is a model for the Christian. Contrary to expectation, in hope ("Hoping against hope", v. 18) he believed. He had every reason to doubt that he would become a father, but believe he did – because of the hope given by God's promise – in God's creative power. Abraham's faith grew stronger as he thanked God for his gift ("gave glory to God", v. 20). He attained a right relationship with God ("was reckoned to him as righteousness", v. 22). Our faith in God's promises will also be considered worthy by God when Christ comes again ("our justification", v. 25).

**John 1: 5-25**

*No commentary available. Please enjoy the below cryptogram.*

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*John 1: 5-25*

## MUSIC COMMENTARY

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ANTHEM *Jesu, the very thought of thee*

*E. C. Bairstow (1874-1946)*

Edward Bairstow was born in Huddersfield. Even as a young child he showed interest in music and felt that he had been born with 'a sense of message'. After some disjointed early music lessons, he was taught more formally by John Farmer, and later by Sir Frederick Bridge, organist of Westminster Abbey. He also acknowledged a debt to Sir Walter Alcock, who was sub-organist at the time. *Jesu, the very thought of thee* is one of three unaccompanied anthems written in 1925. There are some telling tenutos at the word 'thought' and some warm harmonies as the work progresses. The strongest moment, using a seventh chord, comes at 'thy face to see', after which there is a gradual diminuendo towards peace and repose.

MOTET *Give almes of thy goods*

*Christopher Tye (c.1505-1572/3)*

Christopher Tye has been called an "innovator" of English cathedral music that was "perfected" by Thomas Tallis, William Byrd and Orlando Gibbons. Tye and Tallis bridged the musical and liturgical styles from Roman to Anglican in the earliest days of the English Church in the mid-16th Century. He worked closely with Edward VI, the young monarch who called Tye "our musical lecturer." Moving away from Roman plainsong chant, Edward VI had decreed that choirs sing in English and with only one note to every syllable. The beauty and effectiveness of Dr. Tye's short anthem *Give almes of thy goods* is its simplicity and imitative voice parts. One vocal line leads as all the others follow, woven together like fine fabric. Listen for the words "and then the face" as they culminate in sublime, homophonic chordal treatment of the text "shall not be turned away from thee."

## ART COMMENTARY

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*Alexander Andreyevich Ivanov* was a Russian painter who adhered to the waning tradition of Neoclassicism but found little sympathy with his contemporaries. The painting by Ivanov on the cover of today's pewsheet, *The Angel Appears to Zechariah*, depicts the story from today's gospel, the angel Gabriel telling Zechariah that his wife Elizabeth, is with child. As we know from the gospel, this news comes as quite a shock to Zechariah, as he and Elizabeth are both old and childless - they had long presumed Elizabeth was barren! Both had been devout and steadfast in their devotion to God and while they longed for a child they did not anticipate this gift. The seven-branched candelabrum in the background of the painting indicates Zechariah's position as a priest.

The painting itself is actually one of several sketches done with pencil and watercolour in preparation for a much larger fresco Ivanov had intended to paint.

## This Week

SUNDAY, 6 October 2024

### Vocations Sunday Part II

8am Eucharist

10am Sung Eucharist

2pm Induction of a new Minister at TUC

4pm Blessing of the Pets Service

TUESDAY, 8 October 2024

7pm Parish Council

WEDNESDAY, 9 October 2024

7pm - 10pm Synod Eucharist and Business Meeting

NO 7PM Eucharist

THURSDAY, 10 October 2024

7pm - 10.30pm Synod

FRIDAY, 11 October 2024

7pm - 10.30pm Synod

SATURDAY, 12 October 2024

9am - 4.30pm Synod

2pm Wedding of

Maggie Maroussis & Brendan King



## Next Sunday, 13 October Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

### 8am Eucharist

First Reading: *Job 23:1-9, 16-17*, Angus McLeay

Second Reading: *Hebrews 4:12-16*, Fiona McLeay

Gospel Reading: *Mark 10:17-31*

Intercessor: Volunteer Required

Preacher: Bishop Genieve Blackwell

### 10am Eucharist with Confirmation

First Reading: *Job 23:1-9, 16-17*, Diana Morgan

Second Reading: *Hebrews 4:12-16*, Adriaan de Dulk

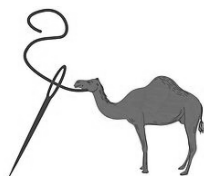
Gospel Reading: *Mark 10:17-31*

Intercessor: Volunteer Required

Preacher: Bishop Genieve Blackwell

Morning Tea:

Craig Cooper, Leanne  
Blanckenberg &  
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