

Our VALUES: Christ centredness, Prayerfulness, Welcoming and caring, Bible focussed, Fellowship

- Dixon House, enquiries to Gwen Wilson.
- For Asylum Seekers, for May, powdered milk or tinned soup is being accepted. Enquires to Susan McDermott.

Active participation in St. John's

- Everyone's support and participation is necessary to help in the mission of St John's: "To love God, love people, & grow disciples of Christ."
- To help you chose, rosters/lists have been put up in the narthex. For any other areas in church life in which you could assist, please speak to the Wardens or Santa.

St. John's News (May 2024)

- Submitting articles for the May 2024 issue of St John's news is now closed.

Rosters

	Today Sunday 19 May	Trinity Sunday 26 May
		8:30AM (HC)
	Combined Holy Communion Service Pentecost Sunday	Gwen Wilson
		Jean Phibbs
		Rosemary Martin
	10AM (HC) Livestreamed	10AM (P, P&P) Livestreamed
Sides Person	Susan McDermott	Barbara Canty
Reader	Various readers	Anthony Lyons
Prayer	Lyn Beaumont	Lyn Beaumont
Communion	??/??	N/A
PowerPoint	David Packianathan	David Packianathan
Video Tech	Anthony Lyons	Anthony Lyons
Morning tea	??/??	J. Packianathan
Counters	Don Fitzgerald Roger McGrail	Jill Baker Anthony Lyons

On line services

At the time of today's live-streamed service, or after, please use the link below:

<https://youtube.com/channel/UCwvuRjxqIX4njbrwZJBqNXQ/live>

Readings* for Sunday 26 May, Trinity Sunday, Theme - 'Children of God'

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; Matthew 28:16-20

Sentence: For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, (Romans 8:15-16) (*not all readings may be read on Sunday)

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Welcome to St. John's, Bentleigh

Combined Holy Communion Service at 10AM (Livestreamed with Children's Message)

Bible Readings:

Acts 2:1-11;
1 Corinthians 12:1-13;
John 20:19-23

Hymns

See TV screens

Flowers arranged by Glynis Rose

Please take this
pew sheet with you
as you leave!

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19 May 2024, Pentecost Sunday/Whitsunday.

'Filled with the Holy Spirit'

Sentence: All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4

'Leading the parish into growth' prayer:

God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give Vision to our planning, Wisdom to our actions, Joy to our worship & Power to our witness. Help our church of St. John's to grow in spiritual commitment to you, in numbers, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day:

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Calendar:

- TODAY, Combined 10AM Service, Pentecost Sunday/ Whitsunday.
 - TODAY, 4-6PM, Messy Church. (Help needed!)
 - 20 May, 10AM-12PM, Craft, chat & cuppa.
 - 20 May, 11AM, Blue Cross visit.
 - 21 May, 4PM-6PM, Parish Council meeting.
 - 22 May, 10:30AM, Holy Communion Service, Pioneers' Chapel, and fellowship in Narthex with Genesis study.
 - 23 May, 3:45-5PM, Narthex, Maths/English tutoring.
- Future dates:**
- 25 May, 10AM-2PM, Kids & craft market. (Roster now up in Narthex—please sign up!)
 - 26 May, Asylum Seekers fund-raiser lunch (see pg.3)

Thanks to Simon Sheridan who is our Locum Musician today.

As we gather in the presence of God, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of the country on which St. John's is situated, the Bunurong People of the Kulin nation. We recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to their Elders, past and present.

OUR VISION: To be a centre of God's love and hope!

Pentecost Sunday

At the end of his earthly life, Jesus unveils the truth that all shall be one in Him. This underlying unity is the fruit of our intimacy with the Trinity. The love between the Son and Father outpours itself in the Spirit whose presence Jesus communicates to us as his lasting legacy.

The Spirit, who will glorify Jesus, will give us the strength to illumine minds, uplift hearts and transform lives - all thanks to the grace of God. Diverse as this burgeoning faith community may be, what we, its members, have in common is our belief in Jesus Christ as Saviour and our God. No alien power will prevail against the church that Jesus came to establish. Our love for one another will be a citadel of strength & its witness to unity in diversity.

The knowledge of redemption entrusted to us will be passed on from age to age by all who have ears to hear and eyes to see. *How is knowledge of redemption being generously passed on to people of this generation?* As believers blessed by the Spirit of truth and encouraged to share with others all that Jesus taught us, we will continue to grow in faith through the power of His word.

Then and now, it is the commission assigned to every Christian to glorify God and to declare in word and song, in silent witness and bold proclamation, the revelation for which Jesus gave his life for the good of the world. We are to humble ourselves as He did and practice the art and discipline of self emptying love. Only then can we hear the call to follow the Master despite the cost of discipleship. To be an epiphany of God's presence wherever we are is not a duty but a privilege.

'Come, Holy Spirit, and radiate through our finitude the infinite goodness and mercy of God. Teach us to see in every obstacle a formation opportunity. Lead us to eternal peace and joy in oneness with the Trinity. Amen.'

[Adapted from: Disciplines, 2012, p. 160]

PS 1 - Happy birthday, Church! To commemorate the birthday of the church, the Bible readings today will be read in different languages (similar to the first Pentecost Sunday). The English translation will be displayed on the TV screens.

PS 2 - HOPE25, an intentional season of sharing hope in Jesus for every parish and community in the Anglican Church of Australia, will be launched today. Please refer to handout provided in the pew-sheet for further information.

Santa, Soli Deo Gloria ☺

Collect for HOPE25

God of Hope you call on us to be your witnesses in this uncertain world; by your Spirit awaken in us a true vision of your kingdom, a greater certainty of our salvation, and a deeper dedication to your service; that through our words and

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actions the same Spirit may bring many who are lost to be found, and for them to celebrate the hope that we can only have in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Prayers: church & the world

- The Anglican Church of Canada, The Diocese of Melbourne, Hospital Chaplaincy, St George's, Queenscliff and St James, Point Lonsdale, St John's, Flinders and St Mark's, Balnarring, St Matthew's Endeavour Hills, Banyule Parish, Christ Church St. Kilda, & for all parishes awaiting new ministers.
- Praise God for the persons being sent by God to this parish as *parish musician & children/families minister*.

Prayers: Derek & Rosemary Snibson (CMS missionaries in NT)

- Please give thanks for meaningful conversations, affirming prayer and interest from Link Churches and individual folk they visited.

Miscellaneous prayers:

- Praying for peace, Ukraine/Russia, Yemen, Syria, Libya, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Israeli/Gaza/Palestine, Sudan & other areas in conflict/unrest.
- Praying for everyone affected by natural disasters, e.g., flooding in Kenya, Brazil, Indonesia.
- Praying for healing on Alison, Annette, Audrey, Ben, Carol, Claire, Clarice, David, Gladys, Graham, Janice, Jim, Jo, John, Justin, Ken, Lena, Marlene, Mavis, Rebecca, Russell, Sandra, Seelan, Verna, Allan & Judy, C&J & family,

+Gerald & Lyn, Jon & Val, Manal & family, Pauline & family, Sally & family, Samia & family, & all we remember.

CMS Mission Promoter

- A CMS mission promoter is needed to be the parish contact person to promote CMS mission initiatives among parishioners. This includes our link missionaries (Derek and Rosemary Snibson). If you feel that God is calling you to this important ministry, please contact Santa ASAP and thanks.

Community Fund raiser (ASRC Feast for Freedom)

- **Aim:** To support refugees and asylum seekers in their harrowing journey for a safer new life.
- **Date/time:** 26 May from 11.30AM
- **Cost:** \$20/person
- **Venue:** Pickford Hall.
- If you can donate ingredients or cook a delicious dish, please inform Shirley and Jill (head chefs).
- Come one, come all & bring your friends or family!
- Enquiries and RSVP to Don.
- *Signup sheet on the foyer entry noticeboard (near the TV screen).*

Archbishop Philip and Mrs. Joy Freier's visit (16 June @ 10AM)

- Please pray for those who will be baptised, confirmed and received into the Anglican Church.

Donations for Dixon House & Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC):

- Please place your donations in the baskets in the Narthex.