

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

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**The Melbourne Anglican (TMA, April edition)**

- TMA April edition is now available online at: [bit.ly/ThisMonthsTMA](http://bit.ly/ThisMonthsTMA).
- Several hard copies are available in the Narthex. Please take a copy to read and return for others without internet at home could have their turn.

**Rosters**

- Rosters for Messy Church (21Apr) & Kids & Craft Market (27 Apr) are now up in the narthex. Please sign up today!
- St John's News (May 2024)**
- Please send your new articles to the parish office before 30 April.

**BIRTHDAYS**  
 Jo a'Beckett (20th April)

	<b>Today</b> Sunday 14 Apr.	<b>Next Sunday</b> 21 April
	Combined 10am service	8:30AM (HC)
Sides Person		Gwen Wilson
Reader		Julie Buckley
Communion		??
	<b>10 AM (HC)</b> Livestreamed	<b>10AM</b> Livestreamed
Sides Person	Susan McDermott	Jill Baker
Reader	Anthony Lyons	Glynis Rose
Prayer	Lyn Beaumont	Terry Nisbet
Communion	R.Martin/A.Lyons	J. Packianathan/J. Baker
PowerPoint	David Packianathan	David Packianathan
Video Tech	Anthony Lyons	Anthony Lyons
Morning tea	M.Paterson/M.Bullen	Glynis Rose
Counters	Jill Baker	Roger McGrail
	Susan McDermott	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 21 April, Easter 3 (One flock, One Shepherd)**

Acts 4.8-12, Psalm 118.1-9, 1 John 3.14-24, John 10.16

**Sentence:** I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. 'John 10.14

(\*not all readings may be read on a Sunday morning)

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**Welcome to St. John's, Bentleigh**

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**Combined Holy Communion Service at 10AM (Livestreamed)**

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**Bible Readings:**

Isaiah 49:1-6;  
 I Corinthians 1:18-2:5;  
 Luke 24:36b-48

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**Hymns**

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**Flowers arranged by Gwen Wilson**

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Please take this pew sheet with you as you leave!

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**14 April 2024, Easter 3**

**'The message about the cross'**

**Sentence:** For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1.18

**We welcome Derek & Rosemary Snibson from CMS to the service today.**

**'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:**

Lord of life, by submitting to death, you conquered the grave; by being lifted upon the cross, you draw all peoples to you; by being raised from the dead, you restore to humanity all that was lost through sin: be with us in your risen power, that in word and deed we may proclaim the marvellous mystery of death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. **Amen.**

**Calendar:**

- 15 Apr., 10AM-12PM, Craft, chat & cuppa.
  - 15 Apr., 11AM, Blue Cross visit.
  - 16 Apr., 4-6PM, Parish Council meeting.
  - 17 Apr., 10:30AM Holy Communion service. (Pioneers' Chapel) followed by fellowship in the Narthex with Genesis Bible study
  - 18 Apr., 3:45PM, Narthex, Maths/English tutoring
- Future dates:**
- 21 Apr., ANZAC Commemoration Service.

**Thanks to Simon Sheridan who is our Locum Musician today**

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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!

### **For our reflection!**

"Being Church in a Liminal Time: Remembering, Letting Go, Resurrecting" is an article that I came across during my week away after Easter.

The article was referring to the title of a book written by J D Jones and D Fredrickson. Jones and Fredrickson invite readers to explore the challenges and opportunities facing contemporary Christian communities in a period of transition and uncertainty. Drawing on insights from theology, sociology and cultural studies, "Being Church in a Liminal Time" "examines how traditional models of church may no longer be adequate for engaging with the complexities of the modern world."

The writers use the term "liminal time" to refer to a period of transition, where old structures are breaking down and new ones have yet to fully emerge. As congregations continue to wrestle with how to respond to changes in worship attendance, declining interest in institutional religion and what it means to do ministry in a post-Christendom culture, this is a timely message.

One of the book's most striking aspects is its insistence on reimagining traditional models of church in response to the shifting dynamics of society. Rather than clinging to outdated structures or resorting to superficial methods of evangelism, Jones and Fredrickson advocate for a willingness to embrace change, experiment with new forms of worship and community engagement and cultivate an authentic witness that resonates with the deepest needs and aspirations of people today.

The authors offer three images to guide readers in discerning a way forward: the contrast between deep change and slow death; the parable of the sower; and 1 Corinthians 15:12-28 (The Resurrection of the Dead).

Clearly, Jones and Fredrickson believe that although the challenges facing the church are daunting, we all have an opportunity for renewal and rediscovery of what it truly means to be the body of Christ in the world today.

As we continue in the Easter season, we should continue to think about what death and resurrection mean for the church, especially at St. John's, Bentleigh. Instead of joining the despairing cry that the church is in decline, perhaps we should look around and take notice of what is being born or reborn. Where is God at work? To paraphrase the prophet Jeremiah, how can we seek the welfare of the city (of Bentleigh)?

When the women arrive at the tomb on the first day of the week, an angel told them Jesus had already moved on (Mark 16:6). Like the first witnesses to the empty tomb, we don't quite know what's next. But we do know we had better keep moving.

Jesus is waiting for us." #

Are we at St. John's willing to keep moving or are we still at the 'empty tomb?'

(#edited from: <https://alban.org/>)

PS - my thanks to the Revd Philip Higgins for taking on the role of Locum at St. John's during my time away last week.

It is also great to welcome Derek & Rosemary Snibson to St. John's today!  
*Santa, Soli Deo Gloria ☺*

## Our Mission: To love God, love people, grow disciples of Christ!

### **Thank you to:**

- The Revd. Philip Higgins who conducted the services last week during Santa's absence.

### **Prayers: church & the world**

- The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, The Diocese of Grafton, Melbourne Anglican Foundation, St. Marks' Dromana, Holy Trinity Coburg, St. Hilary's Kew, St. George's Malvern & for all parishes awaiting new ministers.

### **Prayers: Derek & Rosemary Snibson (CMS missionaries to the NT)**

- Please join them in giving thanks for meaningful conversations, affirming prayer and interest from Link Churches and individual folk they visited during this Home Assignment.
- Please pray for their safe travel to the Northern Territory and a quick transition into their daily routines.

### **CMS Prayer**

- God of love, whose will it is that everyone should be saved, bless the Church Missionary Society and all who have gone out in its fellowship to preach, to teach and to heal. Guard, guide and use them; raise up more people in your worldwide Church to pray and to work, to care and to understand, to give to you and to go for you, that your Church may grow, your will be done, your Kingdom come, and your glory be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
- Praise and thank God for the persons being sent by God to this parish as parish musician and children/families

minister.

### **Please pray for:**

- Ukraine/Russia, Yemen, Syria, Libya, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Israeli/Gaza/Palestine, Sudan & other areas in conflict/unrest.
- Healing on Gladys, +Gerald & Lyn, Lena, Paul, Claire, Ben, Russell, Jo, Ken, Graham, Carol, Jim, Rebecca, Clarice, David, Alison, John, Marlene, Marvis, Audrey, C & J & family, Justin, Verna, Manal & family, Allan & Judy, Seelan, Annette, Micah, Sandra & all we remember.
- God's peace & comfort on all who mourn everywhere.

### **First Aid training at St. John's**

- First Aid is a useful, life saving skill to have for any situation.
- *Community First Responders* is a group which provides first aid training.
- To have them take a session at St John's, we will need a class of 25 persons committed to come. The cost is \$50 per person. Training includes, CPR, use of EpiPen, basic first-aid and stroke care.
- Please register your interest on the noticeboard beside the TV screen in the entrance foyer.

### **Archbishop's visit (16 June)**

- Those who wish to be confirmed &/or received into the Anglican Church, please contact Santa ASAP.

### **Donations for Dixon House & Asylum Seeker Resource Centre:**

- Please place your donations in the baskets in the Narthex.
- Dixon House, enquiries to Gwen Wilson.
- For Asylum Seekers, for April,