



# St John's - Bentleigh

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost 2 October 2022  
"profound sadness"

Welcome to St John's  
today.

8.30AM - Holy Communion  
10.00AM - Holy Communion  
(live-streamed)

## Today's Readings

Lamentations 1:1-6;  
Psalm 137;  
2 Timothy 1:1-14;  
Luke 17:5-10

## Hymns

8.30AM: TIS 100, TIS 135,  
TIS 137

10AM: TIS 135, TIS 137,  
TIS 100, *Onward,  
Christian Soldiers (as  
displayed on the TV  
screens)*



Please take this with you  
when you go.

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Sentence:

How lonely sits the city  
that once was full of people!  
How like a widow she has become,  
she that was great among the nations!  
She that was a princess among the provinces  
has become a vassal. (Lamentations 1:1)

## Collect

Faithful God, have mercy on us your unworthy servants, and increase our faith, that, trusting in your Spirit's power to work in us and through us, we may never be ashamed to witness to our Lord but may obediently serve him all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## Wednesday Holy Communion Service

This Wednesday (5/10) we will be exploring "entrusted with the gospel".

Bible readings are from Galatians 2:1-14, Psalm 117 and Luke 11:1-4. The sentence is from Galatians 2:7 - "*On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel for the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel for the circumcised.*"

## This Week's Calendar

- Monday, 10AM-12PM, Narthex: *Craft, Chat and Cuppa*
- Wednesday, 10.30AM: *Holy Communion*
- Wednesday, 7.30PM, Narthex: *Breath - Women's Support & Study Group*
- Thursday, 3.30-5PM: *Maths & English Tutoring*
- **Sunday, 2PM**, St John's: **Spring Concert** performed by McKinnon Secondary College music groups

## October TMA

Limited numbers of the latest TMA, now in a magazine form, available for collection in the Narthex.

## ***From the Vicar's study!***

**N**umbers were low in this week's mid-week service but that did not stop us from thinking about culture within the parish and, changing it. Today, each person may have a different understanding of culture. To mention culture and its possible change or modification in a parish, can be a political "hot potato", especially for a new vicar. But a change of culture needs to happen in this parish, in more ways than one! If not, it would not be good for this parish in the long-term. Two things that we could do regularly and both have the potential to change the overall culture of this parish. If these are already happening that is great! If not, consider this message in the pew sheet as a gentle reminder.

The first cultural change is to cultivate a habit of introducing Jesus in a language that is familiar to the prevailing culture. In John 1, John the Baptist introduces his disciples to Jesus as the "*Lamb of God*" (v29 & 36). This was a reasonably familiar phrase at that time which John the Baptist linked to Jesus. Today, it is usual practice for the name of Jesus to be misused or in an insulting manner. As followers of Christ, it is, I believe our responsibility to correct this error/narrative gently whenever we can. However, to introduce Jesus to others, we must recognise who Jesus is to us as individuals and as a community.

For Joseph Scriven, Jesus is a friend, and that (I believe) became a basis for the song "*What a friend we have in Jesus*" which Joseph wrote. Who is Jesus to you personally?

The second cultural change is to

cultivate a habit of being invitational.

Jesus showed this when he invited the disciples of John who were following Him to, "*Come,*" ... "*and you will see*" (John 1.39). Later, we notice that Philip invited Nathanael to "*Come and see,*" (John 1.46).

To introduce Jesus to others and to invite people to "*come and see*" who Jesus is, seem very straightforward. They are simple things to do and at the same time, can be the hardest things to do! But be encouraged to persevere as best as you can. It will be a transformative experience for you and for the parish.

*With prayers and blessings*

**Santa ☺**

**Soli Deo Gloria!**

PS—my apology to Cindy Utari as I referred to her using an incorrect name (in last week's pew-sheet). ☺

Image from:

<https://www.churchdifferencemakers.com/2020/change-the-culture-transform-the-church/>

## ***Praying for the church and for the world***

- The Anglican Church of Canada (Abp Linda Nicholls); Ministry to the Defence Force (Bishop Grant Dibden, Chaplains & Members of the Defence Forces); Trinity Grammar School (Adrian Farrer, Principal; Chris Leadbeatter, James Hale, Chaplains); All Saints' Greensborough (Julie Blinco-Smith);
- Praise God for all who are joining us today (face-to-face and/or online).



- For God's wisdom, patience and compassion on leaders at all levels of government and in society, for all medical staff as they care for the sick & dying due to COVID19 and/or other illnesses.
- For our link missionaries—Derek & Rosemary Snibson - praying for their ongoing spiritual sustenance and discernment amidst the daily demands from people and aspects of ministry.
- For God's mercy, grace and peace upon all communities in Australia and in the world, affected by wars and/or civil unrest, (Ukraine, Yemen, Syria, Sri Lanka, Middle East, Myanmar, Pakistan), affected by natural disasters (tropical cyclone Ian in the Caribbean, tropical cyclone Fiona in Canada, wildfires in California, flooding in Pakistan, Nigeria, South Africa all who have been injured or tragically killed (and their loved ones) due to these, & other circumstances.
- For all who need God's special touch of healing, comfort and peace, remembering those we name privately in our heart, and those in the parish prayer list: Graham, Ben, Russell, Jo, Alison, Joanne, Raphael, Twani, Samia, Manal, and those listed but do not wished to be named and all we remember privately.
- Praise & thank God for all who are recovering from illness and/or all who have recovered.
- Thank God for the life of the Revd Venerable Marjorie McGregor AM.

### *Clergy News*

The Venerable Marjorie McGregor AM served as Deaconess at St John's Bentleigh in 1961-65. She died on 16 September 2022. Her funeral was held at St John's Anglican Church, Malmsbury last Tuesday (27/9). May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

### *The Most Revd Justin Welby*

The Archbishop of Canterbury will visit St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne on Sunday 9 October 2022 at 6.30PM and preach at this special Choral Evensong. We have three tickets for reserved seating, please come to Santa for the ticket (first come best dressed). There will be also unreserved seating available at the service, those who do not have a ticket are also welcome to attend.

### *Next Sunday - Concert*

**The McKinnon Secondary College** music groups will perform next **Sunday, 9 October at 2PM** here at St John's. Tickets will be available **at the door** or by **pre-booking now using TryBooking** (<https://www.trybooking.com/CCKFX>)

### *Thankyou Cards for Ken Newell*

We wish to express our appreciation and gratitude to those who came and made last week's service a special one for Ken, from Alex's sermon to the scrumptious morning tea after the service, and during the service, your participation, we sincerely thank you. There are two cards for Ken and if you haven't signed one of it yet, they are available in the Narthex for you to sign.

### *New Dishwasher & Oven - Induction*

Thank you to Terry who has connected the dishwashing liquid to the dishwasher. The dishwasher is now ready to use! Today after the 10AM service Terry will give a short induction on how to use the new dishwasher and the oven in the kitchen. It is good to have a few more people who can operate the new equipment properly. If you can, please come to the short induction.

### *Bible Study Group - this Wednesday*

The Bible Study group will resume this Wednesday, one last study book (1&2 Peter and Jude by Carolyn Nystrom, cost \$11.50) still available if anyone

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would like to join the group. This group meets in the Cooper Centre with discussion and coffee immediately following the church service. If you are interested, please speak to Wendy Leggett or Eleanor or Ross Newcombe.

*Farewell to Cindy*

On Sunday 9 October after the 10AM service we will farewell Cindy. Her last day at the office will be Tuesday 11 October 2022. All welcome.

*Morning Tea - Coffee Donations*

Thank you to those who have contributed towards Morning Tea. We are running out of ground coffee and appreciate donations of ground coffee. Please leave these in the kitchen. Thank you.

*Lectionary 2023 - Yr A (Matthew)*

Would you please contact the parish office this week if you wish to purchase Lectionary 2023 via the parish? To help with the postage the cost will be between \$17-\$18 (the Lectionary itself costs \$15.99).

**Rosters**

	Today - Oct 2	Next Sunday - Oct 9
	8.30AM - Holy Communion	8.30AM - Holy Communion
Sides Person	Gwen Wilson	Roger McGrail
Reader	Gwen Wilson	Jean Phibbs
Communion	Rosemary Martin	Roger McGrail
AV Tech	N/A	N/A
	10AM - Holy Communion (live)	10AM - Praise, Prayer & Proclamation (live)
Sides Person	Barbara Canty	Isuru Perera
Reader	Stephanie Hogg	Eleanor Newcombe
Prayer	Terry Nisbet	Lyn Beaumont
Communion	S & T Nisbet	N/A
PowerPoint	Stephanie Hogg	Ross Newcombe
Video Tech	Anthony Lyons/ David	Anthony Lyons/ David
Morning Tea	Mayva Paterson	Glynis Rose
Counter	Stephanie Hogg	Roger McGrail
	Susan McDermott	Glynis Rose

**Readings Pentecost 18:**

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-11;  
2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

**On line services**

At the time of today's live-streamed service (10AM), or after, please use below link:

<https://youtube.com/channel/UCwvuRjxqlX4njbrwZjBqNXQ/live>

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