

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

Rosters

	Today Sunday 7 Apr.	Next Sunday 14 April
	8:30AM (HC)	Combined 10am service
Sides Person	Roger McGrail	
Reader	Rosemary Martin	
Communion	Roger McGrail	
	10 AM (HC) Livestreamed	10 AM (HC) Livestreamed
Sides Person	Jill Baker	Susan McDermott
Reader	Glynis Rose	Anthony Lyons
Prayer	Terry Nisbet	Lyn Beaumont
Communion	J.Baker/A. Lyons	R.Martin/A.Lyons
PowerPoint	David Packianathan	David Packianathan
Video Tech	Anthony Lyons	Anthony Lyons
Morning tea	Glynis Rose	M.Paterson/M.Bullen
Counters	Roger McGrail Anthony Lyons	Jill Baker Susan McDermott

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 14 April, Easter 3

Acts 3:13-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 2:28-3:7; Luke 24:35-48

Sentence: Turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord. Acts 3:19-20
(*not all readings may be read on a Sunday morning)

Ministers: All Parishioners

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Bentleigh

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

8:30AM

**Holy Communion
(Pioneers' Chapel)**

**10AM (Church)
Holy Communion
(Livestreamed)**

Bible Readings:

Acts 4:32-35;
Psalm 118:19-29
1 John 1:1-2:2;
John 20:19-31

Hymns at 10AM only

God is gone up on high (TIS371); Come let us with our Lord arise (TIS375); I know that my Redeemer lives (TIS376); Yours be the glory (TIS380)

**Flowers arranged by
Jill Baker**

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7 April 2024, Easter 2

'Peace be with you'

Sentence: "Peace be with you", says the Lord. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.
John 20.21

**We welcome The Revd. Philip Higgins
to our services 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:

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.**

Calendar:

- 8 Apr., 10AM-12PM, Craft, chat & cuppa.
- 09 Apr., Warden's meeting (TBC).
- 10 Apr., 10:30AM Easter Prayers service. (Pioneers' Chapel) followed by fellowship in the Narthex

Future dates:

- 14 Apr., Derek & Rosemary Snibson (CMS) visit.
- 15 Apr., 11AM, Blue Cross visit.
- 16 Apr., 4-6PM, Parish Council meeting.
- 21 Apr., ANZAC Commemoration Service.
- 21 Apr., 4-6PM, Messy Church.

Thanks to Allan Clark 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!

A message from The Revd. Philip Higgins.

Dear Friends,

Have you seen the film *The Great Escaper*? Its about an elderly bloke (like me!), but one who is quite a bit older. Michael Caine plays the role of a 90 year old, who along with his wife (played by Glenda Jackson) live in a coastal aged care facility on the south coast of England. He decides to take the initiative and travel to France to attend the 70th celebrations of the D Day landing, with lots of flash backs. The Caine character makes a mate for the duration of the short trip. At the end this character says something like they will meet up next in heaven. This new mate explodes and challenges such Christian belief.

Do you tell people that you go to church, or do you keep such activity to yourself? At this Easter time it is good to reflect on how much we share our faith. We have to be confident to do so. The Michael Caine character didn't question his new mate. What is the point of arguing with somebody who has lost his temper and who loves a Bible basher? The thing to do is to say quietly to a friend, "Can I tell you why I go to church?" or "How about I tell you about Jesus?"

In today's gospel reading Jesus says to his disciples, *Peace be with you*. We need to call on such a prayer – Jesus grant me your peace. If discussing our faith with others we might well pray that Jesus will surround us and our conversation with his peace. Try it.

Blessings,

Philip

A message from Bishop Geneive Blackwell.

We, the Bishops of the Anglican Church of Australia, gathered at Bendigo on Thursday 21st March, 2024 unanimously affirm the following statement.

As we enter into Holy Week, we lament the suffering due to the ongoing war in the Holy Land. In the spirit of Jesus Christ who said, "Blessed are the peacemakers" we pray for a just and lasting peace, for the release of all hostages, and for urgent aid to be delivered to civilians in Gaza. In praying for peace in the Holy Land, we particularly pray for strength for our Christian brothers and sisters in Israel, Gaza and the West Bank who, under the shadow of war, prepare to commemorate the death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Anglicans across Australia are already praying for peace in this time. We know that this prayer will be shared in every church this Holy Week and Easter.

As we lament the ongoing suffering, we condemn antisemitism and anti-Muslim sentiment which is on the rise in our own society. We appeal to all Australians to treat others as they would like to be treated, and we commit ourselves to work with other faith leaders for the common good for all Australians.

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

Thank you to:

- Bishop Geneive Blackwell who graced us with her presence at the Easter Sunday service

Prayers: church & the world

- The Episcopal Province of Alexandria, The Diocese of Bendigo, The Parish of St. Thomas', Langwarrin w. St Peter's, Pearcedale, St John's Highton, Holy Apostles' Sunshine, St Andrew's Aberfeldie, St Nicholas' Mordialloc, Police Force Chaplains and members of the Police Force & for all parishes awaiting new ministers.
- For our link missionaries—Derek & Rosemary Snibson who are in Melbourne. Please pray for the raising up of more individuals and families to serve in different ways in the Northern Territory (NT).
- 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.
 - Healing on Gladys, Phil, +Gerald & Lyn, Lena, Paul, Claire, Ben, Russell, Jo, Ken, Graham, Carol, Jim, Rebecca, Clarice, David, Alison, John, Marlene, Mavis, Audrey, C & J & family, Justin, Verna, Manal & family, Allan & Judy, Seelan, Annette, Gwen Sampson & all we remember.
 - God's peace & comfort on all who mourn everywhere.

Santa is away after Easter

- Santa will be away from 4 April to 11 April. The Revd. Philip Higgins will be the locum during this period.

First Aid training in 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.

Snibsons visit to the parish

- Derek & Rosemary Snibson will visit the parish on 14 April. They will be telling us of their missional experiences in the NT.
- There will be just the ONE service at 10AM. Please bring a plate of food to share. Thank you.

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, vegetable oil is being accepted. Enquires to Susan McDermott.

St John's News (May 2024)

- Please send your new articles to the parish office before 30 April.