

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

14th April 2024

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME 奉主名相聚

Please all stand



PROCESSIONAL HYMN 379

SIGN OF THE CROSS

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

GREETING 问候

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Let us pray:

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 our 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

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (THE HYMN OF PRAISE)

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.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY / COLLECT 本日祝文

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

Let us pray.

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 through eternity. Amen.

THE PRAYER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated for the reading

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 3:12-20

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, ‘You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

‘And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus.’

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

PSALM 4 APBA

1 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness:

when I was hard-pressed you set me free;
be gracious to me now and hear my prayer.

**2 Children of earth, how long will you turn my glory to my shame:
how long will you love what is worthless and seek after lies?**

3 Know that the Lord has shown me his wonderful kindness:
when I call to the Lord he will hear me.

4 Tremble, and do no sin:

commune with your own heart upon your bed and be still.

5 Offer the sacrifices that are right:

and put your trust in the Lord.

**6 There are many who say 'Who will show us any good?:
the light of your countenance, O Lord, has gone from us.'**

**7 Yet you have given my heart more gladness:
than they have when their corn, wine and oil increase.**

**8 In peace I will lie down and sleep:
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of St John, 2:15-17, 3:1-6.

Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; for all that is in the world—the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches—comes not from the Father but from the world. And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live for ever.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN 376 (TUNE 439)

THE GOSPEL (Please stand)

Alleluia, **Alleluia.**

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. (*cf Luke 24:32*)

Alleluia. 哈利路亚!

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

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke 24:36-48.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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

SERMON

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Please stand as we affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed, each in our preferred language.

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *please kneel/sit*

Flowing with the joy of the resurrection, we offer all our needs and the needs of our community to our Father and our God

(At the end of each section) Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Conclude the prayer with: 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.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

[Let us pray.]

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.

But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival. *Silence.*

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

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

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Alleluia. *cf John 20.19*

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Please all stand

OFFERTORY HYMN 391

The offering is collected during the hymn. The gifts of the people, Bread and Wine and collection of money, are brought to the Lord's Table.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessèd 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 EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (Easter II)

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 thanks and praise.**
All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,

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for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.**
Merciful God, we thank you

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Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:

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in songs of never-ending praise:
Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

As Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray, each in our preferred language:

**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.**

BREAKING THE CONSECRATED BREAD 擘饼

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 (LAMB OF GOD) 羔羊颂

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.

THE INVITATION 邀请

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

COMMUNION 382

God invites everyone to gather around his table. We extend an invitation to all baptised Christians to come forward and receive this Holy Sacrament. Others are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing by crossing arms over the chest.

COMMUNION HYMN

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Living God, your Son Jesus Christ made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of the bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and forever. **Amen.**

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. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you by his life-giving Spirit to walk with him in the paths of righteousness and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

DISMISSAL HYMN *Ye choirs of new Jerusalem* – words on attached sheet

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Parish Link

Notices & Information

Third Sunday of Easter

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Tue & Fri 9.00am – 1.00pm

St Peter's, 1038 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill. Vicar: Rev'd Victor Fan

Years Mind

Barbara Mack, John Colliver, Joyce Morton, Daniel Chamberlain, John Bird, and Neil Chamberlain, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Daily Readings

Monday	Acts 4.23-31	Ps 2.1-8	John 3.1-8
Tuesday	Acts 4.32-37	Ps 93	John 3.7-15
Wednesday	Acts 5.17-26	Ps 34.1-8	John 3.16-21
Thursday	Acts 5.27-33	Ps 34.11-18	John 3.31-36
Friday	Acts 5.34-42	Ps 27.1-5	John 6.1-15
Saturday	Acts 6.1-7	Ps 33.17-21	John 6.16-21

Prayer Points

The Church: The Diocese of Grafton (Bp Murray Harvey, Clergy & People); Melbourne Anglican Foundation; The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia (Abps Don Tamihere, Sione Uluilakepa); Pastoral services: St George's Malvern (Bp Kate Prowd); St Mark's Dromana (Bp Paul Barker); Holy Trinity Coburg, (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St Hilary's Kew – Baptism and Confirmation service (Bp Genieve Blackwell).

The Parish: Give thanks for our choirs & singers who bring joy to our services.

The World: Pray for refugees and those forced to leave their homes because of war.

The Nation: Pray for caregivers and those dependent on them.

Prayer of the Week

Gracious Father, who in your great mercy made glad the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such awareness of his presence with us that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life, and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ABM Pew Reflections

The Psalmist assures us that knowing Christ's presence takes away shame and brings refreshing, gladness and peace. Today we are reminded that Jesus stood among his disciples and helped them to see his truth. As his witnesses, we stand among others who are disbelieving and still wondering and we show them the presence of the risen Jesus in the world through our transformed lives. • Lord, help us to welcome your transforming presence in our lives and give us the courage to make you visible to a suffering world. • Give thanks for the work and witness of the Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia, the Most Rev Geoff Smith.

ROSTER AVAILABILITY



Michele is putting together a new roster to cover the May – August period. Naturally, always looking for volunteers, Flower Arrangers, Sidespersons, Servers, Readers, Intercessors, Counting and help with Morning Tea. If you are on the roster already you will be included in the next roster unless you advise Michele accordingly in the next week or so. If you would like to offer your services, please see/speak to Michele asap. Email: themitchells01@bigpond.com /Phone: 0408 531 045.

THE SIXTH ROBIN SHARWOOD LECTURE by Ms Mandy Tibbey, barrister.

Church Law and Anti-Discrimination Law: do these need to collide?

Date: Wednesday 15 May 2024 **Time:** 7.30pm, followed by light refreshments

Location: The Craig Auditorium, Gateway Building, Trinity College

100 Royal Parade, Parkville VIC 3052.

Cost: Free, but bookings are essential.

RSVP: By 5pm, Friday 10 May 2024 [Click here to RSVP](#)

Enquiries: Briony O'Halloran | 03 8341 0216 events@trinity.unimelb.edu.au

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“What makes this group unique is they come to you, offering design showings that are fun, informative and interactive. With their backgrounds in design and personal styling, they can help you choose an item or an outfit that makes you feel great.”

DATE: April 17

TIME: 1.30pm

PLACE: Undercroft

[CHECK OUT THEIR WEBSITE HERE](#)

COMBINED SERVICE APRIL 21, 10.30am

Next Sunday is the first of our regular combined services at 10.30am. These will occur on the third Sunday of each month from now on and it is an opportunity for us all to enjoy fellowship and worship with all our parish members.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible study will resume after the holiday break on Saturday, **April 20, at 10.00am** in the church office. Lots of interesting discussions, exchanges of views and wise words (from the Vicar!)
Coffee available!

INTERNATIONAL ORGAN DAY

This year's International Organ Day is on Saturday 20th April and to celebrate, St Peter's will be open from 10.00am to 3.00pm and during that time our organist, Garry, will play a selection of hymns and voluntaries to display the rich, exciting and varied sounds of our pipe organ. Garry will also talk a bit about how the organ works and there will be an opportunity to ask questions. This is not a continuous concert or a performance, and you can drop in for as short or long a time as you wish. Garry says that he is highlighting our marvellous organ, not his playing.

MISSION ACTION PLAN (MAP)

There will be a meeting of those interested in developing a new MAP in the St Peter's Undercroft on **Saturday, April 27 at 2.00pm.**

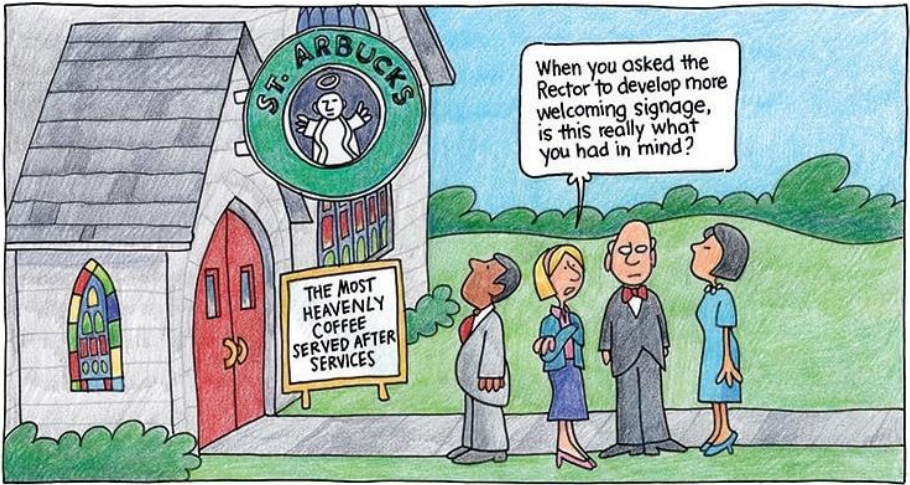
FUNDRAISING

Thank you to all those who ordered Bulbs. Our profit is just over \$200.00. Happy times waiting for them to flower.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

A bar opened opposite a Church..... The church prayed daily against the bar business. Days later the bar was struck by lightning & caught fire which destroyed it. The bar owner sued the church authorities for the cause of its destruction, as it was an action because of their prayer. The church denied all responsibility!!! So, the judge commented,

"It's difficult to decide the case because here we have a bar owner who believes in the power of prayer & an entire church that clearly doesn't believe in it!"



St Swithin's [Church Pension Group | Clergy \(cpg.org\)](http://Church Pension Group | Clergy (cpg.org))

OUR INFORMATION

- FIRST AID KIT** – Located in the office and kitchen.
- TOILETS** – Located in the Church Hall and in the church building through the church doors front right.
- WHEELCHAIR** – Located near the toilet for the disabled upstairs.
- FIRE & EMERGENCY** – Please make yourself aware of the nearest escape route in the event of an emergency or fire.
- OH&S** – Please ensure that any incidents/accidents are reported to the Vicar or Wardens and incident report completed.

Mission Statement

- Sharing the Good News
- Telling the story afresh
- Expressing God's love
- Serving the community
- Nurturing and sharing faith
- Equipping to serve

Vision

To ensure that there continues to be a living, committed, communal Anglican presence of liturgical celebration, nurture and outreach in Box Hill.

ROSTER	Today 14.04.24	Next week 21.04.24
SIDESPEOPLE	Rob K, Dianne A	Rosemary S, Sandra L
SERVERS	Michele M, Elizabeth B, <i>Kim C</i>	Michele M, Judy J, <i>Garry M</i>
READERS	Martin F, Rosemary S	Dianne A, Linda B
INTERCESSOR	Judy J	Michele M
COUNTING	Charles B, Margaret R	Elizabeth B, Hilary B
MORNING TEA	Rosemary S , Peter W, Barbara M	Cecilia , Margaret R, Jan G, Jenny F

REPORTING CHILD ABUSE

All child safety concerns must be reported to Kooyoora Professional Standards
1800 135 246

Week Ahead

SUNDAY 14.04.24

8.00am Eucharist, **9.30am** Eucharist
11.30am Mandarin service
1.00pm Badminton, *hall*
2.00pm Dinka service

MONDAY 15.04.24

Vicar's day off
6.30-9.00pm Narc Anon *Undercroft*
6.30-8.30pm Celestial Tai Chi, *hall*

TUES 16.04.23

9.00am-1.00pm Office open
9.00 onwards Parish People@Work
6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing

WED 17.04.24

9.30-11.30am Playgroup, *Kinder*
10.30am Eucharist
10.00-11.30am Tai Chi, *hall*
8.00-9.00pm Choir practice, *Undercroft*

THU 18.04.24

Rev'd Esther's day off
6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*

FRI 19.04.2

8.00am-1.00pm Office open
7.30pm Chinese prayer

SAT 20.04.24

10.00 Bible Study *office*
10.30am-1.30pm Sat School *U'croft/hall*

SUN 21.04.24

10.30am Combined congregation service
1.00pm Badminton, *hall*
2.00pm Dinka service

For the Diary

April 17

U&I Designs Fashion Show and Sale
1.30pm Undercroft. All welcome

April 19

Bible Study for Mandarin speakers,
7.30pm, Vicarage

April 20

Bible study resumes, Saturdays, 10.00am

April 20

Marking of International Organ Day
10.00am to 3.00pm at St Peter's

April 21

10.30am First of the regular third Sunday
of the month combined services

May 5

Interment of the ashes of Sophia Errey
directly after 9.30am Sunday service

May 27

Mission Action Plan meeting, 2.00pm, U'croft

CLERGY

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St Peter's church is on the land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation and we acknowledge them
as the traditional custodians of this land.