

ANGLICAN PARISH OF AVON

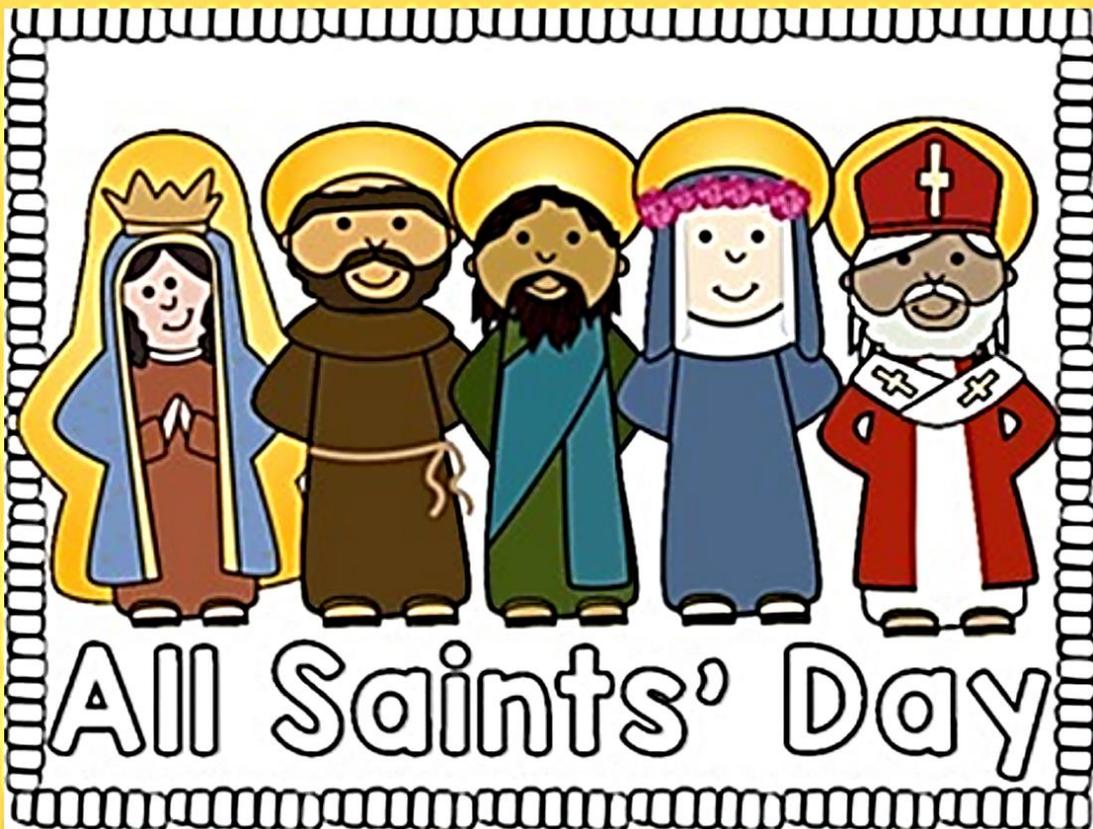
***ALL AGE FAMILY
WORSHIP & FUN!!***

10am Sunday 1 November

in Holy Trinity Church

& on Zoom/Facebook

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We acknowledge the Gunai Kurnai people as the original inhabitants of this land. We acknowledge their elders past and present and their children who are their hope for the future.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Opening Hymn: 'I will sing' – MP 315

1 I will sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me –
how He left the realms of glory
for the cross on Calvary.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me –
sing it with His saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.

2 I was lost: but Jesus found me,
found the sheep that went astray,
raised me up and gently led me
back into the narrow way.
Days of darkness still may meet me,
sorrow's path I oft may tread;
but His presence still is with me,
by His guiding hand I'm led.

3 He will keep me till the river
rolls its waters at my feet:
then He'll bear me safely over,
made by grace for glory meet.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me –
sing it with His saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.

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Welcome/Acknowledgement of Country

Greeting

As we gather, we remember that we are not alone!

**We gather with the saints,
who live in the presence of God,
singing praises to the God of our salvation.**

From every nation, race, clan and culture,
God's people gather to worship
**To God and to the Lamb, all honour, glory,
wisdom, thanksgiving, strength and power.**

Blessed be God, now and forever!
Amen!

The Sentence

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.' *(Matthew 5. 10)*

Time of thanks

Prayer of thanks

**Loving Father,
We thank you for the blessings in our lives.
We thank you for our families, especially for our faith family
gathered here.
We thank you for our homes and for all you provide for us.
We thank you for all the things you give to us, even the ones we
haven't thought of.
Thank you for everything you bless us with through your Son. Amen.**

The Confession

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

Silence for self-reflection

Let us then run our race, laying aside every weight and bringing our sins to the Lord in penitence and faith.

**Holy God, we so often fail to remember
how profoundly you love us.**

**You created us, and you love us as we are,
even as you inspire our desire to be better
through your Holy Spirit.**

**Forgive us when we fail to remember
that we are the body of Christ,
saints-in-process.**

**Empower us to begin anew,
encouraged by the stories of those
who live in your eternal presence.**

**In the name of Jesus,
and for the sake of the gospel,
we pray. Amen.**

The Absolution

May the God of love
bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins,
and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Prayer of the Day

**God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

The First Reading

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

5 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the hillside, and sat down. His disciples came to him. **2** He took a deep breath, and began his teaching:

3 ‘Blessings on the poor in spirit! The kingdom of heaven is yours.

4 ‘Blessings on the mourners! You’re going to be comforted.

5 ‘Blessings on the meek! You’re going to inherit the earth.

6 ‘Blessings on people who hunger and thirst for God’s justice! You’re going to be satisfied.

7 ‘Blessings on the merciful! You’ll receive mercy yourselves.

8 ‘Blessings on the pure in heart! You will see God.

9 ‘Blessings on the peacemakers! You’ll be called God’s children.

10 ‘Blessings on people who are persecuted because of God’s way! The kingdom of heaven belongs to you.

11 ‘Blessings on you, when people slander you and persecute you, and say all kinds of wicked things about you falsely because of me! **12** Celebrate and rejoice: there’s a great reward for you in heaven. That’s how they persecuted the prophets who went before you.’ (*Matthew 5. 1-12*)

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

9 After this I looked, and lo and behold a huge gathering which nobody could possibly count, from every nation and tribe and people and language. They were standing in front of the throne, and in front of the lamb. They were dressed in white robes, holding palm branches in their hands. **10** They were shouting out at the tops of their voices, ‘Salvation belongs to our God, to the one who sits on the throne, and to the lamb!’ **11** All the angels who were standing around the throne and the elders and the four creatures fell down on their faces before the throne and worshipped God. **12** ‘Yes, Amen!’ they were saying. ‘Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honour and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever! Amen!’

13 One of the elders spoke to me. ‘Who are these people dressed all in white?’ he asked. ‘Where have they come from?’

14 ‘Sir,’ I replied, ‘you know!’

‘These are the ones’, he said, ‘who have come out of the great suffering. They have washed their clothes and made them white in the blood of the lamb. **15** That is why they are there in front of God’s throne, serving him day and night in his temple. The one who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. **16** They will

never be hungry again, or thirsty again. The sun will not scorch them, nor will any fierce heat. ¹⁷The lamb, who is in the midst of the throne, will be their shepherd. He will lead them to springs of running water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’ (Revelation 7. 9-17)

Hear the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Early Talk

Homily

The Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power
from on high.**

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Prayers

Please sit or kneel for prayer as you are able.

Response:

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayers.

At the conclusion of the prayers:

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray,

**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.**

The Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.

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

Offertory Prayer

To you, O God, we offer our praise.
For you, we offer our gifts.
With you, we offer our lives in service to the world.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

And now we give you thanks
for the glorious pledge of the hope of our calling
which you have given us in your saints;
that, following their example and strengthened by their fellowship,
we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
and with them receive the unfading crown of glory.

So we praise you, holy God, with angels and archangels and all your faithful people:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

On the night before he died,
Jesus gathered with his friends
to share a meal and wash their feet,
teaching one more lesson of love.

He took bread
and blessed you
and broke it.
He gave it to them and said:
“Take this and eat it.
This is my body.”

He took a cup of wine
and blessed you
and gave it to them.
He said: “Take this and drink it.
This is my blood,
sealing God’s promise to forgive your sins.
Whenever you do this,
do it in memory of me.”

As we share these holy gifts,
we remember the Lord Jesus.

For the love you taught us,
the sacrifice you made for us
and the hope you give us,
we acclaim you, O Christ:
**Dying you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory.**

**And now, faithful God,
send us your Spirit**

**to feed us with the body and the blood
of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Make us one body in Christ.
Send us as your messengers in the world
and fill us with energy, courage and love.**

**Now to you, most holy God,
through Christ your Son and in the Spirit's power,
we bring our worship and our songs of praise:**

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and Communion

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.

Draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in your hearts with thanksgiving.

For those unable to receive Holy Communion this Sunday, you may like to practice the tradition of 'spiritual communion' as you watch and listen, the following prayer may be helpful:

O Lord Jesus Christ, through your tender mercy grant that as the hem of your garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch your body, so the soul of this your servant may be healed by like faith in you, whom I cannot now sacramentally receive. In union with the faithful at every altar-table in your Church I desire to be united with you and pray that you will come spiritually into my heart. Let nothing ever separate me from your love, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Sending Out of God's People

God, the source of all holiness:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims on earth
be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast in your kingdom.

Father,
**we offer ourselves to you
as a living sacrifice
though Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

Announcements

Final Hymn: ‘All the people said amen’

1 You are not alone if you are lonely,
When you feel afraid you're not the only,
We are all the same in need of mercy,
To be forgiven and be free,
It's all you got to lean on,
But thank God it's all you need.

Chorus:

*And all the people said amen, whoa,
And all the people said amen,
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends,
And all the people said amen,*

2 If you're rich or poor well it don't matter,
Weak or strong you know love is what we're after,
We're all broken but we're all in this together,
God knows we stumble and fall,
And He so loved the world,
He sent His son to save us all.

Bridge:

*Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart
Blessed are the people hungry for another start
For theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God*

Chorus

The Blessing

God, who has prepared for us a city with eternal foundations, give you grace to share the inheritance of the saints in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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BULLETIN PRAYER POINTS.

Let us pray to God, whose saints have witnessed to his glory.

Everlasting God, we pray that your Church, built on the foundation of the saints, will be faithful to the teaching of Christ so that it reflects his likeness. Lord and Father, as you kindled the flame of your love in the hearts of the saints, give to us the same faith and power of love; that, we may benefit from their unselfish examples.

We pray:-

- *For our greater care and preservation of our environment.
- *For peace in places of conflict and violence. Provision of safe-haven for refugees. Inspiration of world leaders with creativity and wisdom.
- For an end to the racial and social injustices in our own country.

For those living through ill health, social unrest and economic hardship viewed through the lens of a world-wide pandemic. We pray for the work of world medical scientists as they trial vaccines and other treatments.

- *For all front-line health carers, for their energy and safety.
- *For an end to Covid-19 virus transmission, inspiration for all people to manage infection prevention and control, and a safe end to the tiresome long lock down in Melbourne.

For safe management of infection control in our own community, our op shop, all businesses and in our churches.

*For the worldwide church, our Diocese, and the churches in our local community. For guidance and inspiring energy for Dave as he leads the parish through continued lockdown and into an intergenerational post pandemic parish. For Emma and their 4 children.

*Help us in discipleship, to take your message of love and concern for everyone into our community.

* Bless and guide us through our preparation and conduct of the parish AGM – that we will be wise, considerate, discerning and committed to fulfilling your will in the parish.

*For our mainly music families, that we can continue to connect with them.

*For our Retiring Offertory – The Diocese of Gahini, Rwanda

*For the Parish of Heyfield: Judith Lake, parishioners and friends.

*Healing God, we lift to you those who are suffering in our parish. Those with physical, mental or emotional illness, those who are losing life and those who are mourning.

We pray especially for Marion, Aubrey, David, Julie, Brenda, Liliias, Marj, Keith, Ruth, Alice, Emma, Crystal, Daryl, Jan and Mick.

Faithful God, we thank you for the example of all the saints. We thank you for the souls of our loved ones who have influenced our lives in learning to know and love you. As we go from our worship into the world help us to follow in their footsteps with courage and hope determined, like them, to do your work and live the Gospel of your Son.

NEWS AND NOTES

Greetings friends,

What a joy it is to gather in worship as well as on Zoom and Facebook.

We need to emphasise that when intending to come to church, please let Dave know early in the week. If for some reason you have a change of plans, please then cancel your booking ASAP so that Dave knows exactly how many folks to expect.

All Saints and All Souls

No Christian is solitary. Through baptism we become members one of another in Christ, members of a company of saints whose mutual belonging transcends death:

One family, we dwell in him,
one Church, above, beneath;
though now divided by the stream,
the narrow stream of death. (*Charles Wesley*)

All Saints' Day and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed on All Souls' Day both celebrate this mutual belonging. All Saints' Day celebrates men and women in whose lives the Church as a whole has seen the grace of God powerfully at work. It is an opportunity to give thanks for that grace, and for the wonderful ends to which it shapes a human life; it is a time to be encouraged by the example of the saints and to recall that sanctity may grow in the ordinary circumstances, as well as the extraordinary crises, of human living. The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed celebrates the saints in a more local and intimate key. It allows us to remember with thanksgiving before God those whom we have known more directly: those who gave us life, or who nurtured us in faith.

A project for us all!

You may recall that the current Diocesan Strategic Direction Brochure (blue) 'JESUS CHRIST, HERE AND NOW FOR GIPPSLAND' was/is current from 2017 to 2020.

As part of a consultative process in renewing the strategic directions for

2021/24, Bishop Richard is keen to involve all parishioners and clergy, and as an initial action at the parish level.

The questions Bishop Richard wants us to seriously think about and then discuss as a group (at an appointed time) are:-

Following the experience of the recent months of 'shutdowns' and eventual return to gathered worship etc.

- 1. What is something we want to START?**
- 2. What is something we may need to STOP?**
- 3. What is something we need to KEEP? (keep doing)**

We look forward to your thoughts!!

We will join for a 'Happy Chat' later today. Make a 'cuppa' and just relax, feeling spiritually refreshed after worship.

The AGM of the parish will convene next Sunday 8 November. At this stage, we plan to hold an 'out of doors' meeting at Holy Trinity.

For parishioners who wish to nominate someone or accept nomination for Parish Council, please find the Nomination Forms inserted in the Bulletin and return to Denise's street mailbox ASAP.

From 2pm to 4pm this afternoon there will be a 'Quiet afternoon of prayer for All Saints' Day' via Zoom with Dean Susanna.

Dave has asked that we share the following message:

Catherine Muston, Community Development Officer | Parish Partnerships, Anglicare writes:

Many of you will be aware through your own work of the cycle of trauma-addiction-violence-imprisonment that is the reality for so many local Aboriginal men. You will also know that having stable affordable accommodation can be very difficult to find for those leaving prison.

A group of mostly Aboriginal people have been working to develop a way to address this cycle through the establishment of a culturally sensitive accommodation and training place for Aboriginal men leaving prison. To date, 25 acres of land has been donated at a peppercorn rate for 50 years, many local leaders and organisations (including AV) have provided letters

*of support, and there have been undertakings for employment and education to be provided once the program is established. **The next step is to incorporate Warrigunya and to build a membership base.***

Membership of Warrigunya is open to anyone who is interested in supporting this project. There may be people in your congregations who would be interested in becoming a member of this organisation, and there may be others who would feel called to pray for its development. This has been led by uncle Alan Coe who is a worshipping member of the lakes Entrance Baptist church and Merryn Stevenson who is a member of the Cathedral parish. It is free and only requires the completion of the attached form to be returned to Merryn Stevenson at nenya@westnet.com.au .

For more information please feel free to call or email me. I have also attached the latest newsletter which has more information or you can check out their Facebook page.

*Kind regards
Cathrine*

Copies of the newsletter and application form are available on email (from Denise) or hard copies in Holy Trinity.

With our Humble Thanks and Blessings

WHATS ON IN THE PARISH

NOVEMBER

OP Shop / Parish Raffle. Retiring Offertory: Rwanda

- Tues 3** Melbourne Cup Day.
- Sun 8** Twenty-third Sunday in Pentecost Prayer for the Defences Forces of Australia.
****AGM of the Parish
4pm Healing Service at Holy Trinity
- Wed 11** Remembrance Day.
- Fri 13** Synod.
- Sat 14** Synod: full day of business.
- Sun 15** Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Pentecost.
Commissioning of the New Parish Council.
- Thurs 19** Parish Council Reports Due
- Sat 21** Men's Breakfast
- Sun 22** Christ the King. Twenty-fifth, LAST Sunday in Pentecost
- Thurs 26** First Meeting of the New Parish Council
- Fri 27** Kid's Movie Night.
- Sun 29** First Sunday of Advent
10am Combined Church Centres Worship at All Saints.
- Mon 30** ?? Christmas Afternoon Tea for volunteers.

Holy Trinity Roster Sunday 1 Nov. 23 Sunday in Pentecost

Prayer for the Defence Forces of Australia

Joshua 24.1-3a,14-25. Ps 78.1-7. 1 Thess. 4.9-18.

Matthew. 25.1-13

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