

# Avon Parish

**All Age Family Worship  
10am Sunday 7 November  
Holy Trinity, Stratford**

**Music and Fun!!**



***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.***

## **Opening Hymn: ‘You are my all in all’ – MP 1019**

1 You are my strength when I am weak,  
You are the treasure that I seek,  
You are my all in all;  
seeking You as a precious jewel,  
Lord, to give up I’d be a fool,  
You are my all in all.

*Chorus:*

*Jesus, Lamb of God,  
worthy is Your name;  
Jesus, Lamb of God,  
worthy is Your name.*

2 Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,  
rising again, I bless Your name,  
You are my all in all;  
when I fall down You pick me up,  
when I am dry You fill my cup,  
You are my all in all.  
*Jesus, Lamb of God...*

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## **Greeting**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

# Welcome/Acknowledgement of Country

## Call to Worship

Love the Lord your God.  
**We love with all our heart.**

Love the Lord your God.  
**We love with all our soul.**

Love the Lord your God.  
**We love with all our mind.**

Love the Lord your God.  
**We love with all our strength.**

## The Sentence

Jesus said “All the others gave what they’ll never miss; she gave extravagantly what she couldn’t afford—she gave her all.” *(Mark 12. 44)*

## Time of thanks

### Prayer of thanks

Let us pray,

**Thank you for your amazing power  
and work in our lives,  
thank you for your goodness  
and for your blessings over us.  
Thank you that you are able to bring hope  
through even the toughest of times.  
Thank you for your great love and care for us every day.  
Keep us thankful and gracious for everything you bless us with.  
In Jesus name. Amen.**

## **The Confession**

God shows great love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

*Silence for self-reflection*

Therefore, let us confess our sins to God.

**Holy God, forgive us we have not given all that we are—  
our hearts, minds, soul, and strength—  
in loving you.**

**Forgive us when we struggle to love one another to the fullest.  
Receive our heartfelt confession,  
and hear our gratitude  
for your grace and forgiveness in Christ's name. Amen.**

## **Absolution**

May God our Father forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to the fellowship of his table  
with his saints for ever.

**Amen.**

## **The Prayer of the Day**

**God, our refuge and strength,  
bring near the day when wars shall cease  
and poverty and pain shall end,  
that earth may know the peace of heaven  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **The Ministry of the Word**

### **The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark**

<sup>38-40</sup> He continued teaching. “Watch out for the religion scholars. They love to walk around in academic gowns, preening in the radiance of public flattery, basking in prominent positions, sitting at the head table at every church function. And all the time they are exploiting the weak and helpless.”

The longer their prayers, the worse they get. But they'll pay for it in the end."

<sup>41-44</sup> Sitting across from the offering box, he was observing how the crowd tossed money in for the collection. Many of the rich were making large contributions. One poor widow came up and put in two small coins—a measly two cents. Jesus called his disciples over and said, "The truth is that this poor widow gave more to the collection than all the others put together. All the others gave what they'll never miss; she gave extravagantly what she couldn't afford—she gave her all." *Mark 12. 38-44*

For the Gospel of the Lord,

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**Early Talk**

**Homily**

**The Affirmation of Faith**

Let us pray.

**We believe in one God,  
who made and loves all that is.  
We believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was born, lived, died and rose again,  
and is coming to call all to account.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who calls, equips and sends out God's people,  
and brings all things to their true end.  
This is our faith, the faith of the Church:  
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 Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Hymn: 'The Blessing'

//The Lord bless you,  
and keep you,  
make his face shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you,  
the Lord turn his,

face toward you,  
and give you peace.//

*Chorus:*

*//Amen, amen, amen.//*

//The Lord bless you,  
and keep you,  
make his face shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you,  
the Lord turn his,  
face toward you,  
and give you peace.//

*Chorus:*

*//Amen, amen, amen.//*

Bridge:

//May his favour,  
be upon you,  
and a thousand generations,  
and your family,  
and your children,  
and their children,  
and their children.//

May his presence,  
go before you,  
and behind you,  
and beside you,  
all around you,  
and within you,  
He is with you,  
He is with you.

In the morning,  
in the evening,  
in your coming,  
and your going,  
in your weeping,  
and rejoicing,

He is for you,  
He is for you.

He is for you, He is for you,  
He is for you, He is for you,  
He is for you, He is for you.

*Chorus:*

*////Amen, amen, amen.////*

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## **The Great Thanksgiving**

God is here.  
**We praise God together.**

Let us say thank you to God  
**who has done so much for us.**

Blessed are you, Lord God,  
our light and our salvation;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things  
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.  
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,  
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels  
and all the powers of heaven  
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

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

And now, Lord Jesus Christ,  
we thank you  
for the meal you shared with us

on the night before you died.

You took the bread  
and blessed it and broke it  
and gave it to your friends.

You said:

“This is my body. Take it and eat it in memory of me.”

Then you took the cup of wine, and blessed it,  
and gave it to your friends to drink.

You said:

“This is my blood.

It is God’s guarantee that sins will be forgiven.

Every time you drink it, do this in memory of me.”

So we do what you command us,

and we remember:

you lived and died,

you rose in glory,

you sent your Holy Spirit,

and you will come again

at the end of time

to bring us home to God.

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection,**

**you have set us free.**

**You are the Saviour of the world.**

**Now, Holy Spirit, we praise you**

**because you help us pray.**

**Come to us in this celebration,**

**and make us your holy people.**

**Feed us at this table**

**with the body and the blood of Christ.**

**Make our faith grow.**

**Send us to be your messengers to the world.**

**Spread the Good News of Jesus**

**by our words, our actions and our love.**

**Teach us to praise the living God,**

**through our Saviour Jesus Christ,**

**with every breath you give us:**

**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.**

Let us draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in our 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 of peace,  
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom  
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:  
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,  
and by your healing power  
make whole both people and nations;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

**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.**

## Announcements

### Final Hymn: 'The power of your love' – MP 880

1 Lord, I come to You,  
let my heart be changed, renewed,  
flowing from the grace that I've found in You.  
And, Lord, I've come to know  
the weaknesses I see in me  
will be stripped away  
by the power of Your love.

*Chorus:*  
*Hold me close,*  
*let Your love surround me;*  
*bring me near,*  
*draw me to Your side.*  
*And as I wait,*  
*I'll rise up like the eagle,*  
*and I will soar with You,*  
*Your Spirit leads me on*  
*in the power of Your love.*

2 Lord, unveil my eyes,  
let me see You face to face,  
the knowledge of Your love as You live in me.  
Lord, renew my mind,  
as Your will unfolds in my life  
in living every day  
in the power of Your love.  
*Hold me close...*

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# The Blessing

Go out in love to care for strangers.

Go out in love to care for kin.

Go out in love to care for neighbours.

Go out in love to care for yourselves, beloved of God,  
and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life  
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**

### **We pray:**

Loving God, we praise your name with all you have created. You are present in the whole universe, and in the smallest of creatures. We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us as stewards of your creation. May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders that attended G20 and COP26 summits, as they sought to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society. Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the poorest and most vulnerable and commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home.

\*God of Compassion, bring healing and peace to the nations in conflict, where there is political instability, where your people are being brutally persecuted, and where Covid still rages through the population.

\*Protect those who are poor and hungry and give them hope.

Move those with plenty to share with those who have little and help all people to love their neighbour as themselves.

\*For our Diocese, our Parish, and the churches in our local community.

For Bishop Richard and his family and for our priest Dave and his family.

For Dave's ministry in our parish and the Diocese.

For our ministries and support of others as we work beside our priest.

\*Bless Emma and their children.

\*For safety of volunteers and patrons at our op shop. For our mainly music program. That we can provide a safe and happy environment for families. Bless all who come to the sessions.

\*For our Retiring Offertory: For our link Diocese in Rwanda.

\*Healing God, we hold before you those who are burdened with illness, physical, mental, or emotional, those who seek your healing and those who are lonely or sad:- We raise before you: -

*Julie, Paul, Kate, Joy, Ron, Cliff, Nathan, Val, Marion, Bev, Lillas, Keith, Ruth, Alice, Emma, Crystal, Jan and Mick.*

Faithful God, you have promised to be with us and long ago sent your Spirit to live amongst us to guide us to a future of goodness and hope. As we travel into the week ahead seeking your truth and justice, help us to feel your presence and see your answers to the prayers we have made to you this morning.

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## NEWS AND NOTES

**Good morning, friends,**

Following the 10am Family Worship at Holy Trinity today, we will convene for the Annual General Meeting of the Parish and then the Annual Meeting of the Church / Holy Trinity.

This is an important time in the life of our Parish and we urge all parishioners, if possible, to please attend. If you have not already read the AGM document, please relax with a cuppa, and read it through. Dave and many parishioners have given much time and effort in writing about areas of ministry and thanking all who assist.

The agenda is included in the AGM Document which was delivered on Friday last. If you do not have a copy, please collect a copy from the sides persons desk in Holy Trinity . . . thank you.

The retiring Parish Council has adopted the 2021/22 budget and recommended it be presented to the AGM.

The new Parish Council will be commissioned on Sunday 21 November and convene its first meeting on Tuesday 23 November.

From 2pm to 4pm on Remembrance Day there will be a Quiet Afternoon at Delbridge Hall at St Paul's Cathedral, facilitated by Dean Susanna and Jenny Batten.

May your week be one of Blessings and Peace.

# Byzantium, Constantinople, Istanbul

*exploring faith in history*



Presenter June Treadwell

Istanbul, the city where the East meets the West, was the centre of the Byzantine Christian Empire under the Emperor Constantine I and later under Justinian. However, this Christian Empire was conquered by the Ottomans- becoming an Islamic State.

This course will explore these moments, enriched by a survey of the art and architecture of the periods.



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5pm Fri 19 November – 5.00pm Sat 20 November  
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## WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH

### NOVEMBER

*Thursdays*      *mainly music. 9.30am Parish Hall during School Term.*

*Fridays*          *9.30am Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity*

*Mondays*        *7.30pm Bible Studies*

**OP Shop / Parish Raffle commences**

**Retiring Offertory: Rwanda.**

**Thurs 11**        **2pm to 4pm. Quiet Afternoon at Delbridge Hall, Cathedral.  
Dean Susanna & Jenny Batten. Remembrance Day**

**Sun 14**          **Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Pentecost. Prayer for the Defences  
Forces of Australia -the Sunday nearest Remembrance Day (General Synod  
2014)**

**Tues 16**        **Parish Council Reports Due**

**Fri 19**          **5pm Fri to 5pm Sat 20 Nov. Byzantium, Constantinople,  
Istanbul, exploring faith in history. The Abbey. Ref to flyer.**

**Sat 20**          **Men's Breakfast**

**Sun 21**          **Christ the King. LAST Sunday in Pentecost  
**Commissioning of the New Parish Council.** Healing Service**

**Tues 23**        **First Meeting of the New Parish Council**

**Fri 26**          **10.30am-3.30pm. Ecumenical Advent Conversation. Abbey**

**Sat 27**          **Avon Parish Women's Fellowship and Craft Day**

**Sun 28**          **First Sunday of Advent**

**Mon 29**        **Christmas Afternoon Tea for volunteers.**

### **Sunday 14 November, Pentecost 25.**

**1Samuel 1.4-20. Ps. Song of Hannah (APBA 429)**

**Hebrews 10.11-14 (15-18)19-25 Mark 13.1-11**

**Priest: Dave. Lit Denise: 1<sup>st</sup> Read: Sandra 2<sup>nd</sup> Gail**

**Intercess: Denise. Org: Vic Sides: Bev T. Judy T.**

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