
ANGLICAN CHURCH *of the* ASCENSION

EAST BURWOOD



23rd August 2026

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“Seeking God, Serving with love, Sharing hope”

Welcome to Church

We are delighted that you are worshipping with us today.
Please take Communion, whatever your denomination.
If you are visiting, please make yourself known to
Rev Fiona or to one of our welcomers following the service
and do stay for a cuppa and chat!

Sentence for Today

Jesus said to them, ‘Who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ Matthew 16.15-16



For those who have children with them, there is a children’s corner in the church for the little ones. During school term, children who are pre-school age and above can attend ‘Godzone’ - Special Children’s Activities - shortly after we begin the 9.30am service.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Before each service we enter a time of silence as we prepare ourselves for worship.

Entrance hymn: TiS 631 "Father, Lord of all Creation"

Father, Lord of all Creation,
ground of Being, Life and Love;
height and depth beyond description,
only life in you can prove:
you are mortal life's dependence:
thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;
yours is every hour's existence,
sovereign Lord of time and space.

Jesus Christ, the Man for Others,
we, your people, make our prayer:
Give us grace to love as brothers,
all whose burdens we can share.
Where your name binds us together,
you, Lord Christ, will surely be;
where no selfishness can sever
there your love we may all may see.

Holy Spirit, rushing, burning,
wind and flame of Pentecost,
fire our hearts afresh with yearning
To regain what we have lost.
May your love unite our action,
nevermore to speak alone:
God, in us abolish faction,
God, through us your love make known.

David Stewart Cross 1928–1989

Acclamation

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

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Welcome

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.'

Kyries: Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy.

The Gloria:

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:

O God, fount of all wisdom,
in the humble witness of the apostle Peter
you have shown the foundation of our faith:
give us the light of your Spirit,
that, recognising in Jesus of Nazareth the Son of the living God,
we may be living stones for the building up of your holy Church;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We pray at the time of choosing an incumbent:

Bountiful God,
give to this parish a faithful pastor
who will faithfully speak your word
and minister your sacraments;
an encourager who will equip your people for ministry
and enable us to fulfil our calling.
Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience,
and to us give warm and generous hearts,
for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Godzone blessing

The ministry of the Word:

The first reading: Exodus. 1.8-2.10

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.' Therefore, they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, 'When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.' But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, 'Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?' The midwives said to Pharaoh, 'Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.' So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.' Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So, the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So, the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 124

If the Lord had not been on our side,
now may Israel say:

**if the Lord had not been on our side,
when our enemies rose against us,**

Then they would have swallowed us alive:

when their anger was kindled against us.

Then the waters would have overwhelmed us,
and the torrent gone over us:

the raging waters would have gone clean over us.

But praised be the Lord:

who has not given us as a prey to their teeth.

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler:

the snare is broken, and we have gone free.

Our help is in the name of the Lord:

who has made heaven and earth.

The second reading: Romans 12.1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn: TiS 449 "Stand up and bless the Lord,"

**Stand up and bless the Lord,
you people of his choice;
stand up and bless the Lord your God
with heart, and soul, and voice.**

**Though high above all praise,
above all blessing high,
who would not fear his holy name,
and praise and magnify?**

**O for the living flame
from his own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our minds inspire,
and wing to heaven our thought!**

The Gospel reading:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Matthew, chapter 16 beginning at verse 13

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**God is our strength and song,
and his salvation ours;
then be his love in Christ proclaimed
with all our ransomed powers.**

**Stand up and bless the Lord,
the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless his glorious name,
henceforth for evermore.**

James Montgomery 1771-1854 alt.

Sermon – followed by a time of silent reflection

The Creed:

Let us stand together and affirm the faith of the church:

**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.

The Prayers of the People:

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

The response is...**Hear our prayer.**

At the conclusion

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.**

Preparation

Jesus said: Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will
give you rest. Matthew 11.28.

Prayer of Approach:

**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:

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners
and inviting them to the Lord's table.
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true
heart.

Confession:

**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 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.

Offertory hymn: TiS 454 "Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

**Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name.
Low at his feet lay your burden of carefulness,
high on his heart he will bear it for you,
comfort your sorrows, and answer your prayerfulness,
guiding your steps in the way best for you.**

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth you would reckon to own:
truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to bring to his throne.

These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear,
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name.

John Samuel Bewley Monsell 1811-75 *alt.*

Prayer over the gifts:

Blessed 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 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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross
and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
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.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

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

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident 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 breaking of the bread:

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:

**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.**

Invitation to communion:

The gifts of God, for the people of God.
Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ
in remembrance that he died for us,
and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The Communion

Post Communion Hymn: TiS 738 "My Jesus, my Saviour"

**My Jesus, my Saviour
Lord, there is none like you;
all of my days, I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength,
let every breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship you.**

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands;
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.**

Darlene Zschech 1993-

Prayer after Communion:

Living God,
in this holy meal you fill us with new hope.
May the power of your love,
which we have known in word and sacrament,
continue your saving work among us,
give us courage for our pilgrimage,
and bring us to the joys you promise.

**Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.**

Notices

Blessing:

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Final Hymn: *TiS 687 “God gives us a future”*

God gives us a future,
daring us to go
into dreams and dangers
on a path unknown.
We will face tomorrow
in the Spirit’s power,
we will let God change us,
for new life starts now.

We must leave behind us
sins of yesterday,
for God’s new beginning
is a better way.
Fear and doubt and habit
must not hold us back:
God gives hope, and insight,
and the strength we lack.

Holy Spirit, teach us
how to read the signs,
how to meet the challenge
of our troubled times.
Love us into action,
stir us into prayer,
till we choose God’s life, and
find our future there.

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

NOTICES

Commissioning Service: Please pray for Fr Anthony and Kym as they begin their ministry at St Bartholomew's, Burnley tomorrow.

We are having a FETE: Let's get busy, cooking, sewing, planning, sorting, pricing, setting up, clearing up, washing dishes....**our major Fundraiser for the year** – but we will be having a PHANTOM FETE. Our 'fete' has been a great success each year and we are hoping that the donations this year will help us achieve our fundraising targets. Please place your donation in an envelope marked 'Fete' or use 'direct debit'. This is the easiest fete you will ever work at - please consider a generous gift.

Not home alone: We will meet at 'Poppies on Canterbury' (102A Canterbury Rd, Blackburn South) at 12.30pm on Friday, August 28th for lunch together. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you. Please contact Judithe (9729 8185) for more details.

Father's day raffle: We need donations for our hampers for the Father's Day raffle, which will be drawn on September 6th. We thank Chellam for again coordinating our raffle, tickets are \$1(still!) and we thank you all for supporting this fundraising venture! Tickets are available today!

Trivia night: The best Trivia night in Melbourne is happening on September 12th, 7pm at Ascension. New quiz masters, new rounds, old favorite games and a silent auction – all packed into a fun-filled night. Tickets are only \$20 and a list is waiting for your name to reserve a table.

Footy Tipping 2026: No one saw TWO draws occur in the same week, and both in crucial games for Round 23 last week. Happily for tipsters, everyone gets a point for a draw, which means that if they pick all the rest correctly, they get the extra bonus point. It turns out that just on 70% of our tipsters got the 9 'correct' and so a whopping 10 entrants got the magical 10 points for the round. Perhaps things are more predictable the more the season goes on (except for predicting any draw!)

This means that Peter Wharton (70) has snatched a vital two point lead over Judithe Atkinson and Aggie Canterbury (68) in the Second Half-Season championship, just ahead of the quartet of Brian Brand, Cooper Godden (leading all older Goddens!), Peggy & Paul Kruse and Christine Youngs (67) just ahead Matthew Godden (66).

Only one week remaining - it could be tip well or bust! Good luck to all.

SAINTS AND HOLY WOMEN AND MEN FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE AND MARTYR
Thursday	Monica, mother of Augustine (d. 387)
Friday	Augustine of Hippo, bishop and teacher (d. 430)
Saturday	The Beheading of John the Baptist

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Wednesday:

2 Thessalonians 3.1-18
Psalm 128
Matthew 23.27-32

Next Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 3.1-15
Psalm 105.1-6, 23-26
Romans 12.9-21
Matthew 16.21-28

WE THANK GOD FOR THE MANY BLESSINGS IN OUR LIVES

From Melbourne Diocesan Prayer Diary –

Liberia, Sierra Leone, The Church of the Province of West Africa.

Diocese of The Murray: Administrator Archdeacon Simon Waters; St John the Baptist Cathedral; clergy, lay ministers and people.

Oodthenong Episcopate, Archdeaconry of Williamstown, Deanery of Williamstown, Holy Trinity Bacchus Marsh, Anglican Church of Caroline Springs, Footscray Anglican Parish, Church of the Epiphany Hoppers Crossing, Christ Church Melton, Christ Church Newport. Trinity Grammar School.

St Paul's Caulfield North (ABp Ric Thorpe), Holy Trinity Upwey (Bp Paul Barker), Berwick Anglican Church (Bp Paul Barker).

To Christ, the Son of the Living God, we pray on behalf of —

OUR WORLD

- for settlement in geopolitical issues that have turned old allies into wary acquaintances.
- for the quelling of tensions, the de-escalation of conflicts and for peaceful cooperation.
- for all caught up in disasters and struggle due to earthquake, flood, fire or famine.

OUR COUNTRY

- for all who work in maternity services and who provide care for the newborn.
- for careful migration practices especially concerning the arrival of vulnerable people.
- for the containment of the H5N1 bird-flu virus and the prevention of its spreading.

OUR CHURCH

- for space to reflect on life and see more purposely in the light of the Gospel.
- for local churches that their many and diverse gifts will be used to further the Kingdom.
- for Anthony and Kym as they begin their ministry at St Bartholomew's in Burnley.

OUR COMMUNITY

- for safety for children at risk of abuse, especially in places of care and education.
- for our protection and more acute awareness when being inundated with scams.
- for candidates for election to our parliament that they uphold fairness, honesty and truth.

OURSELVES

- for Fiona and her ministry amongst us whilst we await the appointment of a parish priest.
- for support for all who are burdened by cares and for those who struggle alone with life.
- for our sense of being together as brothers/sisters and conscious of God's presence.

THE ASCENSION COMMUNITY

Please hold in your daily prayers any individual parish members who may be on your heart, and for an awareness of God's presence in the events of the week.

Those in special need of prayer: *Estelle Carman, Douglas Mortimer, Kaye & Carole Smith, Pauline & Siew Tin Le Riche, Lyle & Jan Mansfield, Marie Cleaver, Shirley & Alan Wagner, Fanny Diedricks, Dawn, Stanley, and Rose Joseph, Heather McKenzie, Rachael Allan, Peggy & Paul Kruse, Tim Youings, Ravinash Kumar, Rick Knight, Sue Spalding, Cheryl Hall, Sharon Munday, Julie Wee, Chrissie Gartlan, Glen Wood and others known to us who are in special need of prayer.*

Those at the Peter James Centre, Burwood Lodge, and Calvary the Highbury.

All who work in health and aged care settings, local Schools, Colleges, and Universities.

Those who come for help to East Burwood Care.

We remember this week, the year's mind of: *Robert Evans, Ivy Baker, Leslie Crockford, Ena Harding, Grace Griffiths, Elsie Hall, Edgar Antwen, Winifred Callender, Alex Ludwick, Joy Darvell, Perin Harding and Muriel Patterson.*

ROSTERS:

	<u>8:00am</u>
Welcomers	Sue Tregear
Reader	Robin Jellis
Server	Sue Tregear
Liturgical Assistant	
Intercessions	Rev Fiona
Godzone	
Music	
Morning Tea	
Sacristan	Sue Tregear
Printing	Christine Youings
Flowers	Robin Jellis

<u>9:30am</u>
Elizabeth & Sam Waite
Trevor Smith
Christine Youings
Daniel Waite
Joy Ritchie
Natalie Ortlieb
Josh Waite & Heath McKenzie
Barrie Harding & Ros Smith



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*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land,
the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation.
We pay our respects to their elders, past, present, and emerging.*

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Pew sheet: Please send all items for inclusion in next week's pew sheet to Christine Youings by 5:00pm Thursday evening (jyouings@melbpc.org.au)

Baptism, Marriage, & Funerals by arrangement

Weekly services

Sunday	8:00am Eucharist 9:30am Sung Eucharist 'Godzone' children's program during 9:30 am service (during school term)
Wednesday	10:00am Eucharist
Friday	10:00am – Noon. Drop-in for a cuppa, quiz and chat.

Commitment to Child Safety: At the Church of the Ascension we follow Christ in being a caring Church welcoming of all, extending his love and invitation of new life. In ministry to children, young people and vulnerable adults we are committed to providing an environment that is physically, emotionally and spiritually safe and supportive. We have a zero-tolerance approach to Child abuse or abuse of vulnerable people. This includes a culture of child-safety and of inclusivity for people of cultural and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background, people with disability or any other specific group.

Read the full **Commitment to Child Safety** document on our website:
www.ascensionchurch.org.au