

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

"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, and come to worship with us again. If you are visiting, please make yourself known to Fr. Anthony or to one of our welcomers following the service and do stay for a cuppa and chat!

Sentence for Today

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Matthew 4.4.



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 580 "Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us"

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us o'er the world's tempestuous sea; guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, for we have no help but thee; yet possessing every blessing if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us; all our weakness thou dost know; thou didst tread this earth before us, thou didst feel its keenest woe: lone and dreary, faint and weary, through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending, fill our hearts with heavenly joy, love with every passion blending, pleasure that can never cloy: thus provided, pardoned, guided, nothing can our peace destroy,

James Edmeston 1791-1867

Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Blessed be God's kingdom, now and 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.

Invitation to Confession:

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

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:

O saving God, who led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land: so guide us that, following our Saviour, we may walk through the wilderness of this world and be brought to the glory of the world which is to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

Trisagion:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

The Prayer of the Day:

Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet did not sin: give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your will, that, as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We give praise to God:

We thank you, Lord,

for keeping us under the shadow of your mercy, for sustaining and supporting the anxious and fearful, for lifting up all who are brought low. May we always rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

Godzone blessing

The ministry of the Word:

The first reading: Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die." ' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

For the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32

Blessed are those whose sin is forgiven:

- whose iniquity is put away.
- Blessed are those to whom the Lord imputes no blame: and in whose spirit there is no guile.

For whilst I held my tongue:

my bones wasted away with my daily complaining. Your hand was heavy upon me day and night:

and my moisture was dried up like a drought in summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you:

and my iniquity I did not hide;

I said 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord': and so you forgave the wickedness of my sin.

For this cause shall everyone that is faithful make their prayer to you in the day of trouble:

and in the time of the great water-flood,

it shall not come near them.

You are a place to hide me in, you will preserve me from trouble: you will surround me with deliverance on every side.
'I will instruct you, and direct you in the way that you should go: I will fasten my eye upon you, and give you counsel.
'Be not like horse or mule, that have no understanding: whose forward course must be curbed with bit and bridle.'
Great tribulations remain for the ungodly: but whoever puts their trust in the Lord, mercy embraces them on every side.

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and be glad: and shout for joy, all you that are true of heart.

The second reading: Romans 5.12-21

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned — sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. But law came in, with the result that the trespass multiplied; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, just as sin exercised dominion in death, so grace might also exercise dominion through justification leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn: TiS 591 "Forty days and forty nights"

Forty days and forty nights you were fasting in the wild, forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled:

let us your endurance share and from earthly greed abstain, with you watching unto prayer, with you strong to suffer pain

And if Satan on us press flesh or spirit to assail, Victor in the wilderness, grant we may not faint or fail.

The Gospel reading:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,

according to Matthew, chapter 4 beginning at verse 1

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished.

The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.'

But he answered, 'It is written,

"One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." '

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple,

saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you",

and "On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." '

Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." '

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour;

and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.'

Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

"Worship the Lord your God,

and serve only him." '

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear, ever constant by your side, that with you we may appear at the eternal Eastertide.

George Hunt Smyttan 1822-70 and Francis Pott 1832-1909 alt.

The Sermon

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 Church and for the world.

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.

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 256 "From heaven you came helpless babe"

From heaven you came helpless babe entered our world, your glory veiled; not to be served but to serve and give Your life that we might live *This is our God, The Servant King, he calls us now to follow Him, to bring our lives as a daily offering of worship to The Servant King*

There in the garden of tears, my heavy load he chose to bear; his heart with sorrow was torn, 'Yet not my will but yours', he said *This is our God, The Servant King,...*

Come see His hands and His feet, the scars that speak of sacrifice, hands that flung stars into space to cruel nails surrendered.

This is our God, The Servant King,...

So, let us learn how to serve and in lives enthrone him; each other's needs to prefer, for it is Christ we're serving *This is our God, The Servant King,...*

Graham Kendrick 1950

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. He was tempted in every way as we are, vet he did not sin. 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. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to walk in the way of his love. 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 he 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: "Be still for the presence of the Lord"

Be still for the presence of the Lord the Holy One is here. Come bow before Him now with reverence and fear, in Him no sin is found we stand on holy ground. Be still for the presence of the Lord the Holy One is here

Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around. He burns with holy fire with splendour He is crowned, how awesome is the sight our radiant King of Light. Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around

Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place. He comes to cleanse and heal to minister His grace, no work too hard for Him in faith receive from Him. Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

David J Evans 1957 -

Prayer after Communion:

God of mercy, may we who have shared in this holy meal know your forgiveness in our lives, bring your reconciliation to others, and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world.

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

The Blessing:

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself, that you may find in him crucified a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sin forgiven, + 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 595 "O Jesus, I have promised"

O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; Lord, be for ever near me, my master and my friend; I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side, nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion: the murmurs of self will; Lord, speak to reassure me, to chasten or control; O speak, and make me listen, true guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you that where you are in glory there shall thy servant be; And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end— Oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

O let me see your footprints, and in them plant my own; my hope to follow duly is in your strength alone; Oh, guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end; And then in Heav'n receive me, my Saviour and my friend.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen **Lenten Reconciliation:** Please let Fr Anthony know if you would like to schedule a time for personal confession and reconciliation during the season of Lent. This ministry can be helpful for those who need some extra guidance, counsel, and encouragement at this time.

NOTICES

Pat's jams are available again Today!

Shrove Tuesday & Pancakes: Forty three people enjoyed the delicious pancakes and the warm hospitality. A big thank you to Christine, who blended 24 eggs, 4 kilograms of flour and 8 litres of milk into the pancake mixture which made more than 100 pancakes. Christine was also responsible for the many delicious sauces and toppings (Mangos & Strawberries!) and provided all the goodies. Also many thanks to Heath & Ava for flipping the pancakes with such great dexterity, Anne & Rachael for helping wash up the mountain of dishes. And finally, a big 'thank you' to Heather and Ron, who set up the house for the event and then tidied up next day! Overall, it was a great parish evening!

Lenten Reflections 2023 - Dust Dreaming of Glory: 10:00am-Noon or 7:30-9pm Wednesdays 1st -29th March (5 sessions)

As part of our Parish's commitment to both individual and shared GROWTH, we will be offering a series of Lenten reflections based on the Gospel readings through Lent in the lead up to Easter. These group reflections will be led by Rev. Trevor Smith and will be held each Wednesday following the 10:00am Midweek Eucharist or, for those who find evenings easier, each Wednesday 7:30pm. During this time we will be taking a deep dive into the Gospel readings for the upcoming Sunday. To express your interest, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex so that we can get a sense of numbers.

Footy Tipping - The AFL footy season starts in less than 3 weeks time (March 16). If you would like to be in the tipping competition this year, please let Jon or Christine Youings (<u>jyouings@melbpc.org.au</u> or 9894-4803) know and you will be sent a fixture. Entry is an inflation free \$30 of which half goes to the church as a donation. Get your dartboards, form guides, ouija boards, and pre-season scouting notes ready for another rollicking season.

Mothering Sunday Lunch on Sunday 19th March. This annual lunch is a time to get together half way through Lent. The lunch will start at Noon in the hall. All are welcome! Please put the date in your diary.

News and views on faith from Australia and around the world brought to you by *The Melbourne Anglican*. The NewsStand is now live on *TMA*'s website, using the link <u>http://tma.melbourneanglican.org.au/newsstand</u>

- For parishes on the outer edges of the diocese, finding a new priest is a challenge The Melbourne Anglican
- On show: Jesus as every Melburnian The Melbourne Anglican
- Shrovetide laughter and the joy of Easter: Why did the Church sanction carnival? ABC News
- Sharing the gospel with big-hearted bikies Eternity News
- 'Annihilating for survivors': the Catholic church and its plaques to abuse perpetrators The Guardian
- Religious leaders pen support for an Indigenous Voice The Catholic Leader
- Queensland police shooting declared a religiously motivated terrorist attack following investigation SBS News

- Died: Christian Atsu, Ghana Soccer Star who Praised God in Everything Christianity Today
- Why do Christians wear ashes on Ash Wednesday? The Conversation
- Jerusalem Christians say they feel growing harassment Reuters
- Justin Welby rejected as leader by conservative Anglicans over same-sex blessings BBC News
- more...

SAINTS AND HOLY WOMEN AND MEN FOR THIS WEEK

Monday
WednesdayGeorge Herbert, parish priest, poet (d. 1633)
David, bishop of Menevia, Wales (d. 601)
Chad, bishop of Lichfield, missionary (d. 672)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Wednesday:	Next Sunday: Second Sunday in Lent
Jonah 3.1-10	Genesis 12.1-4a
Psalm 56.6-9	Psalm 121
Luke 11.29-32	Romans 4.1-5,13-17
	John 3.1-17

WE THANK GOD FOR HIS MANY BLESSINGS, LET US PRAY EACH DAY FOR THE CHURCH

Sun 26 Christ Church Dingley (Richard Loh); Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia; Korowa Anglican Girls' School (Helen Carmody, Principal; Kirsten Winkett, Chaplain);

Mon 27 St David's Doncaster East (Judith Frost); Religious Orders serving within the Anglican Church of Australia; Deacons' Ministry;

MARCH Wed 1 Holy Trinity Doncaster (Andrew Price, Alan Xue, Esther Ruan, Geoffrey Hall, Mark Chew); Locums and all retired clergy; Archdeaconry of Williamstown (Glenn Buijs);

Thurs 2 St Margaret's Eltham (Linda Fiske); The Anglican Church of Australia (Primate Abp Geoffrey Smith, General Secretary Anne Hywood, the General Synod & the Standing Committee); Lowther Hall Anglican Grammar School (Elisabeth Rhodes, Principal; Fiona Raike, Chaplain); St Peter's Bundoora – Commissioning of the Rev'd Stephen Monseigneur (Bp Kate Prowd)

Fri 3 St Mark's Emerald (Andrew Bowles, Jerome Dias, Vivianne Dias); The Diocese of Armidale (Bp Rod Chiswell, Clergy & People); Diocesan Building Committee (Mrs Julie Duynhoven, Mr Andrew Jirik, Mr Ashley Wiseman);

Sat 4 Emmanuel Iranian Congregation Dandenong (Kaveh Hassanzadeh, Bentollhoda Ameri); The Diocese of Ballarat (Bp Garry Weatherill, Clergy & People); Diocesan Finance (Glen D'Souza, Manager).

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

Reconciliation and justice for our First Nations People. Those impacted by the state of the economy and recent natural disasters.

THE WORLD

Containment of the coronavirus pandemic, those suffering and the medical staff. A compassionate outcome for all Asylum Seekers. A peaceful outcome in Eastern Europe. The

many affected by the earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria. Those affected by climate change - wisdom and leadership to prevent further environmental damage.

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: Helen Daniels, Estelle Carman, Jean & Alan Close, Shirley and Alan Wagner, Glenys Howell, Barbara Stark, Gwen McMahon, Carole Smith, Pauline Le Riche, Lyle Mansfield, Stanley & Rose Joseph, Marie Cleaver (Judithe's friend), Geoffrey (Josh's father), David and Glen Wood, Fanny (Aggie's sister), Joy (Jan Wheeler's sister), Dave Ritchie, Gerald (Pat Eadon's brother), Don Lambourne, Ron McKenzie, Kaye Smith and others known to us.

Those at the Peter James Centre and Burwood Lodge Those working in Health and Aged Care settings Our local Schools, Colleges, and Universities

Ourselves - as we are strengthened through the power of the Holy Spirit in love and prayer for one another

ROSTERS:

8:00am
0.00am

Welcomers Reader Servers	Sue Tregear Sue Tregear Sue Tregear	
Liturgical Assistant		
Intercessions	Fr Anthony	
Godzone		
Music		
Morning Tea		
Sacristan	Sue Tregear	
Cleaning	Sue Tregear	
Printing	Alma Brand	

<u>9:30am</u>

Joanne Waite & Heather McKenzie Ros Smith Christine Youings Ron McKenzie Trevor Smith Rachael Allan & Elizabeth Waite Heath McKenzie & Josh Waite Cheryl & Keith Hall



378 Blackburn Road, Burwood East, 3151

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.

VICAR: Fr. Anthony Frost

Phone: 0409 012 543

Phone: 0418 320 301

OFFICE MANAGER: Ron McKenzie

PARISH WEB ADDRESS: www.ascensionchurch.org.au

FACEBOOK Please visit and www.facebook.com/AscensionBurwoodEast

Email: office@ascensionchurch.org.au

Pastoral Care contact: Fr Anthony

Pew sheet: Please send all items for inclusion in next week's pewsheet to Ron McKenzie by 5:00p.m. Thursday evening (<u>r.mckenzie@novatechsolutions.com.au</u>.)

Baptism, Marriage & funerals by arrangement

Weekly services

Sunday 8:00am Eucharist

9:30am Eucharist

'Godzone' children's program during 9.30 am service (during school term)

TuesdayFr Anthony's day of rest!

Wednesday 10:00am Eucharist

Friday 10:00am – Noon. Drop-in for cuppa and chat.

<u>Commitment to Child Safety:</u> 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 <u>Commitment to Child Safety</u> document on our website: <u>www.ascensionchurch.org.au</u>

Service ©1995 by the Anglican Church of Australia Trust Corporation. Used by permission. This text may be reproduced for use in worship in the Anglican Church of Australia. Hymns reproduced with permission under license A-613501 "Onelicence"