
ANGLICAN CHURCH *of the* ASCENSION

EAST BURWOOD



2nd August 2026

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“Seeking God, Serving with love, Sharing hope”

Sentence for Today

The Lord is near to all who call on him in truth. He fulfils the desire of all that fear him, hears their cry, and saves them. Psalm 145.18-19.

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 Fr Anthony or to one of our welcomers following the service and do stay for a cuppa and chat!



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 111 *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation.
Come all who hear,
brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord who in all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining:
have you not seen
all that is needed has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper our work and defend us;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend us:
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do
as with his love he befriends us.

Praise to the Lord, who when darkness of sin is abounding,
who, when the godless do triumph, our best hopes confounding,
sheds forth his light,
scatters the horrors of night,
saints with his mercy surrounding.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for ever adore him.

Joachim Neander 1650-80
tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827-78 and others

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,
giver of life and health,
whose Son Jesus Christ has called us to hunger and thirst for justice:
refresh us with your grace,
that we may not be weary in well-doing,
for the sake of him who meets all our needs,
Jesus Christ our Saviour;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We pray for God's Spirit of Welcome:

**God of Welcome,
you call on us to extend your hospitality
by serving others with love.
Grant us clear eyes to see people as you see them,
sensitive feet to stand in their shoes,
and warm smiles to welcome them in your name.
Give us such generous hearts,
that our church becomes a foretaste of heaven,
where all may find their loving home
in the community of your Son, Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Godzone blessing

The ministry of the Word:

The first reading: Genesis 32.22-31

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 17.1-7, 16

Hear my just cause, O Lord, give heed to my cry:

listen to my prayer, that comes from no lying lips.

Let judgement for me come forth from your presence:

and let your eyes discern the right.

Though you search my heart, and visit me in the night-time:

though you try me by fire, you will find no wickedness in me.

My mouth does not transgress, like the mouth of others:

for I have kept the word of your lips.

My steps have held firm in the way of your commands:

and my feet have not stumbled from your paths.

I call upon you, O God, for you will surely answer:

incline your ear to me, and hear my words.

Show me the wonders of your steadfast love,
O saviour of those who come to you for refuge:
**who by your right hand deliver them
from those that rise up against them.**
And I also shall see your face, because my cause is just:
when I awake and see you as you are, I shall be satisfied.

The second reading: Romans 9.1-8

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen. It is not as though the word of God had failed. For not all Israelites truly belong to Israel, and not all of Abraham's children are his true descendants; but 'It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named after you.' This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as descendants.

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

Gradual hymn: TiS 168 "For the fruits of all creation"

**For the fruits of his creation,
thanks be to God.
For his gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,
God's will be done.
In the help we give our neighbour,
God's will be done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will be done.**

The Gospel reading:

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Matthew, chapter 14 beginning at verse 13
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.**

Frederick Pratt Green 1903-2000

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 560 "All my hope on God is founded"

**All my hope on God is founded;
all my trust he will renew,
through all change and chance he guides me,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone,
calls my heart to be his own.**

**Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown, betray our trust;
all we build with care and labour,
tower and temple, fall to dust,
but God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.**

God's great goodness lasts for ever,
deep his wisdom, passing thought;
light and life are all God's splendour
bringing beauty out of naught.
Evermore from God's store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily the almighty giver
will his bounteous gifts bestow,
God's desire our soul delighting,
pleasure leading where we go.
Love will stand at his hand;
joy shall wait for his command.

Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Hear Christ call one and all:
you that follow shall not fall.

Robert S. Bridges (1844–1930) alt. after Joachim Neader 1650-80.

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 singing:

**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 513 “Bread of heav'n, on you we feed”

**Bread of heav'n, on you we feed,
for your flesh is food indeed:
ever may our souls be fed
with this true and living bread,
day by day with strength supplied
through the life of him who died.
Vine of heav'n, your blood supplies
this blest cup of sacrifice:
Lord, your wounds our healing give;
to your cross we look and live:
you our life, O let us be
fed by you eternally.**

Josiah Conder 1789-1855 alt.1961

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 209 “And can it be that I should gain”*

**And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain
for me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
that thou, my God, should die for me?
Amazing love! how can it be
that thou, my God, should die for me?**

**‘Tis mystery all! The immortal dies:
Who can explain this strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine
‘Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.
‘Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.**

**He left His Father's throne above
(so free, so infinite his grace!)
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
‘Tis mercy all, immense and free:
for O my God, it found out *me*!
‘Tis mercy all, immense and free:
for O my God, it found out *me*!**

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night:
thine eye diffused a quickening ray
I woke; the dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread:
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Bold I approach the eternal throne
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Charles Wesley 1707-88 alt.

Dismissal

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

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NOTICES

Soup Lunch: Our Soup lunch is today! We thank Aggie and Robin who have again organised, set up and provided us with a wonderful opportunity to 'break bread' together and enjoy each other's fellowship as we enjoy some delicious soup in the hall.

Fr Anthony's last service: Next Sunday we will have a combined service (9.30am) to mark the occasion of Fr Anthony's last day with us at Ascension. This will be followed by a 'hearty morning tea' as we celebrate the last 7 years of Fr Anthony's ministry here.

Parish Film Night: The next Ascension Film Night will be held at Pinewood Cinema on Friday, August 14 for the newly released Australian comedy drama *Holy Days*. The film features three elderly nuns, who are trying to save their convent, and an unhappy young boy, who embark on a road trip.

The movie will start at approx. 6 pm. Entry is \$15 per head. Coffee/tea at the nearby 57 Café Bar is optional. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

All enquiries to Peter on 0409 192 532 or whartonp@bigpond.net.au

An afternoon with Archbishop Ric: On Sunday, August 16th at 2.30-3.30pm, we are invited to gather at St Paul's cathedral for an opportunity to meet the Archbishop and hear what he is noticing across our diocese, ask questions and share what is on your mind as we look ahead together as a diocese.

To register: <https://events.humanitix.com/afternoon-with-archbishop>

Bp Paul Barker's Old Testament Talks: This year's series is titled - 'The Lord: Slow to anger, abounding in steadfast Love.'

Bp Paul is an insightful speaker and scholar and is presenting these 3 weeks of talks at GWAC (Glen Waverley Anglican Church) on Wednesdays, July 22, 29 and August 5, from 7.30-8.30pm. They will also be livestreamed at www.gwac.org.au/livestream

Footy Tipping 2026: The Godden family stood side by side last week and the true believers reaped the benefits of a Pies win away! As a result, Louise, Cooper and Peter Godden were the only tippers to score 8 correct, with five others (Judithe Atkinson, Brian Brand, Aggie Canterbury, Peter Wharton and Jon Youings) getting 7 tips right.

This result sees Judithe Atkinson (50) taking a two point lead in the Second Half-season championship over Matthew Godden and Peter Wharton (48), just ahead of Brian Brand (47) and the trio of Aggie Canterbury and Cooper & Peter Godden (46).

Just four rounds to go and just six points separate the top 11 tipsters!

SAINTS AND HOLY WOMEN AND MEN FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	STEPHEN, DEACON AND MARTYR
Tuesday	John Baptist Vianney, priest of Ars, France (d. 1859)
Wednesday	Oswald, king and martyr (d. 642)
Thursday	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
Saturday	Dominic, priest and friar (d. 1221)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Wednesday:

Jeremiah 31.1-7
Psalm 72.15-21
Matthew 15.21-28

Next Sunday: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 37.1-4, 12-28
Psalm 105. 1-6, 16-22
Romans 10.4-15
Matthew 14.22-36

WE THANK GOD FOR THE MANY BLESSINGS IN OUR LIVES

From Melbourne Diocesan Prayer Diary –

Sun 19: Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tomé, The Church of the Province of Uganda. Diocese of Adelaide: Archbishop Brad Billings; Bishops Tim Harris, Sophie Relf-Christopher; St Peter's Cathedral, Dean Chris McLeod; clergy, lay ministers and people. Our Archdeacons: The Archdeacon of Essendon, Maroondah, Williamstown, Dandenong, La Trobe, and of The Yarra.

Brighton Grammar School.

St James' Dandenong (ABp Ric Thorpe), Ringwood/Mullum Mullum (Bp Paul Barker) and St Thomas' Burwood (Bp Paul Barker).

To our Lord Jesus, Bread of Life, we pray on behalf of —

OUR WORLD

- for the quelling of tensions, the de-escalation of conflicts and for peaceful cooperation.
- for the victims of devastation by wildfire and wild weather in the Northern Hemisphere.
- for the ruined agriculture and for all those suffering food shortages - especially in Sudan.

OUR COUNTRY

- for our vigilant and accurate conduct of the Census and for informed future planning.
- for wise industrial and union relations following the retirement of Sally McManus.
- for our willing extension of developmental aid - particularly amongst Pacific nations.

OUR CHURCH

- for due preparation for the 19th General Synod assembling in Melbourne next week.
- for attentive conversation and the sharing of hope at the Afternoon with Archbishop Ric.
- for our Parish Nominators as they listen for whom is being called as our incumbent.

OUR COMMUNITY

- for a steady hand and fresh start for our newly appointed premier Ben and for Gabrielle.
- for our resolution of the struggles in the provision of resources - particularly in schools.
- for Anglicare and East Burwood Care and their ministries to the vulnerable this winter.

OURSELVES

- for Anthony and Kym as they conclude their ministry with us and transition to Burnley.
- for help for us as we contemplate our dilemmas and aim to meet our responsibilities.
- for the ill that they may come to place their weariness in Christ and find sustenance.

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 Driedricks, 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 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.

Our local Schools, Colleges, and Universities.

We remember this week, the years' mind of: *Lisle Hill, Kathleen Ferne and Leo Lloyd.*

ROSTERS:

	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>9:30am</u>
Welcomers	Sue Tregear	Bob & Shirley Reid
Reader	Gill Mortimer	Jo Waite
Server	Sue Tregear	Natalie Ortlieb
Liturgical Assistant		Christine Youings
Intercessions	Fr Anthony	Elizabeth Waite
Godzone		Michael Jellis & Anne Wharton
Music		Heath McKenzie & Josh Waite
Morning Tea		Natalie & Cath Ortlieb
Sacristan	Judithe Atkinson	
Printing	Christine Youings	
Flowers	Robin Jellis	



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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)
Tuesday	<i>Fr Anthony's day of rest!</i>
Wednesday	10:00am Eucharist
Friday	10:00am – Noon. Drop-in for a cuppa 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