



Saint John's Bentleigh

18 September 2022 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
"Faithfulness & Dishonesty"

Welcome to
Saint John's
today.

8.30AM - Holy Communion (live-streamed)
10.00AM - Holy Communion

Flowers arranged
by Glynis Rose.

Today's Readings

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1, Ps 79:1-9 (*not read at 10AM*), 1 Timothy 2:1-10, Luke 16:1-13

Hymns

8.30AM: TIS 672, TIS 499, TIS 531

Please take this
with you when
you go.

10AM: TIS 672, *Take our gifts and let us love you*, TIS 668, *Bless the Lord (10,000 reasons)*
(*as displayed on the TV screens*)

Sentence for 18 September 2022

Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. (Luke 16:10)

Collect:

O God, you are rich in love for your people: show us the treasure that endures and, when we are tempted by greed, call us back into your service and make us worthy to be entrusted with the wealth that never fails. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

Wednesday Holy Communion Service

This Wednesday (21/9) remembering Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist, we will be exploring **"invitation and acceptance"**

Bible readings are from Proverbs 3:1-6, Psalm 19:1-6, Ephesians 4:1-14, and Matthew 9:9-13. The sentence is from Matthew 9:9 - As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

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A Happy 99th Birthday to Clarice Burt 🎁

This Week's Calendar

- Monday, 11AM, **BlueCross Oakleigh**: Holy Communion. Santa will visit BlueCross Oakleigh once a month for a Holy Communion service.
- Tuesdays - see list on the notice board: *Meet and Greet with Santa and Julia*, reserve your spot today
- Tuesday, 7.30PM, Cooper Centre: Parish Council meeting
- Wednesday, 10.30AM: *Holy Communion*
- Wednesday, 10.30AM: *Ladies Guild*
- Saturday, 9.30AM-1PM, Narthex: *Kids & Craft Market*
- Sunday (25/9), **9.30AM only**: Holy Communion service and a Celebration of Ken Newell's music ministry in the parish

Next Sunday - Combined Service at 9.30AM

Next Sunday we will have a special celebration to give thanks and celebrate Ken Newell's music ministry at St John's. The Revd Alex Scutt will be preaching at the service. There will be only one service at 9.30AM and a special morning tea to mark this occasion.

'To be a centre of God's love and h

From the vicar's study:

Continuing on from the topic of "who to love" on 7th September, the topic considered during the mid-week service on 14th Sept 2022 was "what is love!" The apostle Paul wrote, "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love" (1 Corinthians 13.13). Although three qualities are mentioned, the emphasis is on love!

Paul's emphasis on love as the greatest was because love was absent or at best at very low levels in the Corinthian Church. Although this church had an abundance of spiritual gifts (i.e., the ability to prophesy, gifts of knowledge and faith, the ability to speak in languages unknown to humankind), love was absent/low. The absence of love resulted in pride, disunity, disharmony and distrust!

So, what is that kind of love that is essential for a church, in our family, in our relationships with others or even in society in general? Paul explains ... "Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends." (1 Corinthians 13.4-8)

That's quite a list for a church to practise as we relate or interact with one another here, with other Christian communities and even with people who do not follow Christ. It is as relevant and crucial ... especially as while we are building our relationship with others, we discover something about the other that we do not like—even disturbing/shocking. It is during those difficult discoveries when we should immediately realise that love is more than just words.

That kind of love (i.e., love that is patient, which is not envious/rude, that does not insist on its own way, that isn't irritable, etc.) isn't easy in one's own strength. That kind of love can only be sustained by the unlimited and gracious love of God through Christ. In fact, Christ modelled that love for the church & for humanity as an example for us all!

S Sanil, a pastor in the UK, wrote this about love ... "Bell is no bell, unless you ring it ... Song is no song, unless you sing it ... Love is no love, unless you give it."¹ The love visualised in 1 Corinthians 13 is a love that cannot be kept within an individual or even within a group.

That kind of love is always given away ... like Jesus did. May we all do likewise!

With prayers and blessings

Santa 😊

Soli Deo Gloria!

1. <https://www.sermoncentral.com/sermon-illustrations/77079/give-love-by-sanjaykumar-sani>

Ladies Guild

Ladies Guild will meet this Wednesday (21/9) in the chapel for Holy Communion.

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Advance Notice for your diary/calendar:

On **Sunday, 9 October at 2PM** there will be A Spring Celebration concert, sponsored by the City of Glen Eira and performed by the McKinnon Secondary College instrumental music groups here at St John's. Tickets are now available on TryBooking (<https://www.trybooking.com/CCKFX>).

Flyers are available, please take some and share with family, friends and/or neighbours.

Praying for the church and for the world

- Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil (Bp Naudal Alves Gomes); Anglicare Australia (Bp Chris Jones, Chair; Kasey Chambers, Exec Director); Anglican Overseas Aid (Jo Knight, CEO); St Mark's Fitzroy (Stuart Soley); Tamil Christian Congregation of Victoria 40th anniversary service (Abp Philip Freier, Bp Paul Barker);
- Praise God for all who are joining us today (face-to-face and/or online).
- For God's wisdom, patience and compassion on leaders at all levels of government and in society, for all medical staff as they care for the sick & dying due to COVID19 and/or other illnesses.
- For our link missionaries—Derek & Rosemary Snibson - praying for their ongoing spiritual sustenance and discernment amidst the daily demands from people and aspects of ministry.
- For wisdom & discernment for Parish Council as they meet on Monday.
- For God's mercy, grace and peace upon all communities in Australia and in the world, affected by wars and/or civil unrest, natural catastrophe (Ukraine, Yemen, Syria, Sri Lanka, Middle East, Myanmar; NSW & Pakistan—flooding), all who have been injured or tragically killed (and their loved ones) due to these, & other circumstances.
- For all who need God's healing, comfort & peace, remembering those we name privately in our heart, and those in the parish prayer list: Twani, Samia & family, Manal & family, Ben, Russell, Graham, Jo, Alison, Jim, Stephen, those listed but do not wished to be named and all we remember privately. Praise & thank God for all who are recovering from illness and/or all who have recovered.
- Thank God for the safe arrival of Max and James and Clarice's 99th birthday.
- We give thanks for the life and faithful witness of HM Queen Elizabeth II & pray for all who mourn including all who mourn those tragically killed on 11 September 2001 (the bombing World Trade Centre NY, etc).

This Saturday - Kids & Craft Market

With the months getting warmer visitor numbers have gone up! Volunteers are still needed for market on Saturday (24/9). Please write your name on the list on the noticeboard, and thank you in advance for your help.

This Week - Parish Office

This week the parish office will be open on Tuesday only. **The parish office is closed on Thursday and Friday (the National Day of Mourning and Friday the day before Grand Final AFL).**

Shop to Stop Leprosy - ORANA

If you're looking for small gifts, practical items such as tea towel, etc. why not shop at Leprosy Mission shop and at the same time help to stop Leprosy. Today is the last day to let Rosemary know what you wish to order.

Next Thursday (28/9) at 1PM Orana Ladies will meet in the Narthex and enjoy a talk by the Leprosy Mission representative along with the possibility to purchase great items from the catalogue here at St John's. Invite your friends and bring them along!

On line services

At the time of today's live-streamed service (8.30AM), or after, please use this:

<https://youtube.com/channel/UCwvuRjxqlX4njbwZJBqNXQ/live>
Online Giving

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Rosters

	Today - Sep 18	Next Sunday - Sep 25
	8.30AM - Holy Communion (Live)	Combined service
Sides Person	Roger McGrail	
Reader	Gwen Wilson	
Communion	Roger McGrail	
A V Tech	A. Lyons/R. McGrail	
	10AM - Praise, Prayer and Proclamation (Live)	9.30AM - Holy Communion
Sides Person	Barbara Canty	Isuru Perera
Reader	Ross Newcombe	Lyn Beaumont
Prayer	Lyn Beaumont	Eleanor Newcombe
Communion	Stephanie Hogg	Jean / Rosemary
PowerPoint	Glynis Rose	Ross Newcombe
Video Tech	N/A	Anthony Lyons/ David Packianathan
Morning Tea	Jill Baker	Jill / Stephanie
Counter	Roger McGrail	Terry Nisbet
	Rosemary Martin	Anthony Lyons

Readings

Pentecost 16:

Jer 32:1-3, 6-15; Ps 91:1-6, 14-16; 1 Tim 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

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