

**Our VALUES: Christ centredness, Prayerfulness, Welcoming and caring, Bible focussed, Fellowship**

happen by accident but the grace of God and through the work of a small group of dedicated volunteers.

- Sadly this group is getting smaller!
- This means that more regular volunteers are urgently needed to ease the work load on existing volunteers.
- Your assistance is needed in many areas, e.g., in the kitchen (morning tea), flower arrangement, Bible readers, Sunday morning intercessors, gardening, etc.
- If you are able to assist in any of these, please inform the wardens.

**St John's News (May 2024)**

- Please send your new articles to the parish office before 30 April.

**BIRTHDAYS**  
Ted GEILS (21st April)

**Rosters**

	Today Sunday 21 Apr.	Next Sunday 28 April
	8:30AM (HC)	8:30AM (HC)
Sides Person	Gwen Wilson	Rosemary Martin
Reader	Julie Buckley	Jean Phibbs
Communion		Jean Phibbs
	10AM (HC) Livestreamed	10AM (P, P & P) Livestreamed
Sides Person	Jill Baker	Susan McDermott
Reader	Glynis Rose	Lyn Beaumont
Prayer	Terry Nisbet	Terry Nisbet
Communion	J. Packianathan/J. Baker	N/A
PowerPoint	David Packianathan	David Packianathan
Video Tech	Anthony Lyons	Anthony Lyons
Morning tea	Glynis Rose	M.Paterson/M. Bullen
Counters	Roger McGrail Anthony Lyons	Jill Baker Anthony Lyons

**On line services**

At the time of today's live-streamed service, or after, please use the link below:

<https://youtube.com/channel/UCwvuRjxqIX4njbrwZJBqNXQ/live>

**Readings\* for Sunday 28 April, Easter 5 (abiding in Jesus!)**

Acts 9.26-31, Psalm 22.23-32, 1 John 4.7-12, John 15.1-8

**Sentence:** Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. *John 15.4*

(\*not all readings may be read on a Sunday morning)

**Ministers: All Parishioners**

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**Online Giving**

St John's Anglican Church  
Bentleigh

BSB 083 337

Acc. No. 515 354 967



**Welcome to  
St. John's, Bentleigh**

8:30AM

**Holy Communion  
Service**

(Pioneers' Chapel)

**Hymns**

Christ has risen while earth slumbers (see handout); Abide with me (TIS586); Your hand, O God, had guided (TIS456, v1,3,4)

10AM

**Holy Communion  
(Livestreamed)**

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**Bible Readings:**

Acts 4.8-12,

Ps 118.1-9 (not read @ 10AM),

1 John 3.14-24,

John 10.11-18

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**Hymns 10 AM**

See TV screens

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**Flowers arranged by  
Shirley Nisbet**

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Please take this  
pew sheet with you  
as you leave!

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**21 April 2024, Easter 4 & ANZAC Day  
Commemoration**

**'One Shepherd, one flock'**

**Sentence:** I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice.

So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ' *John 10.14*

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**'Leading the parish into growth' prayer:**

**God of Mission**, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give Vision to our planning, Wisdom to our actions, Joy to our worship & Power to our witness. Help our church of St. John's to grow in spiritual commitment to you, in numbers, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day:**

Jesus, good shepherd of the sheep, by whom the lost are sought and guided into the fold: feed us and we shall be satisfied, heal us and we shall be whole, and lead us that we may be with you, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Calendar:**

- 22 Apr., 10AM-12PM, Craft, chat & cuppa.
- 24 Apr., 10:30AM Holy Communion service (Pioneers' Chapel), *fellowship in the Narthex with Genesis study.*
- 24 Apr., 1PM, ORANA 'Days for Girls Charity', with guest speakers.
- 26 Apr., 12:30PM, Men's Muncher's, Bentleigh RSL (*Enquiries & RSVP to Terry Nisbet.*)
- 27 Apr., 10AM-2PM, Kids & Craft market (*help needed - see noticeboard for details*)

**Future dates:**

- 02 May, 3:45PM, Narthex, *Maths/English tutoring.*
- 04 May, 10AM, Working bee/clean-up of parish garage
- 11 May, 7PM-10PM, Narthex, Cards Night. Crazy Whist (see pg. 2 for details) - a parish fund-raiser.

**Thanks** to Bruce Seamer who is our Locum Musician today.

As we gather in the presence of God, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of the country on which St. John's is situated, the Bunurong People of the Kulin nation. We recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to their Elders, past and present.

## **April 2024 Parish Council (PC) update**



The meeting began with exploration of John 6.30-35—  
“Manna in the wilderness or the Bread of life!” One apology was received.

The following are some of the items discussed:

- Parish Fund Raising - monthly Cards Night on the second Saturday playing Crazy Whist, from 7PM to 10PM at a cost of \$10/person. The first monthly Cards night is on 11 May - enquiries to Shirley and/or Gwen.
- Asylum Seeker fundraiser lunch in the Narthex on 18 May - cost \$20/person - enquiries to Don.
- Archbishop's visit 16 June - Combined service @ 10AM followed by lunch.
- Musical concerts with Anthony Hahn (dates and other details TBA)
- Finalised the final portion of parish giving to help ease the cost of living pressures of many in society (50% each to Brotherhood of St Lawrence and Anglicare).
- Finalised and sent the Diocesan Assessment documentation to the diocese
- To fill important vacancies, PC agreed to convene a statutory parish meeting (12 May) after a combined service at 10AM. The agenda will be:
  - Election of one parish nominator (female);
  - Election of two reserve parish nominators (one male & one female).
- Discussed protocols (particularly privacy) for the prayer chain, diocesan support for parishes experiencing conflict and the management of parish keys.
- Noted with concern the reduction of volunteers in many areas resulting in more work for this smaller group of volunteers. There is now an urgent need for more volunteers for Sunday hospitality, especially in the kitchen, flower arrangers, Bible readers, intercessors, etc.

Parish Council were very encouraged to receive/read the monthly LyCiG Movement circular. An example of a parish who worked through the LyCiG process for seven years was cited. This particular parish had 230 people at their Mothering Sunday service, 65 were children. This was unimaginable! Sunday attendance was around 80 and there were around 15 children on the roll. While this was considered not bad in comparison with the national average, the potential for growth was still there but not being fully realised. What caused this significant change?

Their desires changed. While they were delighted if a young family came to church, there was very little discernible desire to be the sort of church they would want to come to. They then realised that they need to make changes to the physical environment and committed to an annual budget to children and young people work. They talked, planned, prayed and took action.

At the last count, they now have over 100 children or teenagers every week. Interestingly, this parish did not have paid staff doing the work and they did not have a limitless budget. Much of what happened in this particular parish was a

## **Our Mission: To love God, love people, grow disciples of Christ!**

step of faith. It did not happen overnight (seven years as mentioned earlier)!

*Santa, Soli Deo Gloria ☺*

**PS** - please read the Vicar's report to PC distributed on Sunday and ask Santa if you have any questions!

**Thank you to:**

- Derek & Rosemary Snibson for their enlightening talk & visit last Sunday.

**Prayers: church & the world**

- The Anglican Church of Australia, The Diocese of Perth, Mothers' Union Australia, St Luke's Melbourne South, The Langwarrin-Pearcedale Anglican Church, St John's Sorrento, St Dunstan's Camberwell, St Andrew's Aberfeldie, St George's Malvern, All Saints' Greensborough, & for all parishes awaiting new ministers.
- Praise God for the persons being sent by God to this parish as *parish musician and children/families minister*.

**Prayers: Derek & Rosemary Snibson (CMS missionaries to the NT)**

- Please join them in giving thanks for meaningful conversations, affirming prayer and interest from Link Churches and individual folk they visited during this Home Assignment.
- Please pray for their safe travel to the Northern Territory and a quick transition into their daily routines.

**Miscellaneous prayers:**

- Ukraine/Russia, Yemen, Syria, Libya, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Israeli/Gaza/Palestine, Sudan & other areas in conflict/unrest.
- Healing on Gladys, +Gerald & Lyn, Lena, Paul, Claire, Ben, Russell, Jo, Ken, Graham, Carol, Jim, Rebecca,

Clarice, David, Alison, John, Marlene, Marvis, Audrey, C & J & family, Justin, Verna, Manal & family, Allan & Judy, Seelan, Annette, Micah, Sandra & all we remember.

- God's peace & comfort on all who mourn everywhere.

**Valma Dargaville**

- A service of Thanksgiving for the life of Valma Dargaville will be held on Friday 26 April at 11AM.

**First Aid training at St. John's**

- Due to poor interest, the April training session is cancelled. Please keep a look out for the next date.

**Pentecost (19 May @ 10AM only)**

- This will be a great occasion to gather as one people of St John's to give thanks to God for the church's birthday @ 10AM.
- We are seeking people with different language skills for the Bible readings on that day. Please inform Santa (or the Wardens) if you are able to read/speak in different languages.

**Archbishop's visit (16 June)**

- Those who wish to be confirmed &/or received into the Anglican Church, please contact Santa ASAP.

**Donations for Dixon House & Asylum Seeker Resource Centre:**

- Please place your donations in the baskets in the Narthex.
- Dixon House, enquiries to Gwen Wilson.
- For Asylum Seekers, for April, vegetable oil is being accepted. Enquires to Susan McDermott.

**Active participation in St John's**

- Ministries at St John's does not