



July/August 2023

# St John's news

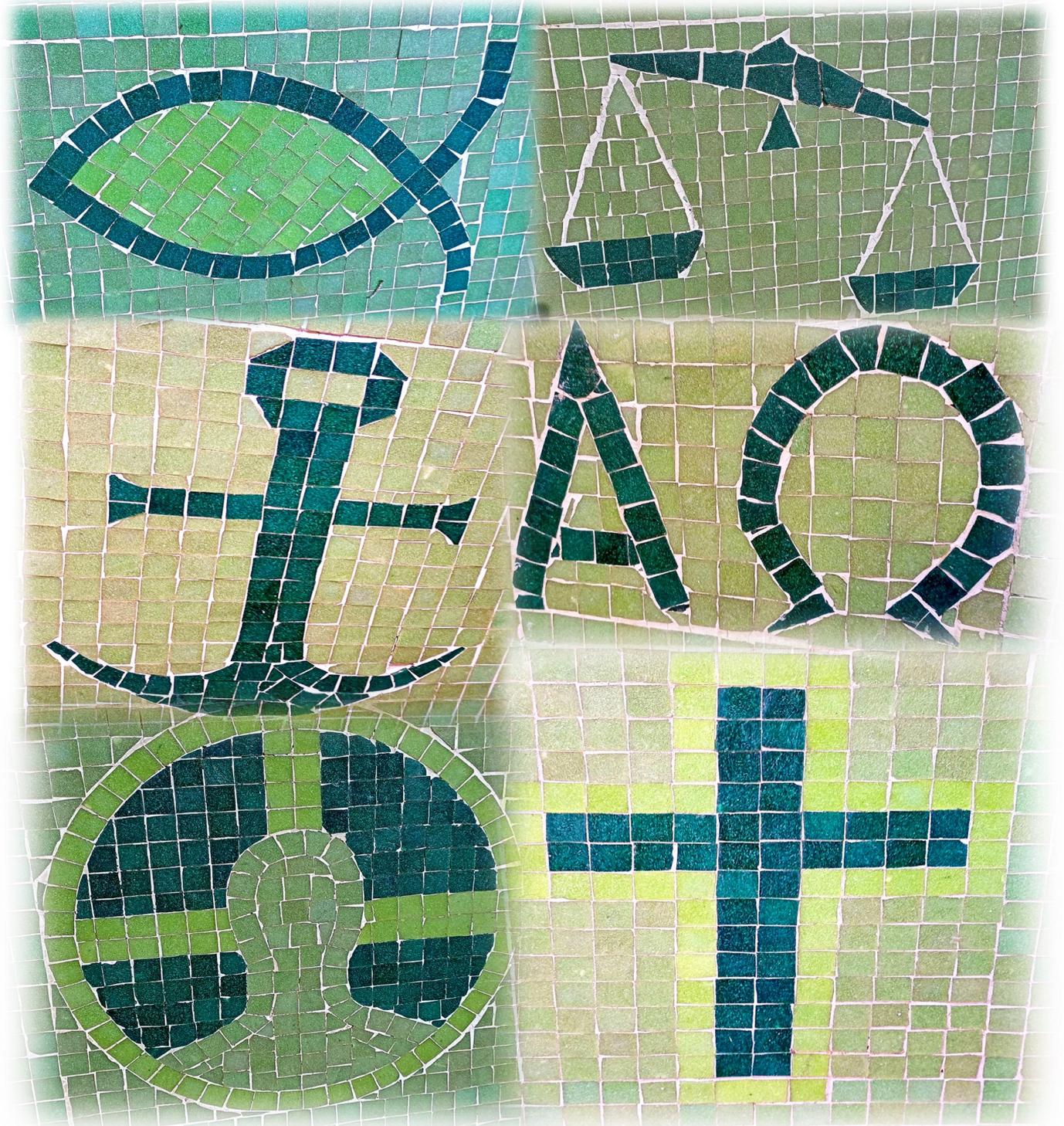
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*A gorgeous feature around the lower façade of St. John's building is the series of mosaic murals.*

*Their meanings are on pages 2 and 3. Photos A. Lyons*

# The St. John's mosaics



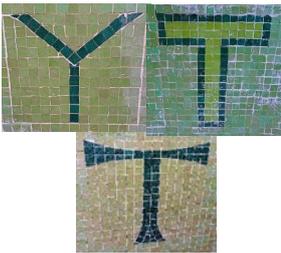
**Nimbus**—a circle of light surrounding the head with three rays, suggesting the presence of the three Persons of God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, in our thinking.



**Scales**—represent the unjust trial of Jesus prior to the crucifixion. In the Old Testament, the scales were used as a symbol of God's justice



**Crown of leaves**—the crown of leaves or flowers which formed the prize at the ancient Greek Games has become associated with the idea of the Victory of Christ over evil. A circle also suggests the eternal nature of God.



Crosses took many forms in the ancient world. This is a variation of the *Tau Cross*—named because of its likeness to the Greek letter 'tau', which became our English form of 'T'



**The Latin Cross**—this was the traditional shape of the cross on which Christ died. It has become a reminder for all Christians of Christ's sacrifice for us and His victory over sin



**The Anchor Cross**—this was used as a disguised cross by the persecuted Christians in the catacombs of Rome. Its origin was their confidence in the reliability of God.



**Yod**—in the centre is the Hebrew letter *Yod*, which is the first letter of the Hebrew word for God. The triangle represents the three Persons in one God.

# The St. John's mosaics



**The fish**—Another disguised sign which the persecuted Christians used in the catacombs of Rome. The letters in the Greek word for ‘fish’ were also the first letters for the words ‘Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour’.



One of the ways of writing the Greek letters *Chi Rho*, equivalent to the English letters Ch and R. These are the first two letters of the Greek word for Christ.



**The Epiphany Star**. A symbol of hope, reminding us of the journey of the Magi to find a Saviour.



**INRI**—These letters were placed on the head of the cross on which Jesus was crucified. They stand for the Latin words, ‘Jesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum’, meaning ‘Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews’.

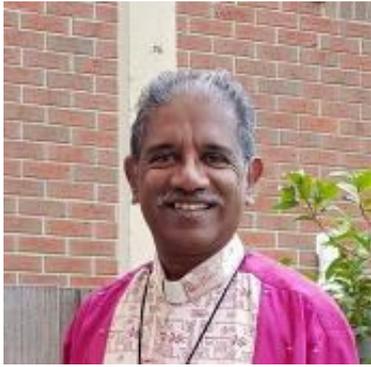


**IHS**—these letters stand for the first three letters of the Greek word for Jesus.



**Alpha and Omega**—These are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, reminding us Christ is the Beginning and the Ending of all things.

# From the Vicar



**W**elcome to the July/August 2023 issue of *St. John's News*. This issue includes a record of two important services in the life of this parish; the confirmation service and baptism service held on 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June respectively. Although many services of this nature have been held in St. John's before, both of these are the first for me in this parish. Other articles in this issue are about two of our locum musicians. It is planned that the contribution of two other locum musicians will be included in the next issue of St.

John's News. It is great to witness and listen to the different organ playing styles of the locum musicians when the organ is played on Sunday. My thanks to all locum musicians in their ongoing support of ministry in this parish, especially as the parish is continuing in our search for a permanent Parish Musician (see advert below).

Since the publication of the previous *St. John's News*, (May 2023), much of my thinking has been about the "Leading your church into growth" (LYCiG) programme. The parish steering committee (or the 'cockpit crew' - a LYCiG term) has been established. Members are Eleanor Newcombe (People's Warden), Glynis Rose (Vicar's Warden), Terry Nisbet (Parish authorised lay minister) and myself.

One of the initiatives from the cockpit crew was the installation of the book exchange cupboard (pictured on the right) near the Community Garden (along Centre Road). There are also plans to modify the existing signboard (cnr. Centre and Tucker Roads) to include cubicles for parish leaflets for the members of the community to collect as they walk past. I am also encouraged by the number of people attending the weekly 'Craft-Cuppa-Chat,' the monthly 'Messy Church' service and other initiatives to reach out to the community.

During winter, we have begun serving 'raisin toast' and 'soup with bread' after the Sunday 8.30AM and 10AM worship services respectively. These initiatives are practice runs for the future when the parish would be able to provide a simple hot meal at least once a week for those in our community who cannot afford a meal. Please continue to keep this matter in your prayers. All these named initiatives and many others would not be possible without the assistance of the many lay ministers of the parish and the grace of God. I acknowledge that these are still early days and I pray that the momentum will continue to increase over time so that St. John's will see numerical growth, spiritual growth and missional growth.

As parishioners of St. John's Bentleigh, you are in effect 'ministers' of this parish for God's work anywhere you are. If you are wondering how you could assist/participate in the ministries of God through this parish, please speak to anyone of the parish 'cockpit crew.' We look forward to speaking with you.

**Soli Deo Gloria, Santa** 😊



The Anglican Parish of St John's Bentleigh is seeking to appoint a parish musician. If you're interested in exploring using your musical gifts to serve God in the Anglican Parish of St John's Bentleigh, and to obtain a copy of the position description, please contact the parish office on 03 9557 2226 or email: [bentleighanglican@bigpond.com](mailto:bentleighanglican@bigpond.com)

# For our reflection . . . .

## A prayer to use on entering the church

**Lord,** I am here to worship you. Help me to be attentive and quiet. Help me to join in prayers and praises which are offered to you. Help me to take you into my life, so that I may go out from this place ready to work for you and to show friendship and helpfulness to the people I meet.

For Jesus' sake. Amen.

(From: The Church Mouse, August/September 1974, St John's Benteleigh, pg. 8, mage from: <https://www.freepik.com/>)



## God is no fool!

**O**nce, a man said, "If I had some extra money, I'd give it to God, but I have just enough to support myself and my family."

And the same man said, "If I had some extra time, I'd give it to God, but every minute is taken up with my job, my family, my clubs, and what have you—every single minute."

And the same man said, "If I had a talent I'd give it to God, but I have no lovely voice; I have no special skill; I've never been able to lead a group; I can't think cleverly or quickly, the way I would like to."

And God was touched, and although it was unlike him, God gave that man money,

time, and a glorious talent. And then He waited, & waited, and waited....And then after a while, He shrugged His shoulders, and He took all those things right back from the man, the money, the time and the glorious talent.

After a while, the man sighed and said, "If I only had some of that money back, I'd give it to God. If I only had some of that time, I'd give it to God. If I could only rediscover that glorious talent, I'd give it to God."

And God said, "Oh, shut up."

And the man told some of his friends, "You know, I'm not so sure that I believe in God anymore."

God is No Fool, 1969, Abingdon Press

(as cited in: [www.sermonillustrations.com/a-z/s/stewardship.htm](http://www.sermonillustrations.com/a-z/s/stewardship.htm))

## Spring Cleaning

*God knocked at the door of my heart one day  
And I looked for a place to hide;  
My soul was cluttered and choked with debris  
And things were untidy inside.*

*I needed some time to put matters right,  
Surprised he would call on me:  
My soul needed cleaning from bottom to top.  
There were things he should not see.*

*There were tasks neglected, long overdue;  
Cobwebs to be brushed from the wall;  
Rugs to be shaken and windows cleaned up -  
I had not expected this call.*

*I stood with my hand on the latch of the door  
And gazed at the mess in the room,  
When I opened the door, my soul blushed to see  
God had left on my doorstep—a broom.*

Barbara J Thomson, San Rafael, California  
St John's Parish News, East Benteleigh, Vol. IX-No 2 March 1965



Image from: <https://pixabay.com/>



Leading your Church  
into Growth



## Anglican Parish of St. John's, Bentleigh

**Vision:** To be a centre of God's love and hope!

**Mission:** Love God, love people, grow disciples of Christ!

### **A message from the Leading your Church into Growth (LYCiG) team (Anglican Diocese of Melbourne)**

#### **Leading your Church into Growth Local (LyCiG Local)**

At the end of our LyCiG Melbourne 2023 conference many of the participants committed to bring LyCiG to our Parish Councils and communities. To assist in this commitment, LyCiG local will run several training sessions commencing Wednesday 17th May.

The days and times are listed below. We hope that by embracing this approach we can minimise travel, reach a broad audience, and enable as many people and parishes as possible to participate in the shortest possible time.

**Topic: Leading Your Church into Growth with Canon John Sanderson  
Time: 7PM**

**Every month on the Third Wednesday.**

**For future dates, please see below**

**August 16, 2023,  
September 20, 2023  
October 18, 2023,  
November 15, 2023**

The sessions listed above will be held in St. John's Church. All parishioners are invited to attend, participate and learn about LYCiG. By the grace of God, this will empower every parishioner to be actively involved in growing St. John's. Each session will be for 1 to 2 hours duration.

Please come along and participate in these sessions. They would enable us all to learn about LYCiG and to work together as a team for God's glory.

*"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 numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."*

(LYCiG image from: <https://www.dioceseofnorwich.org/resource/leading-your-church-into-growth/>)

*"To know who is a child of God and who is not, is so extremely difficult. There are those who are children of God, and yet scarcely dare to confess it of themselves. There are those who appropriate it to themselves, yet so little exhibit the marks of it"*

(Abraham Kuyper, as cited in: St John's Parish News, East Bentleigh, v.IX, no. 2, Mar. 1965)



The people of St John's gathered on Pentecost Sunday 28 May 2023. To God be the glory!  
"Holy, Holy, Holy" inscription beneath the photograph is from the previous St John's Church which is now located in the

# A blast from the past! Pt. 1

## IS THIS FATE?

Most of us would answer NO; because we live in a Christianised society where we understand that people bring suffering and war on themselves by greed, selfishness, ignorance, jealousy, etc. These motivating desires are to be found on both sides in any quarrel!

If so, how can we actively campaign against war and its futile waste – its holocaust of human life and family love? The question is highlighted by demonstrative action in Canberra and Sydney. Is this the answer?

Before replying. Let us examine what we are already committed to. If we are baptised members of the Church of God (statistics say 70% are) then we are enlisted in God's army with the solemn words, *"signed with the sign of the cross in token that hereafter we shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified and manfully to fight under his banner, against sin, the world and the devil; and to continue Christ's faithful soldiers and servants unto our lives end."*

Morris West's book, *'The Ambassador'*, set in bold relief the complexity of the Vietnam situation and our western inadequacy to cope with the psychological and ideological pressures both in Saigon and throughout South East Asia. Few of us are qualified to be Generals and we certainly never will be unless we prove ourselves first as privates! A soldier's job in the army is to obey orders. Are we really serious about bringing peace on earth and goodwill to men?

Our orders as soldiers in Christ's army are set out clearly in our church membership cards.

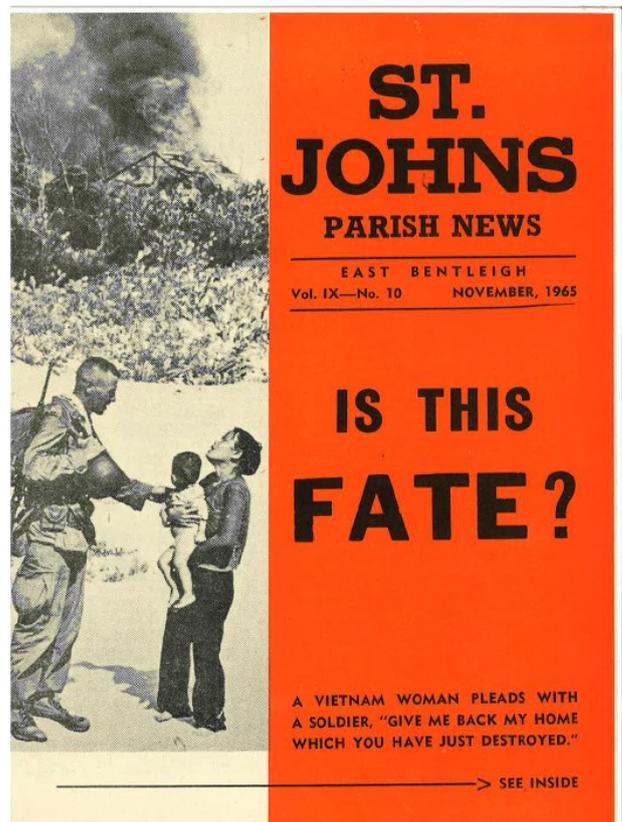
- To follow the example of Christ in home and daily life, and to bear personal witness to Him.
- To be regular in private prayer day by day.
- To read the Bible carefully.
- To come to Church every Sunday.

- To receive Holy Communion faithfully and regularly.
- To give personal service to Church, neighbours and the community.
- To give money for the work of parish and diocese and for the work of the Church at home and overseas.
- To uphold the standard of marriage entrusted by Christ to his Church.
- To care that children are brought up to love and serve the Lord.

These are not optional extras. They are the very commands of our superior officer. He may not issue them like a sergeant-major but he proved his sincerity by dying rather than disobey his own orders.

It is also dangerous to move into front-line action until we have proved our competence in training camp. Don't let us allow the Vietnam situation to become fatal when by obedience in the Christian ranks we have the greatest power on earth at our disposal.

**St John's Parish News, vol. 9, no. 10, Nov. 1965**



# A blast from the past! Pt. 2

## ARE YOU ACCIDENT PRONE?

Researchers used to think that certain people suffered frequent injuries because they were 'accident prone'. Today, they're not so sure!

An American Medical Association committee has reported that some persons live under more or less permanent emotional stress that often provokes aggressive or depressive reactions, and that they are unaware of the increased likelihood of an accident.

Psychiatrists say there is a link between overcrowded cities, mental tension and motor accidents. It has been shown that noise in factories lowers work efficiency with a result that people make mistakes. Noise and turmoil – whether in our minds or in the circumstances or influences that surround us – lead to 'accidents'.

In the same way the noise and turmoil of the spiritual battle have their effects on the well-being of our souls. And we can no more escape them than we can the stress of modern living. What we can do is set aside regularly a time for refreshment – a time to be quiet with God, to pray and to read His Word.

Is your spiritual life accident-prone..... or do you just go asking for trouble?

*St John's Parish News*, vol. 9, no. 7, August 1965

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### ***This story will melt your heart...***

Fifteen years ago, Bee - a troubled little girl - was removed from her home for her own safety. She was sad, scared and withdrawn. ***That is until Marion, her Kids Hope mentor, turned up.***

Marion thought some painting would brighten up Bee's day. However, Bee didn't touch the colour. Instead, she covered her canvas completely in grey.

With each passing week Bee began to find confidence and joy. She felt cared for and wanted, and her beauty and talent began to shine through. She began to add colour to her painting. It started with clouds, then a few people, an umbrella and one hand reaching in from the side, helping her hold the umbrella. This, she said, was Marion.

Bee asked Marion why she kept coming back every week, and Marion told her that she meant more to her than "all the gold in the world." Bee was touched and added a golden lining to the clouds in her painting. At her grade six graduation, Marion gave Bee a bracelet inscribed with: ***"You mean more than all the gold in the world."***

Twelve years passed and Marion prayed that she would one day find Bee. Two days later, Marion took her pet to a vet clinic. There at reception sat a young woman with eyes remarkably like Bee's. Marion asked, "Bee is that you?" Bee looked at her with confusion.

When Marion removed her mask, Bee stood up and holding back tears said, ***"I've been looking for you! I still wear the bracelet you gave me!"*** There she was, all grown up, 23 years old, mature, confident, working at a vet clinic and still wearing the bracelet!



# Confirmation Service for Alex and Lucas

At the 10AM service on June 18th, Bishop Genieve Blackwell was in attendance at St. John's for the special Confirmation Service of Alex Leggett and Lucas Wang.



**L-R: Vicar Santa, Lucas Wang, Alex Leggett, Bishop Genieve Blackwell**



**L-R: Vicar Santa, Lucas Wang, Alex Leggett, Bishop Genieve Blackwell**

# Baptism for Ayla Ruby Caldis

The following Sunday, June 25 after the 10AM service, St. John's was fortunate to host the baptism of Ayla Ruby Caldis. In attendance were Ayla's parents Louise and Leon, and Godparents Kristi and Christopher.



**L-R: Kristi Wood, Louise with Ayla, Vicar Santa, Terry Nisbet**



**L-R: Christopher Caldis, Kristi Wood, Louise with Ayla, Leon Caldis, Vicar Santa, Terry Nisbet**



**Proud parents: Louise and Leon with Ayla following Ayla's baptism**

# Our locum musicians

Since the departure of our regular parish musician, the Revd Alex Scutt last year, we have been fortunate enough to have the assistance of local and very talented organists.

Let's introduce two of them to you here.

## Allan Clark

**1959 - 1963** piano playing skills upgraded and learned the Pipe Organ in Williamstown Congregational Church building on a Tracker Action Pipe Organ. (That means mechanical, not electrical but it had an electrical air pump.)

**1962 - 1967** Organist at Newport Baptist Church (two manual Harmonium with electric air pump also played an Electronic organ subsequently)

**1968 - 1975** - main Organist at Altona Methodist Church (Pedal Harmonium followed by an Electronic organ).

**1968** - played Pipe Organ at Williamstown Presbyterian Church for 9 months.

**1976 - 1980** Organist at Coburg Methodist till 1977 then Uniting Church (Pipe Organ).

**1981 - 1985** main Organist at Tennant Creek Uniting Church Northern Territory. (Pedal Harmonium subsequently Electronic organ).

**1986 - 2002** Organist Narrabri Uniting Church, N.S.W. (Electronic organ also piano).

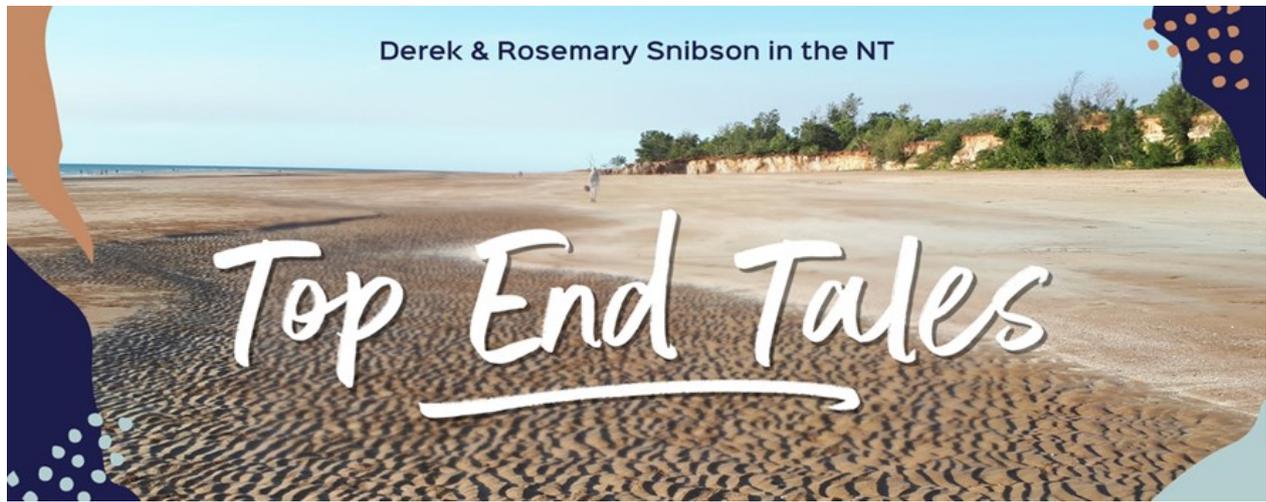
**2004 - Present** - rotating organist/keyboard with others who only play keyboard at BENTLEIGH Uniting Church (and other places as needed).



**Simon Sheridan** Simon has frequently played at St John's Bentleigh, since first being invited as guest organist for the late carols service on Christmas Eve, 2019. He is a local resident and a regular organist at nearby Ormond Anglican Church, where he was mentored by the church's former (now retired) organist who had played there for 30 years prior to the pandemic.

Simon is a classically trained pianist who also plays at weddings and other special occasions. He has a background in public health and works in the medical equipment sector. Simon believes that music is a powerful ingredient for worship: *"Music can allow us to express things and navigate feelings beyond language.. sometimes things are hard to articulate in words, but with music we can."*





## **Gatherings and Grace to Grow**

### **The event of the month:**

Yes, **Katherine Christian Convention** was the highlight for many Christian communities in the Territory. From 28th to 30th April, people travelled with anticipation from all directions. They included some church and mission groups from New South Wales and Victoria who volunteered to set up, collect registrations and manage the food. Many camped in tents at Katherine Show Ground, and other places

Unfortunately some from communities like Numbulwar and the Central Desert areas missed out due to flooded roads or no means to get there. The new Plain English Version (PEV, -you can get the app) Mini Bible was launched. We have already been using it in the Detention and Rehab Centres and found it very useful for multi-lingual groups. It has similar grammatical structures and terms to Aboriginal languages and is more user friendly for people from oral cultures with a first language other than English.

Overall the Convention was a special time of worship, teaching and fellowship as well as catching up with communities and church leaders from all over the Territory and beyond.



***Nungalinya College Band leading the worship at KCC, with James (Keyboard) and Marlene Andrews (far right) who was MC for the day sessions.***



***Missions Interlink meeting with missionaries and other workers from organisations and churches all over the Territory.***



***Marlene and Gagù (grandson) camping from Ngukurr, with Rosemary***

***Kids teaching item at the concert night.***



## **Gathering around hospital wards and beds.**

In recent weeks, we have spent a lot of time in the Darwin hospital.

These included referrals of people who live at Kunbarlanja, Ngukurr and Numbulwar.

Miriam Numamurdirdi has now joined us again to visit patients in hospital.

Her knowledge of networks, families and culture teaches us and takes us much further than we can ever manage on our own. We are thankful to God for her contribution.

One interesting request from a friend in Darwin, was for her sister- a patient, to be taken out to a public place to cook some kangaroo tails on a BBQ! However, this patient was about to have a baby when we arrived, so that wasn't possible!

The mental health ward is usually hard to access, but we were asked to visit one patient. He was having his 20th Birthday on Mother's Day. So with his mother, we gained access to go in with a cake for her son. The whole ward turned up eagerly for a party for the young man, another patient and for the mothers.

Unknown to us, this had been pre-arranged by one of the staff! 'God im gudbala'.



**Our friends from Church, Rhoda and family, waiting excitedly outside Royal Darwin Hospital for news about the birth of a nephew and cousin.**

***"..And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."..  
~ Hebrews 10: 24,25 (NIV)***



**Sunday night at Bagot church with children giving sharing about what they had drawn and learnt about John 3:16. They also lead us well in some action songs.**

**Please ...Give thanks with us for:**

- The encouragements of the Katherine Christian Convention (late April), drawing people from a number of remote communities and their Churches, as well as non-indigenous folk from around the NT and others states. The studies on Philipians were inspiring, as was being part of a leaders' gathering.

A group from our Bible study at a local Rehab centre who attend worship with us on Sundays and wanting to go on in their faith.

Rosemary being referred for a simple medical treatment in Melbourne not available for a long time in the NT. By God's grace, it meant she could attend our first granddaughter's 2nd birthday and a Dedication service for Hannah and her new sister Naomi at St John's Diamond Creek.

**...Pray with us for:**

- Our respective ministries in the Darwin Correctional Centre, that people will have lives changed from learning more of the Good News and hope in Jesus.
- Key workers, both Aboriginal and others, joining us in these ministries around Darwin, that this team grows. Pray for Miriam as she resumes joining us for ministry in the hospital and the Rehab Bible study visits.

Rosemary in leading a weekly Trauma Healing Group through May with her co-facilitator, Pam Daams (Wycliffe), and prison visitor with Rosemary. Some women involved also hope to be trained to lead groups with the growing need.

**Thank you:**

**for your ongoing partnership with us through generous care, prayer and giving.**

To contact us, call Derek: 0497 345 896 or Rosemary: 0415 540 809.

If you would like to contribute to CMS supporting us financially, please ring CMS Victoria, (03) 9894 4722. or [click here](#).

### Food Security Champion for refugees

**St** John's is proud to become a Food Security Champion for refugees by partnering with the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC).

ASRC feeds more than 1,600 people each fortnight. Most are families living with no income, right to work or access to health care. Each month we will collect one foodbank item that is in high demand and our donations taken to the ASRC in Dandenong.

For the month of August we will collect dishwashing liquid. Please keep this much needed item in mind when you do your weekly shop and bring them to the donation box in the narthex for distribution.

For further information please speak with Beatrice McDonald who will coordinate the project over the year. Thank you!

**Beatrice McDonald**

### **A BIT OF FUN!!**

Jill Baker's wonderful and creative little granddaughter, Cécile decided to have some fun time with the donations of the toilet paper Beatrice took home for the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre. As you can see, she has very creatively made a big house with her dolls and made them up some beds! What a wonderful imagination!



### **FROM THE PARISH ARCHIVES**



L-R: Revd. David Chambers, Tom Pickford, John Franklin, Ian Little, Stan Miller, Jeff Phillips, Dr. J DeCrespigny, (unknown), Harry Smith, Ted Clayfield. (ca.1961). (Thanks to Gwen Wilson for the names)

# Christianity in the movies

Ever since Hollywood movies began, there was a fascination for the portrayal of Christianity and religion in filmmaking. The interpretation of our Lord Jesus has varied over the years. Even during times of war and civil unrest, Christianity has been seen as a source of comfort and strength for many. (A. Lyons)



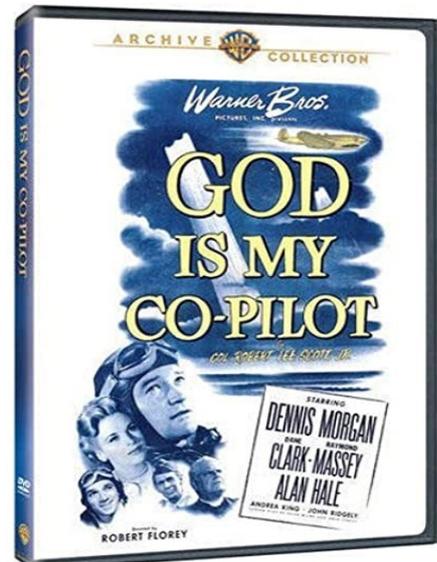
Charlton Heston as Moses (L) in the 1955 epic 'The Ten Commandments', and as John the Baptist in 'The Greatest Story ever told' (1965)

<https://www.wsbtv.com/news/national/hot-topics/5-little-known-facts-about-the-ten-commandments>



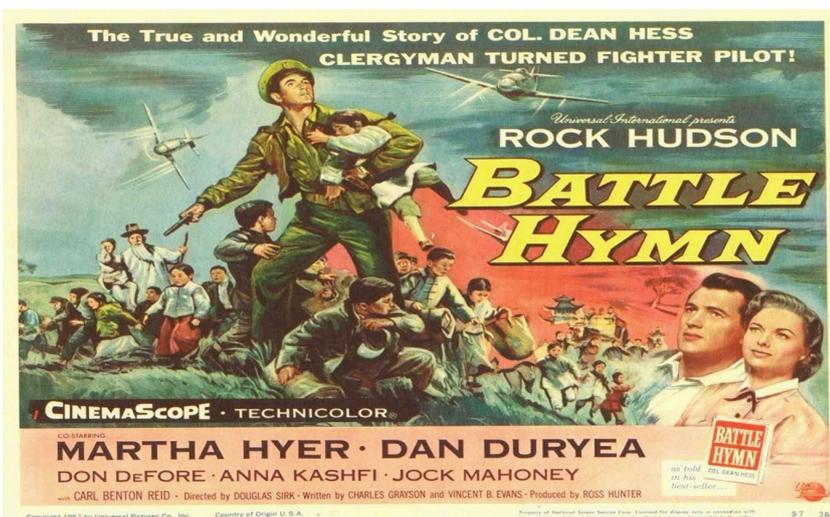
Max von Sydow's portrayal of Jesus Christ in 'The Greatest Story ever told (1965)

<http://shamelesspile.blogspot.com/2015/04/movie-review-greatest-story-ever-told.html>



'God is my Co-pilot' (1945) was about the personal emotional struggles of Capt. Robert Scott (played by Dennis Morgan) a USAAF pilot fighting in China. He turns to his friend priest, Fr. Mike Harrigan for spiritual support in times of uncertainty.

<https://www.amazon.com/God-My-Co-Pilot-Dennis-Morgan/dp/B003MJLRK8>



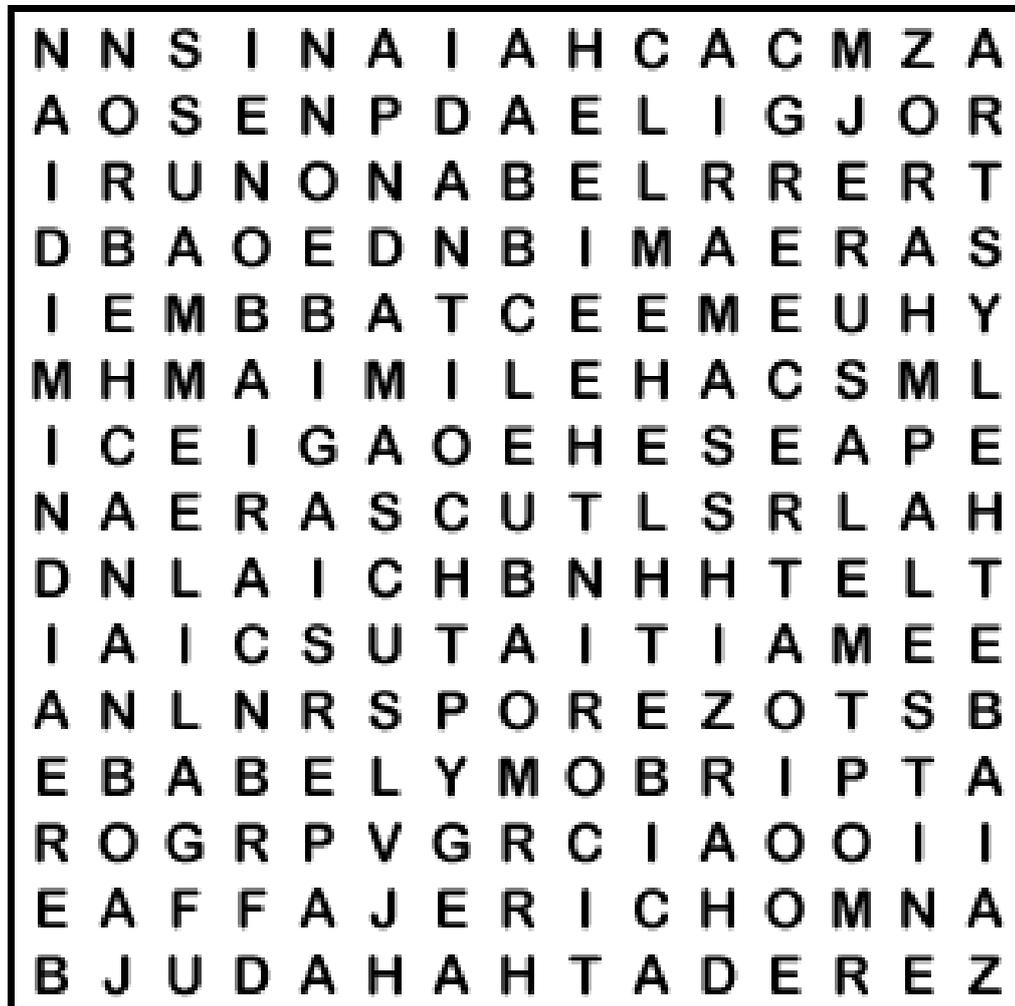
Hollywood great, Rock Hudson, portrayed Col. / Rev'd Dean Hess, as a priest who was also a fighter pilot in the Korean War. (1957).

<https://vimeo.com/521000284>

## Bible Word Search: 'Cities in the Bible'

All the words listed below are in the puzzle - left, right, up, down or diagonally. Find each word and click its first letter then its last letter to highlight it. After you have found all the words, click the leftover letters in the correct order to form the mystery answer. To work the puzzle on paper instead: Print this page and circle each letter of the words you find.

(from: [https://www.christianbiblereference.org/ws\\_CitiesInTheBible\\_0.htm](https://www.christianbiblereference.org/ws_CitiesInTheBible_0.htm))

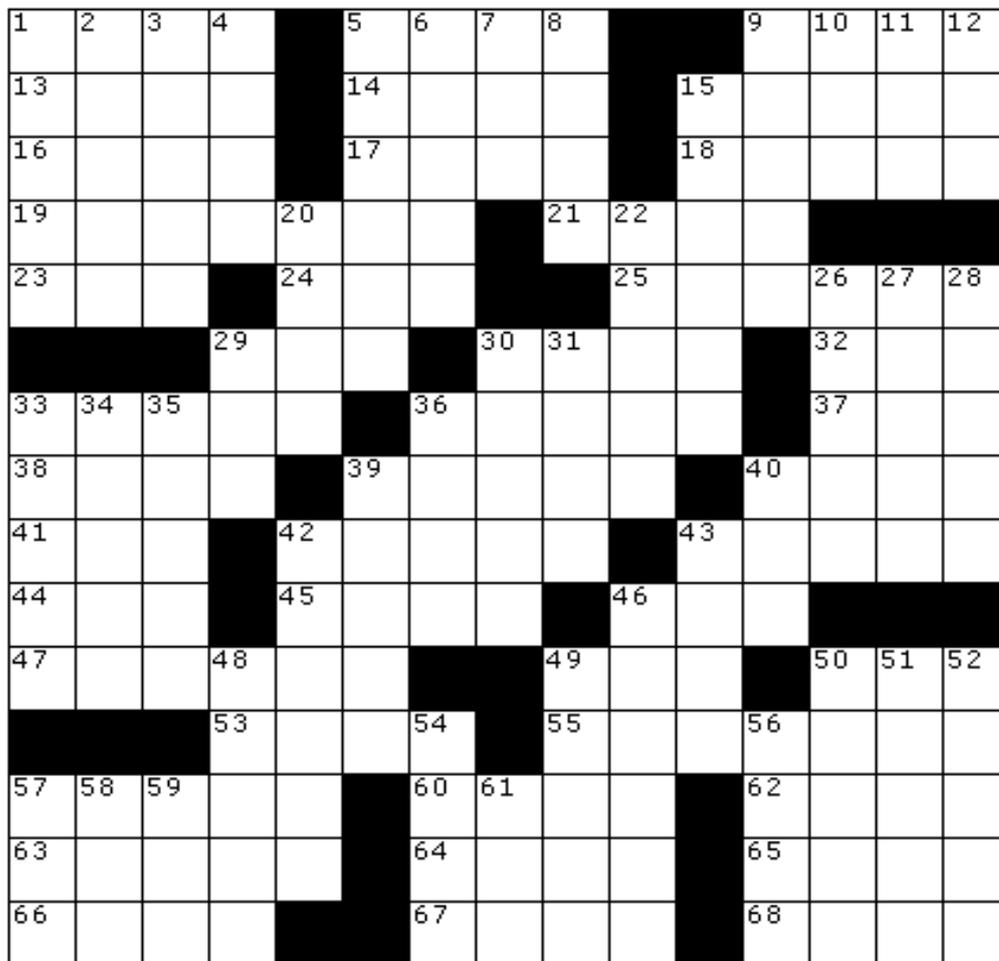


Achaia, Antioch, Arabia, Assyria, Babel,  
Beersheba, Berea, Bethel, Bethlehem,  
Cana, Caria, Cilicia, Corinth, Damascus,  
Egypt, Elim, Emmaus, Ethiopia, Galilee,  
Gibeon, Gilead, Greece, Haran, Hatti,  
Hebron, India, Jaffa, Jericho, Jerusalem,  
Judah, Lebanon, Lystra, Midian, Moab,  
Mount Zion, Nineveh, Palestine, Persia,  
Rome, Samaria, Sinai, Zeredathah,  
Zorah

## Bible Crossword Puzzle

All the words listed below are in the puzzle - left, right, up, down or diagonally. Find each word and click its first letter then its last letter to highlight it. After you have found all the words, click the leftover letters in the correct order to form the mystery answer. To work the puzzle on paper instead: Print this page and circle each letter of the words you find.

(from: [https://www.christianbiblereference.org/Crossword/cw\\_02-41.htm](https://www.christianbiblereference.org/Crossword/cw_02-41.htm))



### ACROSS

- 1 Composer  
Johann  
Sebastian
- 5 Association  
(abbr.)
- 9 Uncommon
- 13 Entice
- 14 Fencing sword
- 15 \_\_\_ house
- 16 Scent
- 17 Daring
- 18 Speak
- 19 They visited  
Jesus
- 21 Fill
- 23 Distress call
- 24 Talk
- 25 Moscow's  
country
- 29 No room for  
them in the \_\_\_
- 30 Heroic tale
- 32 Epoch
- 33 Miraculous food
- 36 OT abode of the  
dead
- 37 Sticky black

### substance

- 38 Insane
- 39 Warn
- 40 Cab
- 41 Scrape
- 42 Sticky
- 43 Quaking tree
- 44 Compass point
- 45 Thy word is a  
\_\_\_ unto my feet
- 46 Building addition
- 47 Vendor
- 49 Typing rate
- 50 Tribe of Israel
- 53 The \_\_\_ of God  
(Jesus)
- 55 Cry of joy
- 57 City destroyed  
by fire
- 60 Oil cartel
- 62 Rave
- 63 Water markers
- 64 He built the ark
- 65 Canal
- 66 Gust
- 67 Meshes
- 68 Brews

### DOWN

- 1 Puffs
- 2 Sound
- 3 Where Jesus  
died
- 4 Not there
- 5 Sea between  
Turkey and  
Greece
- 6 Courage
- 7 Place
- 8 Loch \_\_\_ monster
- 9 Merits
- 10 Picnic pest
- 11 Caviar
- 12 Be incorrect
- 15 Shared
- 20 Asian starling
- 22 Jargon
- 26 Apparatus
- 27 Furious
- 28 Brother of  
Moses
- 29 Writing liquid
- 30 Parable of the  
\_\_\_ and Goats
- 31 Airy
- 33 Female horses

- 34 Entertain
- 35 Type of peace  
prize
- 36 Dilapidated area
- 39 Warning bell
- 40 American sign  
language
- 42 Glitters
- 43 Charity
- 46 Eras
- 48 Architect Frank  
\_\_\_ Wright
- 49 Parable of the  
\_\_\_ and weeds
- 50 Tree knot
- 51 Red headed  
orphan
- 52 Courts
- 54 Former W.  
German capital
- 56 Domain
- 57 South by west
- 58 French "yes"
- 59 Put on
- 61 "Raven" author



***Come for fun, craft, food, songs, story***

***Where: St. John's Church  
Cnr Tucker & Centre rds, Bentleigh***

***When: Sunday 4-6 pm***

***6 Aug, 3 Sept, 1 Oct***

***ALL WELCOME***

***First Sunday each month Mar–Dec***

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Sunday @ 8.30AM (Holy Communion)  
 Sunday @ 10.00AM (Holy Communion (1st and 3rd Sunday);  
 Sunday @ 10.00AM (Prayer, Praise & Proclamation (2nd & 4th Sunday))  
 Sunday @ 4PM - 6PM Messy Church (from March 2023)  
 5th Sunday @ 10AM Combined all age Holy Communion service & shared lunch  
 Wednesday @ 10.30AM Holy Communion in the Chapel

**ALL WELCOME to attend & participate!**



**2023 CALENDAR**  
**DETAILS are in the weekly pew-sheet!**

July & Aug	Sept & Oct	Nov & Dec
02 July - Messy Church 11 July - Wardens meeting 17 July - Blue Cross 18 July - Parish Council Meeting 22 July - Kids & Craft Market 26 July - ORANA Fellowship 27 July - Men's Munchers Lunch <b>30 July - 5th Sunday</b>	03 Sept - Messy Church 03 Sept - Fathers' Day 12 Sept - Wardens meeting 18 Sept - Blue Cross 19 Sept - Parish Council meeting 23 Sept - Kids & Craft Market 27 Sept - ORANA Fellowship 28 Sept - Men's Munchers Lunch	<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>Stewardship (5, 12, 19 November)</b> </div> 01 Nov - ALL SAINTS Day 05 Nov - Messy Church 14 Nov - Wardens meeting 20 Nov - Blue Cross 21 Nov - Parish Council meeting 22 Nov - ORANA Fellowship 23 Nov - Men's Munchers Lunch 25 Nov - Kids & Craft Market <b>26 Nov - CHRIST THE KING &amp; ANNUAL MEETING</b>
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**School terms** - 30 Jan to 06 April; & 24 April to 23 June; 10 July to 15 September; 02 October to 20 December

Unless otherwise noted, **"Craft, Coffee & Chat"** meets every Monday (10AM-12Noon in the Narthex). During term time, a **Bible study group** meets on Wednesday (~11.30AM - Cooper Centre), **BREATH Ladies Fellowship** meets on Wednesday (fortnightly ~7.15PM in the Narthex), **ORANA Fellowship** meets monthly on Wednesday (~1PM in the Narthex), **Tutoring** occurs (every Thursday ~4PM in the Narthex). Another **Bible Study Group** meets in the home of a parishioner — venue & other details provided on request. **Men's Munchers Luncheon Group** meet monthly (4th Thursday) for lunch or evening meal. For further details of all these programs, please see the weekly pew-sheet.

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**Please note { e & oe }**: This calendar should be read in conjunction with the weekly pew-sheet.

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**(1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays).**

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**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday @ 4PM - 6PM Messy Church (from March 2023).**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday @ 10AM Combined all age Holy Communion service  
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**Wednesday @ 10.30AM Holy Communion in the Chapel**

**ALL WELCOME to attend & participate**

**On line services**

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

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*The Anglican Parish of St. John's, Bentleigh, acknowledges the traditional custodians of the country on which St. John's is situated, the Bunurong People of the Kulin nation. We recognize their continuing connection to land, waters and culture.*

*We pay our respects to their Elders, past and present*