



THE Anglican Parish of Woodend-Trentham

A member of the Central Highlands Cluster Ministry

King of Glory



King of Peace

25th November- Christ the King
White Ribbon Day

We acknowledge the Jaara Jaara people, of Dja Dja Wurrung language group,
the custodians of this land where we gather.

We pay our respects to their elders past, present, and emerging and we pray
for reconciliation.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Sentence of the day

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing.

Revelation 5.12

Gathering Hymn – 351 Lift High the Cross

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

*We pray the Prayer of preparation
(page 119 of the prayer book)*

Almighty God....

*The Shema
(page 120 of the prayer book)*

Hear, O Israel....

*The Confession and absolution
(page 120 of the prayer book)*

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

We take a moment of silent reflection

Merciful God...

*Knowing that we are forgiven, we sing The Gloria
(page 121 of the prayer book)*

Let us pray

Everlasting God,
whose will is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son,
our Lord and King:
grant that the people of earth,
now divided and enslaved by sin,
may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving
rule;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the second book of Samuel chapter 23 verses 1 to 7

Now these are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse,
the oracle of the man whom God exalted,
the anointed of the God of Jacob,
the favourite of the Strong One of Israel:

The spirit of the LORD speaks through me,
his word is upon my tongue.
The God of Israel has spoken,
the Rock of Israel has said to me:
One who rules over people justly,
ruling in the fear of God,
is like the light of morning,
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

Is not my house like this with God?

For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,
ordered in all things and secure.

Will he not cause to prosper
all my help and my desire?

But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away;
for they cannot be picked up with the hand;
to touch them one uses an iron bar
or the shaft of a spear.

And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

For the word of the Lord **thanks be to God**

Psalm 132 verses 1 to 12

Lord, remember David and all his trouble:

how he swore an oath to the Lord,
and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob;

**'I will not enter the shelter of my house:
nor climb into the comfort of my bed;**

'I will not give sleep to my eyes:
or slumber to my eyelids,

**'Till I find out a place for the ark of the Lord:
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob.'**

Lo, we heard of it at Ephrathah:
we found it in the fields of Ja-ar.

**Let us go to the place of his dwelling:
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool.**

Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place:
you, and the ark of your might.

**Let your priests be clothed with righteousness:
and let your faithful ones shout for joy.**

For the sake of David your servant:
do not turn away the face of your anointed.

**The Lord has sworn to David:
an oath which he will not break;**

‘One who is the fruit of your body:
I will set upon your throne.

**‘If your children will keep my covenant
and the commands which I teach them:
their children also shall sit upon your throne for ever.’**

A reading from the Book of Revelation chapter 1 verses 4 to 8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

For the word of the Lord **thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn – 142 Glory be

Alleluia Alleluia

Glory to you O word of God, King of endless glory

Alleluia

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John chapter 18
beginning at the 33rd verse*

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

For the Gospel of the Lord **praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

The Sermon

The affirmation of faith (page 123 of the prayer book)

The Prayers of the People

*On this day we will focus our prayers on victims of domestic abuse.
We will also pray for the perpetrators, that peace and justice prevails in
their hearts.*

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 – 228 Crown him

We give thanks for the offered gifts

God our sustainer,
receive the gifts we bring before you,
and feed us continually with that bread which satisfies all hunger,
and the wine that quenches all thirst,
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

....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 he who comes in the Lord's name
Hosanna in the Highest**

We say together...

**Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again**

...in songs of never ending praise

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen**

*With our hearts set on the kingdom and our hands open to serve, we
pray as Jesus taught us...*

**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 Sending out of God's people

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

The Notices

Final Hymn – 155 O Lord my God

The Blessing and Dismissal

God of this ancient land,
through baptism you have given us an inheritance into one family,
give us grace to walk together in the unity of Christ Jesus;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the One who loves you,
the One who calls you,
and the One who makes you holy,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

****some thoughts from Rev. Mel*

Last year, when the Parish Council met to discuss the Parish's Mission Action Plan, they decided that the growing number of reports of domestic violence warranted a special day of prayer.

Friday was White Ribbon Day, White Ribbon is an organisation that is actively working towards highlighting and preventing violence against women. Today is also the final day of the church year, a day when we can reflect on the year gone by and think about the coming year, so we chose this day to intentionally pray and discuss this issue.

White Ribbon Day is about violence against women, but we know that violence happens to children, men, even pets in abusive relationships. The fact is though that the statistics of men perpetrating violence against women are terrifying.

Sixty One women, so far this year, have been murdered. That is more than one per week. Most of these women were killed by men with whom they were in, or had been, in a relationship.

Violence and abuse takes many forms; physical, sexual, financial,

mental, neglect are all ways that people can suffer at the hands of those they should be able to trust the most.

Christians are not immune to this. There are some people who use scripture as a way of maintaining power over their partners. Dr Julia Baird, ABC Presenter and Journalist, has written extensively on partner abuse within Anglican Church circles*

The very idea that the message of God can be missused in such a way is just awful. I believe that all forms of abuse and violence are against what God wants for humanity, and against the core values of the Gospel. We are called to be peacemakers and so we must pray and work for peace in families as well as peace in the world.

If you or someone you know needs help please don't keep silent, there is help available.

You can contact National Sexual Assault, Domestic Family Violence Counselling Service on 1800 737 732 or Lifeline on 13 11 14 they are both 24 hour services.

With my prays for peace within families and homes, Mel

[*https://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-07-18/domestic-violence-church-submit-to-husbands/8652028](https://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-07-18/domestic-violence-church-submit-to-husbands/8652028)

https://www.whiteribbon.org.au/day/?gclid=EAlaIQobChMI-rSx_oPf3gIV1BSPCh0hrwknEAAYASAAEgJqZ_D_BwE

Pew Bulletin

Safe Church

There will be a safe church refresher workshop in Woodend on March 30. If it is three years since your first workshop then you'll need to book in.

Hall Manager

The position of the Hall Manager for next year is still up for grabs. If you have been praying and thinking about this please have a chat with Rev. Mel or one of your wardens.

Parish Council

Your Parish Council meets on Wednesday at 7.30pm in Trentham.
Please pray for your council as they meet for the final time this year.

Parish Finances

The wardens, treasurer and Rev. Mel met to draft a budget for next year. During that discussion the topic of direct giving came up – it makes it easier to budget if we know what is coming in each week! If you currently give via the plate and would like to direct debit your giving the account details are:

BSB 633 000 Account 1498 24906

Ref: Parish Giving

News from the Guilds

St Mary's Guild:

The next guild meeting is Wednesday 28th November

St George's Guild

Thank you to everyone who supported the Flower Show!

First Friday Films

Our First Friday of the month film for December will be 'Wreck it Ralph'; a great kid's movie about the importance of friendship.

December 7th at 6pm in the hall.

Macedon Ranges Toy Shop

Once again we have been invited to participate in the Macedon Ranges Toy Shop that is run by the Kyneton Baptist Church.

This year, as in previous years, we are asked to donate new toys or vouchers to young people in the area who would otherwise not receive a Christmas gift due to family circumstances. A box to receive donations will be placed under the Christmas tree at the beginning of Advent.

Other Diary Dates

Bishop Matt will be visiting with us on December 16 to officially receive Robyn Leeder, Michael Dillon and Greg Donaldson into the Anglican Communion.

Christmas Carols in the garden at St Mary's on December 21 at 6.30pm

Blue Christmas Service at St Mary's on December 22 at 6.30pm
TCCC Christmas Carols in St George's on December 23 at 6.30pm
Christmas Eve Crib Service at St Mary's December 24th at 6.00pm
Christmas Eve 'not quite Midnight Mass' at St Mary's December 24th
10pm
Christmas Morning at St George's 9am
Christmas Morning at St Mary's 11am

Intercessions – our prayers are asked for: Sam, Andrea,
Alison, Ethan, Kirsten, Carole, Wendy, Jeanette,
Trevor, Rudi, Trish, Hugh, Joshua and family, Alan,
Faye, Lynne, Kay, Don, Kristina and John, Carmela, Heath, Jim, Lindy,
Judy and John, Hayden, Maggie, Fletcher, Jason, and Sandra.

Birthdays and anniversaries

Happy birthday today to Stephen Dye, and later this week to Ron White
and Ian Hansford

Years Mind and those who have died recently

We remember Joyce Bedson on Friday

Readings for next week: Advent One

Jeremiah 33.14-16

Psalms 25.1-10

1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

Luke 21.25-38



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