

THE Anglican Parish of Woodend-Trentham

*A member of the Central Highlands Cluster Ministry*

**St George's, Trentham 9.00am | St Mary's, Woodend 11.00am**



**4<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 – All Saints and All Souls Day**

We acknowledge the Jaara Jaara people,  
of the Woi wurrung and Dja Dja Wurrung language groups,  
the custodians of this land where we gather.  
We pay our respects to their elders past and present and pray for  
reconciliation.

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

### Gathering Hymn – 474 Here in this place

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

We come together today to honour those we know and love, who have been born into eternal life; those friends and family members who feast with the angels of the Lord and, with whom we share the hope of resurrection to new life.

*Everyone is invited to come forward and light a candle as the names of those we love who have died are read out.*



We also celebrate on this day the glorious pledge of the hope of our calling which God has given us in the saints; that, following their example and strengthened by their fellowship, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us, and with them receive the unfading crown of glory.

*We enjoy a moment of silence as we pray together and share fellowship with the saints and each other.*

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

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

**Merciful God...**

*The Gloria (page 121 of the prayer book)*

**Glory to God in the highest...**

*Let us pray*

We praise you, loving God,  
That you have knit together your chosen ones  
    In one communion and fellowship  
In the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord:  
Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints  
    In all virtuous and godly living  
That we may come to those inexpressible joys  
You have prepared for those who truly love you;  
Through Jesus Christ our Saviour,  
Who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,  
One God, in glory everlasting. **Amen**

## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*A reading from the book of Isaiah, chapter 25, verses 6 to 9*

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

### Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it:  
the compass of the world and those who dwell therein.

**For he has founded it upon the seas:  
and established it upon the waters.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord:  
or who shall stand in his holy place?

**Those who have clean hands and a pure heart:  
who have not set their soul upon idols,  
nor sworn their oath to a lie.**

They shall receive blessing from the Lord:  
and recompense from the God of their salvation.

**Of such a kind as this are those who seek him:**

**those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, O you gates,  
and be lifted up, you everlasting doors:  
and the King of glory shall come in.

**Who is the King of glory?:**

**the Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.**

Lift up your heads, O you gates,  
and be lifted up, you everlasting doors:  
and the King of glory shall come in.

**Who is the King of glory?:**

**the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

*A reading from the book of Revelation, chapter 21 verses 1 to 6*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

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

## **Gospel Hymn –455 For all the Saints**

### ***Alleluia Alleluia***

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,  
a holy nation, God's own people,  
called out of darkness into his marvellous light. **Alleluia**

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John, chapter 11  
beginning at the 32<sup>nd</sup> verse*

### **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

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*

*The Greeting of Peace*

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God,  
through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace  
to those who were far off and those who were near.

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 – 181 Sing out**

*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...**

### **The Sending out of God's people**

God, the source of all holiness:  
may we who have shared at this table  
as strangers and pilgrims on earth  
be welcomed with Mary, George and all your saints  
to the heavenly feast in your kingdom.  
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.**

**Final Hymn – 687 God gives us a future**

*The Blessing and Dismissal*

God, who has prepared for us a city with eternal foundations,  
give you grace to share the inheritance of the saints in glory;  
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 week, just as our services were beginning, the news that a shooting had occurred in a Synagogue in Pittsburgh was coming through.

Eleven people were killed as they peacefully prayed in their temple and celebrated a new life during a baby presentation ceremony – much like the kind of ceremony that we read about in Luke 2 when Jesus was presented in the temple.

I have been deeply moved by all of this and although pain and sorrow is our first response, it would be easy to allow ourselves to get caught up in the next response – the anger that inevitably comes with this event. It would be easy to call for the blood of the gunman. It would be easy to let hate win. But we cannot.

We must pray for him.

The man who has been charged is named Robert Bowers. He is obviously unwell and, in a country where the right to bear arms is held so passionately, he was able to get access to weapons.

He, and his family and friends, are in need of our compassion.

There have been many responses to this shooting from the American people, and people around the world.

In Tel Aviv a building was lit in the colours of the American flag, In Australian synagogues prayers for the dead have been offered, in Pittsburgh the local mosque collected about \$140,000 in only a few days to help the families of the victims pay for funerals. The people of the mosque also offered to stand outside the synagogue to protect and support the Jewish community as they gathered.

Significantly, the people of Pittsburgh asked for the President not to attend the synagogue because they believe that the rhetoric of him and his administration has allowed this to happen.

Now, I don't know that this is correct as there have been attacks on Jewish people for as far back as history, and scripture, can take us. I do know that there are ways to speak that bring people together and ways to speak that tear people from each other, and President Trump seems to be very good at the latter.

As people who believe in the God of Abraham, who worship Jesus and venerate Mary and Joseph – a Jewish family, who read the Jewish scriptures every week in church, we are connected to those who have died and those who mourn.

Let us all hold them in our hearts and prayers, and as we do let us pray for an end to violence and hatred of all kinds.

Peace

Mel

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## **Pew Bulletin**

### **Safe Church**

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

### **St Paul's Cathedral Bendigo**

Our cathedral is celebrating 150 years in November. See the brochure on the notice boards for events that we are welcome to attend.

### **News from the Guilds**

#### *St Mary's Guild:*

The next street stall is November 10, and knit and natter is November 21

#### *St George's Guild*

The Flower Show is on November 24<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.

### **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**

Armistice Centenary celebration service November 11

White Ribbon Day Service November 25

Fr Neil Fitzgerald will be presiding in Woodend-Trentham November 18

Bishop Matt will be visiting with us on December 16 to officially receive Robyn Leeder into the Anglican Communion.

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

Blue Christmas Service at St Mary's on December 22  
TCCC Christmas Carols in St George's on December 23

**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, Helen, Jim, Lindy, Judy and John, and Hayden.

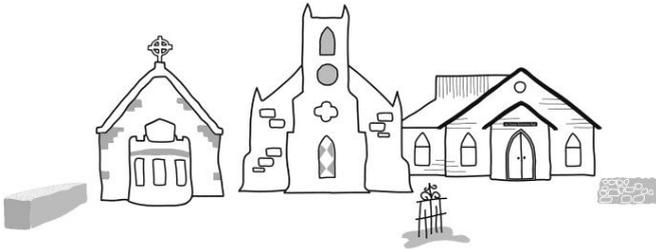
### **Birthdays and anniversaries**

Happy birthday to Naimh Fiford.

The 8<sup>th</sup> November marks 154 years since the first service was held in the St Mary's bluestone church.

### **Years Mind and those who have died recently**

Please let us know if there is someone you would like to remember this week.



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