



THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA

**Newsletter
Trinity Sunday
7 June 2020**

**A lighthouse atop Green Knoll
A lighthouse shining in the dark
A lighthouse beaming the light
of life
of love
of hope
of Christ**



**A vision for
Christ Church St Kilda**

Christ Church Parish Vision

A worshipping Christian community

- humbly loving God and one another;
- proclaiming the Gospel in word and deed; and
- creating an environment in which all people feel welcomed and accepted.

Christ Church Parish Mission

We take as our Christian Mission the practice of Pastoral Care for our community and the wider community; Worship that welcomes all; Nurturing all peoples; Social Justice; and Caring for God's Creation

Child Safety Policy

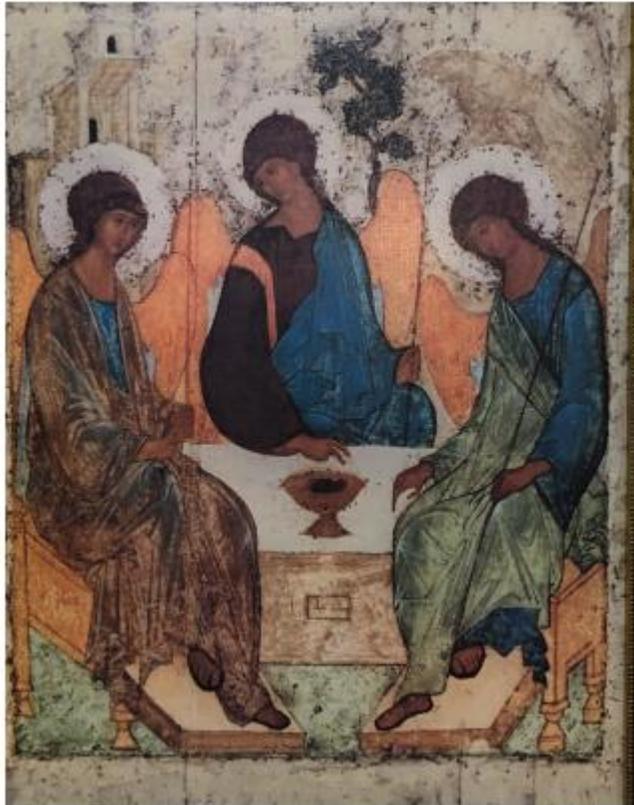
Our commitment to child safety

Christ Church St Kilda has adopted the policy on Child Safety as set down by the Archbishop in Council of the Diocese, the governing body of the Diocese. This Parish is committed to complying with the requirements of Diocesan and Victorian legislation. The Policy states:

The Anglican Church of Australia within the Diocese of Melbourne, including its Cathedral Church of St Paul and each parish or congregation or faith community within the diocese (the Church) is committed to child safe practice. The care, the safety and the welfare of children are embedded in policies and practices which are intended to reflect a commitment to zero tolerance of child abuse.

More information on child safety is available at the rear of the Church. You are welcome to talk to the Vicar on this important topic.

From the Vicar's Desk



In February 1991 I had the privilege of attending a course on ecumenism prior to the World Council of Churches Assembly in Canberra. It was there that I was introduced to this icon and it has had a major influence on my theology and my Christian journey ever since.

This icon is by the fifteenth century monk and iconographer Andrei Rublev. The original was painted sometime between 1408 and 1425 and is now held in Tretyakov Gallery in Moscow. It depicts the visit of three Angels to Abraham and Sarah at the Oasis of Mamre in Genesis 18: 1-8 and is full of symbolism. It is interpreted to be of the Holy Trinity. To me this icon presents the Holy Trinity as an example of the Body of Christ the Church. The

characters flow together. Indeed, they lean toward each other to form a circle of peace, harmony, mutual love and humility. Together they present spiritual unity; a bond that cannot be broken.

My constant prayer is that we, the Church, who are the Body of Christ may not only realise that this is what God wants for us but that we live it in our daily lives. If we did then the world would believe and Jesus' prayer in John 17: 20-21 would become a reality:

²⁰ My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message,²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

When will we be reopening Christ Church St Kilda?

The Parish Council met on Wednesday 27 May to consider when the church would be re-opened for worship. After considering all the factors, especially the health and cleaning issues, involved with re-opening the church it was decided to delay doing so until July 2020. It is hoped that by then the COVID-19 crisis will have abated and we will be able to admit a minimum of 50 into the church for worship. We appreciate that this decision may upset some of us but we ask that you be patient and wait until the health dangers that the Coronavirus presents have eased.

COVID Safe Officer

The health requirements from Victoria Health and the Diocese have asked all Parishes and Associated Anglican Congregations (AACs) to appoint a COVID Safe Officer who would have responsibility for ensuring the Parish complies with all the COVID safety requirements for church buildings and activities. I am pleased to inform you that Robyn Foy has kindly agreed to take up the position. In preparation for the re-opening of the church, Robyn and a small team of helpers will put in place everything to ensure that the Parish meets these requirements.

Feast of Corpus Christi

We will be celebrating the Feast of Corpus Christi on **Sunday 14 June**. In preparation for that celebration, you are invited to send Fr Turi a picture depicting what the Eucharist - also known as the Holy Communion and the Lord's Supper according to different traditions and theological understandings - means to you. For example, the picture may be of a chalice containing wine and paten with wafers on it or it may be a picture of the crucified Christ or of a group of people gathered around a dinner table. Email, post or deliver the picture to Fr Turi before **Saturday 13 June** so they may be hung on a display stand.

Sunday Worship

Beginning on Sunday 24 May we have started a series of four significant Sundays in the liturgical calendar of the Church. Fr Turi invited the Rt Rev David Farrer and the Rev Geoff Cheong to join us for two of them. Fr Geoff recently completed his PhD on relational theology and will be preaching this Sunday.

Calendar of Services

Sunday Services

7 June 2020: Trinity Sunday

Theme: The Holy Trinity

9am Eucharist: Rev Geoff Cheong

14 June 2020: Corpus Christi - 2nd Sunday After Pentecost

Theme: The body and blood of Christ

9am Eucharist: Fr Turi Hollis

21 June 2020: Third Sunday After Pentecost

Theme: God our strength and support

9am Eucharist: Fr Ken Letts

28 June 2020: Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Theme: God's righteousness

9am Eucharist: Fr Turi Hollis

Morning and Evening Daily Services

Monday to Friday - Morning Service 8.00 am

Monday to Thursday - Evening Service 5.30 pm

The Melbourne Anglican

The June edition of *The Melbourne Anglican* (TMA) is now available at <http://tma.melbourneanglican.org.au/this-months-tma>.

Please note that the Prayer Diary has not been included within the pages of TMA this month, but can be found at <https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/spiritual-resources/>

Covid-19: Caring for People in the Community

The Community Centre is still very busy helping people with food and other essentials. The Community Centre has continued to provide emergency food and on Wednesday nights an 'Open House' takeaway meal. Donations of food are always welcome!

During Covid-19 isolation Fr Turi has been reaching out to the community. People have sought prayer for themselves and/or for other people. Some have sought a listening ear to talk about their loneliness, stress and other issues. Parish Council has decided that we should reach out to the community generally. Fr Turi would welcome volunteers to join a team that would pray with people and who would be available to be a listening ear for people who feel they need to talk. If you are interested in joining the team please contact Fr Turi (0413 395 621).

Parish offertory

April 2020			Year to date		
Budget	Actual	Var ⁿ	Budget	Actual	Var ⁿ
4,461	4,041	-420	33,461	31,904	-1,557

The Wardens and Fr Turi would like to thank everyone for continuing to give to the Parish.