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15th Sunday after Pentecost

1 September 2024

THIS SUNDAY: 1 SEPTEMBER 2024

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*Song of Songs 2:8-13 | Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 |
James 1:17-27 | Mark 7:1-8, 14-23 |*

8.00am EUCHARIST

Presider: Fr Ray
Preacher: Fr Ray
Reader: Alison Milne
Intercessor: Fr Ray
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Welcomers: Sue Hodges & Noel Hodges

10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: Fr Ray
Preacher: Fr Ray
MC: Ross Smith
Readers: Geoff Lavender & Kerri Downes
Intercessor: Fr Ray
Servers: Sam Babuswamy & Sue Banting
Crucifer: Tom Downes
Welcomers: Ruth Geraghty, Helen Creed & Roger
Creed
Hymns: 137, 201 & 154

6.00pm EVENSONG

*Song of Songs 4:7-15 | Psalm 15 |
James 1:1-13 |*
Reflection: Fr Ray
Reader: Andrew Porter
Hymns: 560(i) & 448
Canticles: 'Fauxbourdons' by Daniel Riley
Welcomers: Alison Milne & Tony Smythe

NEXT SUNDAY: 8 SEPTEMBER 2024

16th Sunday after Pentecost

*Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 | Psalm 125 |
James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17 | Mark 7:24-37 |*

8.00am EUCHARIST

Presider: Fr Ray
Preacher: Fr Ray
Reader: Penny Galbraith
Intercessor: Peter Forwood
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Welcomers: Sue Hodges & Noel Hodges

10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: Helen Creed
Preacher: Fr Ray
Sub-deacon: Geoff Vincent
MC: Ross Smith
Readers: Harry Watson & Sue Banting
Intercessor: Tetty Hutagalung
Servers: Tetty Hutagalung & Jenny Cook
Crucifer: Ferry Hasiholan
Welcomers: Ruth Geraghty, Helen Creed & Roger
Creed
Hymns: 606, 585 & 118

6.00pm EVENSONG

*Esther 2:1-11, 15-17 | Psalm 146 |
Mark 8:1-1-22 |*
Reflection: Fr Ray
Readers: Gavin D'Mello & Ramya D'Mello
Hymns: 503 (words from NEH 280) & 207
Canticles: 'Evening Service in D', by George
Dyson
Welcomers: Alison Milne & Tony Smythe

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Cleanse our consciences, O Lord, and enlighten our hearts through the daily presence of your Son Jesus Christ, that when he comes in glory to be our judge we may be found undefiled and acceptable in his sight; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PRAYER AT THE TIME OF CHOOSING A NEW INCUMBENT

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

ACTING VICAR'S LETTER

After 5 weeks the Gospel readings have come to end from John's Gospel on the theme of the "bread of Life". Today we resume our Gospel reading from Mark and he begins in setting the scene. The religious authorities from Jerusalem challenge Jesus about the failure of his disciples to observe the ritual purity. They do not wash their hands after they come into contact with something that disqualifies them from worship. In response, Jesus does not excuse his followers, nor criticize them or the ritual. What he does do however is accuse them of elevating human tradition above worship. He then shifts the focus from ritual to moral purity. It is not the intake of food that pollutes or contaminates but evil desires from the human heart.

At Choral Evensong tonight we will remember the Martyrs of New Guinea who died in Papua between 1942-3 during the Japanese invasion and occupation. In addition, we recall the loss of over 300 missionaries from various traditions at this time. We are honouring and recalling the martyrs of New Guinea today because of their courage, fortitude, faith and because each of them had family and friends they loved and served. We give thanks for their bravery and faith. Rest eternal grant to them o Lord and may they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Shalom
Ray

MORNING PRAYER

Morning prayer will be held Wednesday to Friday at 9am in the church or you can connect via Zoom:

Meeting ID
886 7577 8527

Invite Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88675778527?pwd=MLo6aED8tuBVqbmqhFg67M77nV8rW9.1>

or

<https://tinyurl.com/582jdix3>

NAME TAGS

I would like to encourage all of us to wear our name tags each time we are in Church. This helps visitors and we have had a few over the past weeks. Also, if you recognize a newcomer or someone we have not seen for some time, please invite them to morning tea and make sure they speak with one of the clergy.

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE FOR YOUR CALENDARS

- Iona Service 6.30pm 4th September
- Harvest Festival 15th September
- Visit of Bishop Genevieve Blackwell 22nd September at 10am
- Creation Sunday 6th October
- Visit of Jo Knight Anglican Overseas Aid 20 October at 10am followed by discussion
- All Saints day with All Souls 3rd November
- Volunteer Service 10 November 6pm
- Requiem Concert for All Saints 15 November

IONA EUCHARIST THIS WEDNESDAY AT 6.30PM

Come join us stay for a delightful Currie and fruit of the vine or soft drink. An enjoyable occasion for a chat and catch up. Bring a friend who may appreciate the informality of the worship and meal.

HARVEST FESTIVAL 15TH SEPTEMBER 10AM

This is an opportunity to bring family and friends along to celebrate the bounty of God's creation and to even learn about where our food comes from that we place on our tables daily. I hope we can encourage the families involved with our playgroups to join us.

NEW TAX-DEDUCTIBLE PROJECTS

Our weekly Bubup and Wednesday after school program have been granted tax deductibility status through the Melbourne Anglican Foundation. Details to how this can be done will be available soon. In the interim if you wish to support our musical program please use the Choral Scholars Appeal QR code on the back page of Contact.

RETIREMENT OF DAVID BYRNE

Our much loved and appreciated organist at St John's has advised Parish Council he plans to step down from his position at the end of Christmas services this year. David has served the parish for many years with distinction. David and his wife will be moving to Hamilton to be close to family. Congratulations to them both on the recent birth of their grandchild. There will be a time set for a special farewell to them both later in the year.

STREAMING APOLOGY

Technical challenges have prevented us from streaming the services on Sunday last week the 25th August. We anticipate we will be up and running this Sunday at 10am and then both 10am and 6pm the following week with a new streaming address.

ST JOHN'S ASYLUM SEEKERS SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting is Monday 9th of September at 2:30pm in the Dempster Room. Everyone is welcome. There is much to discuss. Helen's archives report, the planned event on the 20th October, and more.

ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDARS

Orders are now being taken for 2025 Anglican Church Calendars. Single copies are \$15. Please order and pay at the office.

YEAR'S MIND THIS WEEK

Elva Hallt, Eric Sayce, Gwen Dempster, Ken Goodisson, Jean Smith,
Dorothy Wilken.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Today we include in our prayers especially, Jocelyn Wilson, Bp Gary,
John Parkes (Bp), David Mullens, Elizabeth, Richard Borthwick (Pr), Tony,
John, Annette, Ian.

St Paul's Frankston (Claudia Mauracher); The Diocese of The Northern Territory
(Bp Greg Anderson, Clergy & People); Archdeaconry of Kew (Megan Curlis-
Gibson); Holy Apostles' Sunshine – Pastoral service (Abp Philip Freier); St
John's Malvern – Pastoral service (Abp Philip Freier); Inner West Church
Kensington – Pastoral service (Bp Kate Prowd); St Silas' Albert Park – Pastoral
service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St Thomas the Martyr Winchelsea –
Confirmation service (Bp Brad Billings); Anglican Church of Mozambique and
Angola (Bp Carlos Simao Matsinhe).

Morning Prayer 9am Wednesday-Friday, by Zoom

Tuesdays	12 noon	Eucharist in the Chapel
Wednesdays (1st)	6.30pm	Iona Eucharist
Sundays	8.00am	Eucharist
	10.00am	Choral Eucharist
	6.00pm	Choral Evensong

Saint John's Donations

Our worship and outreach are sustained by the generosity of our friends and supporters. We give in thanksgiving for all that we have received and are deeply thankful for the generosity of those who make our work possible. We couldn't do it without you!



Choral Scholars Appeal

By donating to the Choral Scholars program, you will help continue the wonderful musical tradition at St. John's. By maintaining weekly services of choral and classical masterpieces we keep a rich aspect of Anglican tradition and English cultural heritage alive. Please give generously!



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