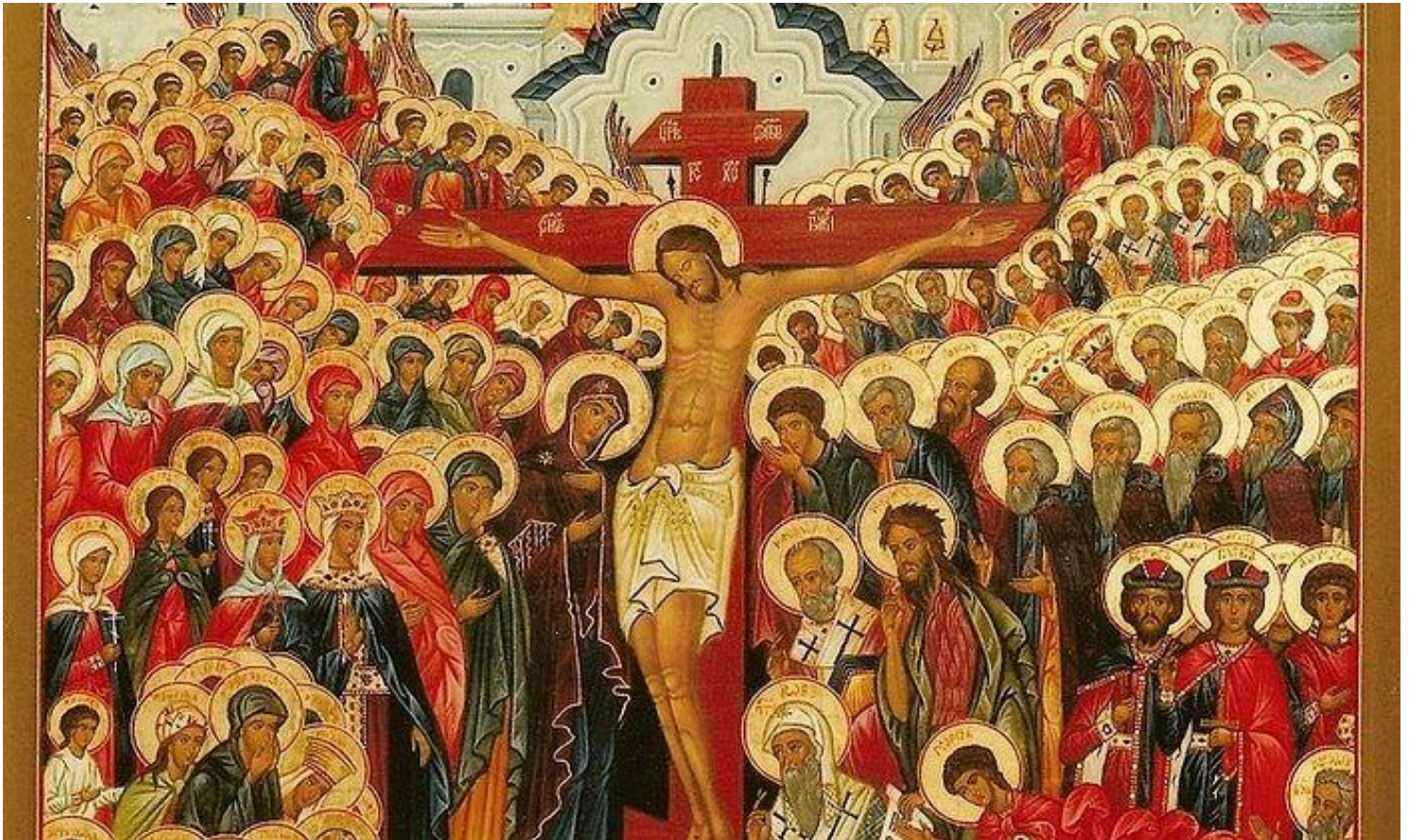




St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

7 November 2021



*A great multitude, from every nation and tribe and people and language,
cried with a loud voice, saying,
'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb!'*

(Revelation 7: 10)

MASKS

Please wear a mask in church at all times, unless you are reading or have an exemption.

A REFLECTION ON ALL SAINTS DAY

from a Sermon of St Bernard of Clairvaux (1090–1153)

Of what profit to the saints are our praise and the honour we pay them? Of what use is this Feast day, or why does it mean anything to the saints? What do they care about earthly honours when their heavenly Father fulfilling the true and faithful promise of his Son, has raised them to glory? What does our commemoration mean to them? The saints have no need of honour from us; neither does our devotion add the slightest thing to what is already theirs. Clearly, when we venerate their memory, it is serving **us**, not them. But I tell you, when I think of them, I feel myself inflamed by a tremendous longing to be with them.

Calling the saints to mind inspires, or rather arouses in us, above all else, a longing to enjoy their company, which is desirable in itself. We long to share in the citizenship of heaven, to dwell with the spirits of the blessed, to join the assembly of patriarchs, the ranks of the prophets, the council of apostles, the great host of martyrs, the noble company of confessors and the choir of virgins. In short, we long to be united in happiness with all the saints. But our dispositions change. The Church of all the first followers of Christ in its glory awaits us, and we turn aside. The saints lovingly call us to be with them, and we are indifferent. The host of the redeemed await us, and we ignore them.

Come, let us at long last spur ourselves on. We must rise again with Christ, we must seek the world which is above and set our mind on the things of heaven. Let us love and long for those who love and are longing for us, hasten to those who are waiting for us, and ask those who look for our coming to intercede for us. Our hope should be not only for fellowship with the saints, but also hope to possess their joy. While we desire to be in their company, we must also earnestly seek to share in their glory. Do not imagine that there is anything harmful in such an ambition as this; there is no danger in setting our hearts on such glory.

When we commemorate the saints we are inflamed with another yearning: that Christ our life may also appear to us as he appeared to them, and that we may one day share in his glory. Meanwhile, of course, Christ is displayed, not as he truly is, but as he became for our sake. Would it not be shameful for a member to live pampered, when the head is crowned with thorns; when the purple robe is put upon him not in honour but in mockery? When Christ comes again, his death shall no longer be proclaimed, and we shall know that we also have died, and that our life is hidden with him. The glorious head of the Church will appear and his glorified members will shine in splendour with him, that is, when he transforms this lowly body anew into such glory as belongs to himself, as its head.

So, let us strive to attain this glory with a passionate desire and an ambition that is entirely praiseworthy. And, that we may rightly hope for it and strive for such blessedness, the prayers of the saints are eminently desirable, that what we cannot attain by our own unaided efforts may be granted by God's grace, and our sanctification aided by their intercession.

MUSIC FOR TODAY'S LITURGIES:

Hymns at 8am: NEH 197, 225, 478

Hymns at 10am: TiS 455 (vv1,2,4 & 8), 448, 521, 470

Setting: *Christ Church Mass Philip Matthias*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The Congregation stands as a bell is rung, and we sing the first hymn.

President: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The President welcomes the congregation, then this sentence of Scripture is read:

And a great multitude, from every nation and tribe and people and language, cried with a loud voice, saying,

'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb!'

Revelation 7:10

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We say or sing together:

**Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Let us pray.

The people pray silently, and then the President 'collects' the silent prayer:

We praise you, heavenly Father,
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.**

First Reading

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah:

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured 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 for ever.
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 hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

Isaiah 25:6–10

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Psalm 24 (*said at 8.00 a.m.; at 10:00 a.m., sung to TiS 13*)

Response: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

1. The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it:
the compass of the world and those who dwell therein.
2. For he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.
3. Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord:
or who shall stand in his holy place? **R.**
4. Those who have clean hands and a pure heart:
who have not set their souls upon idols,
nor sworn their oath to a lie.
5. They shall receive blessing from the Lord:
and recompense from the God of their salvation.
6. Of such a kind as this are those who seek him:
those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. **R.**
7. Lift up your heads, O you gates,
and be lifted up, you everlasting doors:
and the King of glory shall come in.
8. Who is the King of glory?:
The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.
9. Lift up your heads, O you gates,
and be lifted up, you everlasting doors:
and the King of glory shall come in.
10. Who is this King of glory?:
ALL: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Second Reading

A reading from the Revelation to John:

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.’

Revelation 21:1–6a

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn *at 10am only*

Gospel

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.

c.f. 1 Peter 2:9

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

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 for 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 upwards 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.'

John 11:32-44

For the gospel of the Lord,
praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

A sermon is preached. After the sermon, silence is kept.

The Nicene Creed

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Anglican Church

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia; The Anglican Church of Australia; Converge International; St Augustine's Moreland.

For all in need

Matthew, Sam, Milroy, Coral, David, Tony, Paul, Christine, Lei and her family, Keith, Erica, Peter, Leon, Josh, Vincent, John, Margaret, Dunstan, Noel, +Andrew, Russell and Joan.

For the Faithful Departed

Those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: Léline Angela Burns, Natali Cerini, Ruby Cooke, George Terrell (Sam) Crowl, Moen Djismoen, Norma Djismoen, John Terrell Goodall, Isabel Gray, Dora Hills, Elizabeth Knight, Lilian MacKenzie, James Morison, Margaret (Peg) Nelson, Margaret Tenison Philip, Megan Proctor, Charles Sexton.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

Silence is kept.

Let us then run our race, laying aside every weight and bringing our sins to the Lord in penitence and faith:

Merciful God,
**our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The President pronounces Absolution, and the people respond

Amen.

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 to those who were near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The gifts are placed on the altar and the President offers prayers, to which the people respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

The President then begins the Great Thanksgiving Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The President continues with a prayer appropriate to the season, concluding with:

... we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**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 name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The President continues the prayer until:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died,
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The President continues the prayer, which concludes:

...we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Silence is kept

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

**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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

As the President breaks the bread, the following is said:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

We say (at 8:00 a.m.)

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
grant us your peace.

We sing (at 10:00 a.m.)

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ
in remembrance that he died for us,
and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The people and ministers receive the sacrament.

Anthem: *sung by the choir, at 10am only*

*Give us the wings of faith to rise within the veil
and see, the saints above,
how great their joys,
how bright their glories be.*

*We ask them whence their victory came;
they, with one united breath,
ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
their triumph to his death.*

*They marked the footsteps that he trod,
his zeal inspired their quest,
and following their incarnate God,
they reached the promised rest.*

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748)
Music: Ernest Bullock (1890–1979)

After Communion, silence is kept.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

A prayer is offered by the President, which ends

Father,
we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.

Final Hymn

THE BLESSING

The President pronounces a blessing, to which all respond

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude: *Alla Marcia* John Ireland (1914-1962)

Scripture Readings next week

I Samuel 1:4–20
Hebrews 10:11–25

XXVTH AFTER PENTECOST

Psalm – *Song of Hannah*
Mark 13:1–11

THE WEEK AHEAD

Weekdays Monday – Saturday	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
<u>Day</u>	<u>Morning Prayer</u>	<u>Evening Prayer</u>
Monday, 8 November <i>Saints, martyrs, missionaries and teachers of the Anglican Communion</i>	Psalms 20; 21 2 Kings 15:23–38 Matthew 22:34–46	Psalms 24; 26 Esther 9:1–19 Revelation 3:1–6
Tuesday, 9 November <i>All Souls (transferred)</i>	Psalm 22:1–22 2 Kings 16 Matthew 23:1–15	Psalms 22:23–32; 23 Esther 9:20–10:3 Revelation 3:7–13
Requiem Eucharist at 5pm	<i>Held in the Garden</i>	<i>of Remembrance</i>
Wednesday, 10 November <i>Leo of Rome, bishop and teacher</i>	Psalm 25 2 Kings 17:1–20 Matthew 23:16–28	Psalm 27 Ecclesiastes 1:1–11 Revelation 3:14–22
Reflections on the Lections at 7:30 p.m.	by Zoom	for Zoom details, see next page
Thursday, 11 November <i>Martin, bishop of Tours</i>	Psalms 28; 29 2 Kings 17:21–41 Matthew 23:29–39	Psalms 30; 32 Ecclesiastes 1:12–2:8 Revelation 4
Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.	<i>Held (today only)</i>	<i>in St Martin’s Chapel</i>
Friday, 12 November <i>Charles Simeon, priest and evangelist</i>	Psalm 33 2 Kings 18:1–16 Matthew 24:1–14	Psalm 31 Ecclesiastes 2:9–23 Revelation 5
Saturday, 13 November	Psalm 35:1–17 2 Kings 18:17–37 Matthew 24:15–31	Psalms 35:18–29; 36 Ecclesiastes 2:24–3:9 Revelation 6:1–11
Next Sunday, 14 November Twenty fifth after Pentecost	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 pm	Holy Eucharist Sung Eucharist with hymns Holy Eucharist & meditation

Zoom Details for the coming week:

Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m., Monday – Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

Or place the following in your web browser:

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRldmIXWDQ4Zz09>

Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

Or place the following in your web browser:

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRldmIXWDQ4Zz09>

'Reflections on the Lections'

7:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 10

Meeting ID: 912 9538 3359; Passcode: 065807

Or place the following in your web browser:

<https://zoom.us/j/91295383359?pwd=bUpIZUIqRVRKT3gvODlhTXNhbkIKZz09>

NOTICES

Church Reopening

It is wonderful to welcome everyone back today for a resumption of worship together in our beautiful church building. Let us rejoice that we can gather and that 'the everlasting doors have been lifted up' (or opened!) for us so that, by the power of the Spirit, we gather around the throne of our God and worship the Lamb.

At all services, or events on church premises, it is a requirement that:

- Evidence of each person being **fully vaccinated**, in the form of a Medicare Certificate of Vaccination, either attached to your QR Code Check-In app, or a hard copy in hand, or a certificate of exemption from a GP, be shown to the Covid Safe Officer.
- **Masks** be worn at all times indoors – except for the one person leading or reading etc., or by those who have a medical exemption.
- All previous Covid-19 precautions (physical distancing, hand sanitising on entry and exit, collection being placed in the bowl at entry and not passed around, no sharing of a Common Cup) continue.

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

We will commemorate all the Faithful Departed with a Requiem Eucharist this Tuesday, 9th November, at 5 p.m. in the Garden of Remembrance. Given the number of deaths in the parish this year, this will be a significant occasion, and an opportunity for us to give thanks to God for the life and witness of *all* people – whether they died this year or in times past – who have been important in and touched our lives by their Christian faith and witness.

Please forward the details of **FULL NAMES** of those you would like to be remembered to Nisha by Monday 8th at 12:30 p.m. These names will be read out during the course of the service. Please endeavour to be here for this significant day in the life of the parish.

Annual Parish Meeting

According to the *Parish Governance Act, 2013* of the Diocese of Melbourne, the Churchwardens and Parish Secretary hereby give formal notice that the Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish of St George, Malvern, will take place following a combined 9:30 a.m. eucharist on **Sunday, November 21**. Currently, it is envisaged this meeting will take place in the Parish Hall (subject to Covid restrictions), and with the possibility of Zoom attendance also.

In order for that meeting to be duly constituted, the following notices are also issued:

- I. Nominations to the office of **Church Warden** (2 to be elected); for membership of the **Parish Council** (6 to be elected); and for membership of the **Parish Incumbency Committee** (2 to be elected) should be made in writing to the Vicar **by Saturday, November 13**.

Each nomination must be signed by at least two members on the parish electoral roll, and must also include the written consent of the person nominated.

Forms to make such nominations are available at the back of the church, from the Parish Office, and on the Parish website under the tab – About Us / Our Team.

Please consider prayerfully and seriously whether you feel called to offer yourself, or to nominate someone, for each of these important roles in our parish life.

From today, the current electoral roll of the parish is available for viewing on the noticeboard at the entrance to the church.

Pastoral Care Visiting Team

The final session for the Team is to be held in the South Room on Tuesday 9th November, from 1:30 – 4:45pm

Anglican Historical Society

JAMES GRANT MEMORIAL LECTURE

Date: Wednesday, 17 November 2021

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: Holy Trinity, East Melbourne

Speaker: Bishop David Farrer

Title: “The Church is always in danger; from within more than without”.

Please be advised that all attendees need to be fully vaccinated.

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We acknowledge the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation as the Traditional Custodians of the land upon which we meet.

We pay our respects to their Elders past and present, acknowledge their continuing spiritual connection to Country, and affirm our commitment to walk together the path of reconciliation.