
ANGLICAN CHURCH *of the* ASCENSION

EAST BURWOOD



14th February 2021

LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY - TRANSFIGURATION

“Seeking God, Serving with love, Sharing hope”

Welcome to Church

Sentence for Today

It is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 4.6



For those who have children with them, there is a children’s corner in the church for the little ones. During school term, children who are pre-school age and above can attend ‘Godzone’ - Special Children’s Activities - shortly after we begin the 9.30am service.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Entrance hymn: TiS 228 “Crown him with many crowns”

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon the throne;
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for me,
and hail him as your chosen king
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save:
his glories now we sing
who died, and rose on high;
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
majestic and sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for you have died for me;
your praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Matthew Bridges 1800-94 and Godfrey Thring 1823-1903 *alt.*

Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome

Prayer of Preparation:

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.**

The Two Great Commandments:

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Kyries: Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy.

The Gloria:

**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.**

The Prayer of the Day:

Almighty God,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us faith to perceive his glory,
that being strengthened by his grace
we may be changed into his likeness,
from glory to glory;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayer in a time of pandemic disease:

**Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and dis-ease.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen**

The ministry of the Word:

The first reading: 2 Kings. 2.1-12

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.' Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 50. 1-6

The Lord our God, the Mighty One, has spoken:

**and summoned the earth,
from the rising of the sun to its setting in the west.**

From Zion, perfect in beauty:

God has shone out in glory.

Our God is coming, he will not keep silent:

**before him is devouring fire,
and tempest whirls about him.**

He calls to the heavens above:

and to the earth, so he may judge his people.

‘Gather to me my faithful ones:

those who by sacrifice made a covenant with me.’

The heavens shall proclaim his righteousness:

for God himself is judge.

The second reading: 2 Corinthians 4.3-12

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. For it is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness’, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn: TiS 234 “How good, Lord, to be here!”

**How good, Lord, to be here!
your glory fills the night;
your face and garments like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.**

**How good, Lord, to be here,
your beauty to behold,
where Moses and Elijah stand,
your messengers of old.**

**Fulfiller of the past,
promise of things to be:
we hail your body glorified,
and our redemption see.**

**Before we taste of death,
we see your kingdom come;
we have to hold the vision bright,
and make this hill our home.**

The Gospel reading:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Mark, chapter 9 beginning at verse 2

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice,

'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!'

Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**How good, Lord, to be here!
yet we will not remain;
but since you bid us leave the mount,
come with us to the plain.**

Joseph Armitage Robinson 1858-1933 *alt.*

The Sermon

The Creed:

Let us stand together and 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 for the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People:

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

At the conclusion

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers,

**Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Preparation

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever
believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3.16

Prayer of Approach:

**We do not presume
to come to your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord,
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us. Amen.**

Invitation to Confession:

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.
Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins in
penitence and faith.

Confession:

**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.**

Absolution:

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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: TiS 228 "All hail the power of Jesus' name"

**All hail the power of Jesus' name;
let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
to crown him Lord of all.**

**Crown him, you martyrs of our God,
who from his altar call;
praise him whose way of pain you trod,
and crown him Lord of all.**

**As heirs of Israel's chosen race
and ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.**

**Sinners, whose love cannot forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your treasures at his feet
and crown him Lord of all.**

**Let every tribe and every tongue
responsive to his call,
now shout in universal song
and crown him Lord of all.**

Edward Perrone 1726-92 *alt.*

Prayer over the gifts:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving:

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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
Our Saviour Jesus Christ,
Who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
And lived as one of us.

You anointed him as Messiah,
the light of the nations,
and revealed him as the hope
of all who thirst for righteousness and peace.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
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.**

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

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

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:

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.

Agnus Dei:

**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.**

Invitation to communion:

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 Communion

Post communion hymn: TiS 466 "Peace with the Father"

**Peace with the Father, peace with Christ his Son,
peace with the Spirit, keep us ever one.**

**Love of the Father, love of Christ his Son,
love of the Spirit, make all Christians one.**

**Sin has divided those whom Christ made one;
Father, forgive us through your loving Son.**

**Send forth your Spirit, Father, from above
on us, your children, one with Christ in love.**

**Christians, forgive each other from your heart;
Christ be among us, nevermore to part.**

James Quinn 1919-2010

Prayer after Communion:

God of the nations,
we thank you for nourishing us with this holy sacrament.
Guide us by your presence,
that we may bring your light to those who dwell in darkness,
and establish your justice in the earth.

**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.**

Notices

The Blessing:

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the + blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Final Hymn: TiS 231 "At the name of Jesus"

**At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of glory now:
this the Father's pleasure that we call Him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.**

**Humbled for a season, to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious when from death he passed.**

**In your hearts enthrone him; there let him make new
all that is not holy, all that is not true.
He is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord;
ever to be worshipped, trusted and adored.**

**When this same Lord Jesus shall appear again,
in His Father's glory, there with him to reign;
then we may adore him, all before him bow,
as our hearts confess him King of Glory now.**

Caroline Maria Noel 1817-77

During the final hymn at the Sung Eucharist, we will proceed outside where previous year's palm crosses will be burnt to make ashes for use during our Ash Wednesday Services this week.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you

We gather here to turn these palms from our celebration of the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem into ashes that we may be reminded of our mortality and our need of God.

Let us pray together

**Living God, in their life these palms drew life from the earth
and gave it back to our air
and to the animals they hosted and sheltered.
In the worship of our community,
they helped us offer festive joy:**

**Grant now, O God, that these palms, reduced to ashes,
may be for us a sign of your power
to purify our hearts,
that we may recognise death at work in us,
and replant our lives
in the sure and humble soil
of your truth and grace.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever. Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you and remain
with you always.

Thanks be to God!

Dismissal

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

The ashes gathered for administration on Ash Wednesday.

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WELCOME TO CHURCH. . . We are delighted that you are worshipping with us today, please take Communion, whatever your denomination and come and worship with us again. If you are visiting, please make yourself known to Fr. Anthony or to one of our welcomers following the service and do stay for a cuppa and chat!

NOTICES

Shrove Tuesday pancake night: sadly, due to Covid restrictions of 15 people in a private home, we cannot enjoy the fun and fellowship this year.

Ash Wednesday: This Wednesday, we have services at both 10:00am and 7:30pm with the imposition of ashes, please try and attend one of these services as we begin the season of Lent.

News and views on faith from Australia and around the world brought to you by *The Melbourne Anglican*. The NewsStand is now live on TMA's website, using the link <http://tma.melbourneanglican.org.au/newsstand>

In this week's TMA Newsstand:

- 'Gay Conversion' Bill passes in Victorian Parliament
- Climate crisis is now, warns Archbishop of Canterbury
- CoE shrinks by 20 per cent thanks to COVID
- St Benedict and the place of personal prayer
- Getting school leavers to stick with Jesus
- and more...

SAINTS AND HOLY MEN AND WOMEN FOR THIS WEEK

Wednesday ASH WEDNESDAY

Saturday William Grant Broughton, first bishop of Australia (d.1853)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Wednesday:

Joel 2.1-2, 2.12-17

Psalms 51.1-17

2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10

Matthew 6.1-6, 6.16-21

Next Sunday: First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9.8-17

Psalms 25.1-10

1 Peter 3.18-22

Mark 1.9-15

WE THANK GOD FOR HIS MANY BLESSINGS, LET US PRAY EACH DAY FOR THE CHURCH

Sun 14: The Anglican Church of Canada (Abp Linda Nicholls, Primate); The Diocese of Tasmania (Bp Richard Condie, Missioner Bp Chris Jones, Clergy & People); Anglican Overseas Aid (Bob Mitchell, CEO); St Mark's, Emerald (Andrew Bowles, Jerome Dias, Vivianne Dias); Holy Trinity Hampton Park – Pastoral Service (Bp Paul Barker);
Mon 15: The Diocese of The Murray (Bp Keith Dalby, Clergy & People); Archdeaconry of Essendon (Vanessa Bennett); St Matthew's, Endeavour Hills (Kim Wellard);
Tue 16: The Diocese of The Northern Territory (Bp Greg Anderson, Clergy & People); Ridley College (Brian Rosner, Principal; Tim Foster, Richard Trist); Parish of St John the Evangelist, Epping (Raffaella Pilz);
Wed 17: The Diocese of Wangaratta (Bp Clarence Bester, Clergy & People); Authorised Stipendiary Lay-Ministers; Christ Church, Essendon (Vacant Incumbency, Dave Thompson);
Thu 18: The Diocese of Willochra (Bp John Stead, Clergy & People); Benetas (Sandra Hills, CEO); St Thomas', Ferntree Gully Upper (Anne Kennedy); St Mary's Warburton – Commissioning Service (Bp Paul Barker);
Fri 19: Anglicare Australia (Bp Chris Jones, Chair; Kasy Chambers, Exec Director); Converge International (Jenny George, CEO, and Chaplains); ; St Mark's, Fitzroy (Stuart Soley);
Sat 20: Theological Colleges, Church Schools & Church Kindergartens; Shelford Girls' Grammar (Katrina Brennan, Principal); Parish of St John's, Flinders w. St Mark's

Balnarring (Jennifer Furphy); St Paul's Caulfield North – Ordination Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell);

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

All who have lost their livelihood due to the Coronavirus. Families, healthcare workers, emergency workers in these uncertain times.

THE WORLD

Containment of the coronavirus pandemic, those suffering and the medical staff.

A compassionate outcome for Asylum Seekers on Manus Island, Christmas Island, and Nauru.

Peace, justice, and healing for the people of the USA and a renewed sense of unity and hope. Healing and hope for the people of India; Croatia & Indonesia after the recent earthquakes.

THE ASCENSION COMMUNITY

Each other and God's presence in the events of the week

Those in special need of prayer: *Helen Daniels, Peggy Horman, Estelle Carman (and daughter Sue), Jean (& Alan) Close, Carole, Nelson, Pauline Le Riche (Kym's sister), Glenys and Brian Howell, Ethel Lloyd, Barbara Stark, Cath Ortlieb, Lyle Mansfield, Julie Munday, Colin Darvell, Rose Joseph, Norma Leseberg, Anne Cheeseman (Sue Tregear's cousin), Marie Cleaver (Judithe's friend), Jo Condie, and others known to us*

Those at the Peter James Centre and Burwood Lodge

Those working in Health and Aged Care settings

Ourselves - as we stay connected through the power of the Holy Spirit in love and prayer

**Prayer is literally
talking things over in confidence -
in full confidence with God.
Sometimes the substitution of
the word "confidence" for
the word "faith" helps.**

("Leave yourself alone" by Eugenia Price)

ROSTERS:

	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>9:30am</u>
Welcomers	Don Lambourne	Joanne Waite & Heather McKenzie
Readers	Sue Tregear	Ros Smith
Servers	Sue Tregear	Christine Youings, Ava McKenzie, Ron McKenzie
Intercessions	Fr Anthony	Russell Mills
Godzone		Michael Jellis & Anne Wharton
Morning Tea		Joy Ritchie & Pat Eadon
Music		Peter Bedlow
Flowers	Jan Mansfield	
Gardens		Barrie Harding



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*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation.
We pay our respects to their elders, past, present, and emerging.*

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Pew sheet: Please send all items for inclusion in next week's pewsheets to Ron McKenzie by 5:00p.m. Thursday evening (r.mckenzie@novatechsolutions.com.au.)

Baptism, Marriage & funerals by arrangement

Weekly services

Sunday	8:00am Eucharist
	9:30am Eucharist
	'Godzone' children's program during 9.30 am service (during school term)
Tuesday	<i>Fr Anthony's day of rest!</i>
Wednesday	10:00am Eucharist
Friday	10:00am – Noon. Drop-in for coffee and chat.

Commitment to Child Safety: At the Church of the Ascension we follow Christ in being a caring Church welcoming of all, extending his love and invitation of new life.

In ministry to children, young people and vulnerable adults we are committed to providing an environment that is physically, emotionally and spiritually safe and supportive.

We have a zero tolerance approach to Child abuse or abuse of vulnerable people.

This includes a culture of child-safety and of inclusivity for people of cultural and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background, people with disability or any other specific group.

Read the full **Commitment to Child Safety** document on our website: www.ascensionchurch.org.au