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# ANGLICAN CHURCH *of the* ASCENSION

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3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

EAST BURWOOD

*“Seeking God, Serving with love, Sharing hope”*

## Welcome

### Sentence for Today

Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it. Mark 10.15.



**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

***Before each service we enter a time of silence as we prepare ourselves for worship.***

**Entrance hymn: TiS 135 “All things bright and beautiful”**

*Refrain*

***All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful—  
the Lord God made them all.***

**The wildflowers in their beauty,  
the mountain ranges tall,  
the billabongs and rivers,  
and friendly birds that call,**

*Refrain*

**The cold wind in the winter,  
the bright, life-giving sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden—  
he made them everyone.**

*Refrain*

**The coloured walls of gorges,  
the gum trees green and tall,  
the rocks, and pools, and palm trees,  
the sparkling waterfall,**

*Refrain*

**The many-coloured corals,  
the creatures of the sea,  
of bushland, field or desert,  
on farms, or roaming free,**

*Refrain*

**He gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty  
who has made all things well.**

*Refrain*

Cecil Frances Alexander 1818-95 (vv. 2 *alt.*, 5, and refrain) Brian Black 1926– (vv.1 and 3) Compilers (v.4)

### ***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:**

Loving God,  
you have made us in your own image, creating us male and female,  
and you have consecrated the covenant of marriage so that in it is  
signified the spiritual marriage between Christ and his Church:

pour your grace upon all who are called to this holy state,  
that, keeping their promise of faithfulness to each other,  
they may reflect in their lives your love for us all;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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: Job 1.1; 2.1-10***

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, 'Where have you come from?' Satan answered the Lord, 'From going to and from on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.' The Lord said to Satan, 'Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason.' Then Satan answered the Lord, 'Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.' The Lord said to Satan, 'Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life.' So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes. Then his wife said to him, 'Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die.' But he said to her, 'You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?' In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

***Psalm 26***

**Give judgement for me, O Lord,  
for I have walked in my integrity:  
I have trusted in the Lord and not wavered.  
Put me to the test, O Lord, and prove me:  
try my mind and my heart.  
For your steadfast love has been ever before my eyes:  
and I have walked in your truth.  
I have not sat with deceivers:  
nor consorted with the hypocrites;**

**I hate the assembly of the wicked:  
I will not sit with the ungodly.  
I wash my hands in innocence, O Lord:  
that I may go about your altar,  
And lift up the voice of thanksgiving:  
to tell of all your marvellous works.  
Lord, I love the house of your habitation:  
and the place where your glory dwells.  
Do not sweep me away with sinners:  
nor my life with those that thirst for blood,  
In whose hand is abomination:  
and their right hand is full of bribes.  
As for me, I walk in my integrity:  
O ransom me and be favourable toward me.  
My foot stands on an even path:  
I will bless the Lord in the great congregation.**

***The second reading: Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12***

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,  
but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds.  
He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels.

But someone has testified somewhere,  
'What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned them with glory and honour,  
subjecting all things under their feet.' Now in subjecting all things to them,  
God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,

but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels,  
now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so  
that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in  
bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation  
perfect through sufferings.

For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one  
Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and  
sisters, saying,

'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual hymn: TiS: 102** *“Praise to the living God”*

**Praise to the living God,  
all praise be to his name,  
who was, and is, and is to be,  
and still the same:  
the one eternal God  
before what now appears,  
the First, the Last, beyond all thought  
his timeless years!**

**Formless, all lovely forms  
declare his loveliness;  
holy, no holiness of earth  
can his express.  
Behold the Lord of all:  
creation speaks his praise,  
and everywhere, above, below,  
his will obeys.**

**God's Spirit freely flows,  
high surging where it will:  
in prophet's word he spoke of old,  
is speaking still.  
Established is God's law  
and changeless it shall stand,  
deep written on the human heart,  
on sea, on land.**

***The Gospel reading:***

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to Mark, chapter 10, beginning at verse 2.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, ‘Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?’ He answered them, ‘What did Moses command you?’ They said, ‘Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.’ But Jesus said to them, ‘Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, “God made them male and female.” “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.’ Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, ‘Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.’ People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never

enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

For the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**God has eternal life  
implanted in the soul;  
his love shall be our strength and stay  
while ages roll.  
Praise to the living God,  
all praise be to his name,  
who was, and is, and is to be,  
and still the same!**

From the Jewish *Yigdal* c.13th cent. tr. Max Landsberg 1845-1928, Newton Mann 1836-1926  
and William Channing Gannett 1840-1923 *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:***

Jesus said I am the bread of life. Who ever comes to me will never be hungry, and who ever believes in me will never be thirsty. John 6.35

***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:***

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.  
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

***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 581 "Happy the home that welcomes You, Lord Jesus"***

**Happy the home that welcomes You, Lord Jesus,  
truest of friends, most honored of all,  
where hearts and eyes are bright with joy to greet You,  
your lightest wishes eager to fulfill.**

**Happy the home where man and wife together  
are of one mind believing in Your love:  
through love and pain, prosperity and hardship,  
through good and evil days Your care they prove.**

**Happy the home, O loving Friend of children,  
where they are given to you with hands of prayer,  
where at Your feet they early learn to listen  
to your own words, and thank You for your care.**

**Happy the home where work is done to please you,  
in tasks both great and small, that you may see  
your servants doing all as you would wish them  
as members of your household, glad and free.**

**Happy the home that knows your healing comfort,  
where, unforgotten, every joy you share,  
until they all, their work on earth completed,  
come to you Father's house to meet you there.**

Karl Johann Phillip Spitta 1801-59

***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.

By his death on the cross,  
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 236 "Jesus' hands were kind hands"***

**Jesus' hands were kind hands,  
doing good to all,  
Healing pain and sickness,  
blessing children small,  
Washing tired feet and saving  
those who fall;  
Jesus' hands were kind hands,  
doing good to all.**

**Take my hands, Lord Jesus,  
let them work for you;  
Make them strong and gentle,  
kind in all I do;  
Let me watch you, Jesus,  
till I'm gentle too,  
Till my hands are kind hands,  
quick to work for you.**

Mary Beatrice Cropper 1886-1980

## ***The sending out of God's people:***

Bountiful God,  
at this table you graciously feed us  
with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation.  
May we who have reached out our hands to receive this sacrament  
be strengthened in your service;  
we who have sung your praises  
tell of your glory and truth in our lives;  
we who have seen the greatness of your love  
see you face to face in your kingdom  
and come to worship you with all your saints for ever.

**Keep us in this hope that we have grasped:  
so we and all your people will be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name.**

## ***Notices***

### ***Blessing:***

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts  
and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus  
Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the  
Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you  
always. **Amen.**

***Final Hymn TiS: 627 "Praise and thanksgiving"***

**Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer,  
for all things living, created good  
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,  
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.**

**Lord, bless the labour we bring to serve you,  
that with our neighbour we may be fed.  
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,  
harvesting, milling for daily bread.**

**Father, providing food for your children,  
by your wise guiding, teach us to share  
one with another, so that, rejoicing  
sister and brother may know your care.**

**Then will your blessing reach every people,  
each one confessing your gracious hand;  
where you are reigning no one will hunger,  
your love sustaining fruitful the land.**

*Albert Frederick Bayly 1901-84 alt.*

## **Dismissal**

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

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## **NOTICES**

**Footy tipping 2021:** A convincing win by the Demons to extinguish the 57 year drought was a highlight (particularly for a certain family very close to my heart) and this also caused great joy for Russell Mills who was closest to picking the correct margin and picked up the \$50 Grand Final prize - Congratulations!

As with the other footy tipping winners this season, we will pay these as soon as we are able to do so (safely!)

Thanks again for your participation in the competition, and we'll be back to do this all again next year! - Jon Youngs

Fr Anthony and the Wardens thank Jon for his work during the ever-changing season; it was great to have an Ascension tradition continue despite the various Covid attempts to curtail the season once again! What will 2022 season have in store, and will the Demons hold on to the cup at the end of September 2022?

**Daylight saving** starts today, hope you didn't miss church!

**Fathers Day raffle:** Despite the challenges due to Covid, the raffle drawn will take place when we are back in church again. In the meantime, Chellam is seeking donations for the Father's Day Raffle and seeking help to sell tickets. She will be so grateful for you to drop off anything men would enjoy, such as chocolates, drinks, nuts & nibbles, biscuits, gardening aids and anything else you can think of to either her house, or if you prefer, the vicarage doorstep. In these Covid times, if you can't get out to support the raffle, don't worry, there is always next year! Thank you so much for your support.

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- Former Melbourne Jewish school principal pleads not guilty to sex crimes, ordered to stand trial
- Anglican Communion welcomes 42nd province- the Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola (IAMA)
- 'We don't want people to be in a panic,' says chief of Taliban morality police
- Anglican Church of Ceylon calls for urgent action from UN Human Rights Council
- and more...

**SAINTS AND HOLY MEN AND WOMEN FOR THIS WEEK**

Monday                      Francis of Assisi, friar and preacher (d. 1226)  
Wednesday                William Tyndale, biblical scholar (d. 1536)

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Wednesday:**

Jonah 4.1-11  
Psalm 86.8-13  
Luke 11.1-4

**Next Sunday: Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

Job 23.1-9, 16-17  
Psalm 22.1-15  
Hebrews 4.12-16  
Mark 10.17-31

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

*Sun 3: The Church in Wales (Primacy Vacant); Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia; Diocesan Property Committee; Holy Trinity Anglican Church Hastings (Timothy Anderson); Christ Church Brunswick – Pastoral Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Oakleigh Anglican Parish of Holy Trinity and Emmanuel Church, (Pastoral Visit, Bp Paul Barker).*

### **AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND**

Families, healthcare workers, emergency workers in these continuing uncertain and unsettling times.

### **THE WORLD**

Containment of the coronavirus pandemic, those suffering and the medical staff.  
A compassionate outcome in Afghanistan and for Afghanistan Asylum Seekers. For Asylum Seekers on Manus & Christmas Islands, and Nauru.

### **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 (and daughter Sally), Carole, Pauline Le Riche (Kym's sister), Glenys and Brian Howell, Ethel Lloyd, Barbara Stark, Lyle Mansfield, Julie Munday, Stanley & Rose Joseph, Marie Cleaver (Judithe's friend), Geoffrey (Josh's father), Gwen McMahon, David Wood, Fanny (Aggie's sister), Joy (Jan Wheeler's sister), Heather, Dave Ritchie (and Joy), and others known to us.*

*We give thanks to God for the safety and improved health of Bashilika's parents and sister in Sri Lanka.*

Those at the Peter James Centre and Burwood Lodge  
Those working in Health and Aged Care settings

**Ourselves - as we are strengthened through the power of the Holy Spirit in love and prayer for one another**

**Prayer is spiritual dynamite.**

*"The Secret of Effective Prayer" by Helen Smith Shoemaker*



378 Blackburn Road, Burwood East, 3151

*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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**Pastoral Care contact:** Fr Anthony

**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](mailto:r.mckenzie@novatechsolutions.com.au).)

*Baptism, Marriage & funerals by arrangement*

### **Weekly Services (on hold while in lockdown)**

<b>Sunday</b>	8:00am Eucharist 9:30am Eucharist 'Godzone' children's program during 9.30 am service (during school term)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Fr Anthony's day of rest!</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00am Eucharist 3:00 – 3:45pm. Midweek Meditation
<b>Friday</b>	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](http://www.ascensionchurch.org.au)