



*The Anglican Parish of*

**Holy Trinity Lara with  
Christ Church Little River**



**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023**  
**Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Service of Holy Communion with Baptism**  
**Holy Trinity 10:00am | Christ Church 4:00pm**

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### Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82715954960>

Welcome to a Service of Holy Communion at the Anglican Parish of Holy Trinity Church Lara with Christ Church Little River.

We gather in this sacred space on the traditional lands of the Kulin nations, and we respectfully acknowledge the current, past and emerging elders of the Wadawurrung people.

All baptised Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. Low-gluten altar breads are available, please let us know if you require one.

### Hymns

TIS 491 Father welcomes all his children

The Summons

TIS 703 As the Deer Pants

MP 1201 Christ be our light

*(TIS: Together in Song, EW: Essential Worship Kevin Mayhew, AHB: Australian Hymn Book, MP: Mission Praise, ATE: All Together Everybody, HM: Hillsong Music)*

### **S**entence:

God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other.

1 Thessalonians 5.9, 11

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## **P**rayer of the day:

Everliving God,  
before the earth was formed,  
and even after it shall cease to be, you are God.  
Break into our short span of life  
and show us those things that are eternal,  
that we may serve your purpose in all we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **A** reading from the Book of Judges, Chapter 4, Verses 1-10

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, 'The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, "Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'" Barak said to her, 'If you will go with me, I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go.' And she said, 'I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.' Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh. Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and ten thousand warriors went up behind him; and Deborah went up with him.

Hear the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **P**salms 123

To you I lift up my eyes: **you who are enthroned in the heavens.**

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master: **or as the eyes of a maid toward the hand of her mistress,**

So our eyes look to the Lord our God: **until he show us his mercy.**

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: **for we have had our fill of derision.**

Our souls overflow with the mockery of those at ease: **and with the contempt of the proud.**

## **A** reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians, Chapter 5.1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Hear the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**T**he Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, Chapter 25.14-30

‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

For the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

# Baptism

We welcome Thomas, Benjamin, and Lily Cooper for baptism today, along with their family and friends.

## PARISH OFFICE BEARERS

### Parish Nominators

Garry Green (Church Warden)

Philip Starks

Annette Wendleman

### Parish Council

John Leeke

Arleen Friswell – Secretary

Gregory Medwell – Treasurer

Joyline Chipinduro

### Church Wardens

Garry Green

Marion Bennett

Cynthia Roseburgh



## CHURCH ROSTERS

We are now preparing church rosters for the month of **December.**

**Please email** [parlara@bigpond.net.au](mailto:parlara@bigpond.net.au) to join the roster, or advise of any dates that you will be unavailable to serve during the month.



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## HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED?

### LIST OF EVENTS PLANNED FOR 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM (NOV 25<sup>th</sup> – DEC 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023)

- Campaign kick-off – Walk Against Family Violence – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 11am at Parliament House Steps
- Display of billboards out the front of Whole of Church project enrolled churches
- Evensong Service at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 5.10pm
- Distribution of Prayer guide
- [Social media updates](#)

## Message from Rev'd Roxanne

Dear Friends,

Last Sunday we held our Annual Meeting and our new Parish Council, Wardens and Parish Nominators were elected. It was great to read the Annual Report and see how active we have been over the last year, reaching out to and connecting with our community. I am hopeful that next year will continue with a focus on the young families that surround us. Please continue to pray that a Children's and Family Worker will be drawn to our community to lead and develop our offerings for families in our parish.

This Saturday we have our "Thank you Dinner". We have so much to be thankful for: the beauty of our region, the generosity of our community, giving their time and talents to share God's love with all of us, all our volunteers who make our programs hum (and I say this as I hear the beautiful noises of children and parents enjoying our Friday playgroup Little Treasures), and of course our Op-shop which provides a place of welcome and connection for many people in Lara, and a fabulous place to indulge in retail therapy! Thank you to Libby for leading the team that organises our social events.

Last Sunday, I let people know that the Combined Churches Carols at Pirra Homestead would not be going ahead this year. To fill the gap, we will have a service of Lessons and Carols on Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Holy Trinity. I'm hoping for live music and that our younger people will read the Lessons. Please start thinking about who to invite to this program and also our Children's Christmas service on Christmas Eve at 5pm at Holy Trinity. Advertising will go out in December.

This Sunday we will baptise the Cooper family, father Tom and children Ben and Lily. It's such a privilege to prepare families for baptism and bring them into the household of faith. My prayer for the week is that we can all, like the Apostle Paul, put on the breastplate of faith and love and encourage each other as we build relationships across the community, demonstrating the love of Jesus in all our actions and words.

Grace and Peace, Roxanne.

# **P**rayers for the Week

If you would like to be included or include someone on the prayer list, please email [parlara@bigpond.net.au](mailto:parlara@bigpond.net.au).

## **World & Nation**

We give thanks for the precious gift of life-giving water; pray for ample rain to top-up water storage and replenish the earth, especially in the lead up to Summer. We pray for those affected and still in danger and suffering due to the bushfires in Queensland; for the firefighters and emergency workers; for those needing refuge may they find safety and relief. We continue to pray for peace in warzones around the world, especially in Israel and Gaza, Ukraine and Russia.

## **Church**

The Diocese of Gippsland; The Diocese of Bunbury (Bp Ian Coutt); Defence Force Chaplains; Anglicare Victoria; Chinese Ministry (Richard Liu, Missioner Priest); The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma); the Ordination service on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November and the Deacons who go on retreat on Wednesday in preparation to being ordained as Priests; Primate Geoffrey, Archbishop Philip, and Bishop Brad.

## **Community**

We give thanks for all the volunteers within our community and our parish that give so readily and wholeheartedly to make a difference in the lives of others; we pray for their own health, refreshment and safety in fulfilling their roles; including SES and CFA volunteers as well as other relief organisation volunteers. At this time of year, we pray for rest and calm for all generations within our community to restore energy levels and prepare us for the busy season.

## **Special Need**

Wes and Gwyneth, Warren and Carol, Liz and Laurie, Doris and Arch and family, Bronwyn, Marion, Judy, Ava, Joan, Miriam, Nick and Nev, Ashley, Helen, Lucinda, Andrea, Frances.

## **In Memory**

Ronald George Nash (22.11.1979).

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*



# Notices (Please note these dates and place them in your diary)

## **Sunday Service Zoom Details**

Meeting ID: 82715954960

No passcode

## **Wednesday Evening Prayer**

Wednesday Evening at Holy Trinity

7:30pm

## **Online Giving**

BSB 633 000

Account 137 904 70

## **Geelong Refugee Assistance**

**Program (GRAP) Annual Meeting**

21<sup>st</sup> November @ 4pm via Zoom.

## **Anglican Victoria Spring Magazine**

available in the Narthex

## **St Laurence Park**

## **Christmas Market**

25<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am-2.30pm

## **November TMA**

Is available in the Narthex.



# Mystery Parcels

@ St Laurence Christmas Market Stall

The site is booked!

Since the market commenced in Austin Park organised by Lara CFA, our Mystery Parcels stall has always been popular with many return customers searching for us to get their Kris Kringle gifts.

If you would like to contribute, place any new items in the box at the back of Holy Trinity church either wrapped or unwrapped, shop-bought, homemade, etc. Mystery Parcels are to be valued \$3 or more, or if under \$3 leave it unwrapped and we will bundle items together to suit.

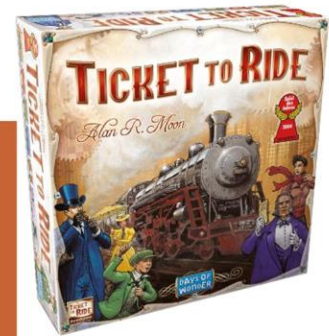
If are able to help run the stall on the day, let Libby know for the day's roster. This year we will also have our specially branded church marquee with thanks to a grant from the Bendigo Bank, Community Bank, Lara District.

4pm  
@ Holy Trinity  
Church Hall

Cnr Curletts Road  
& Flinders Ave, Lara.

# GAMES NIGHT

Saturday  
25th November



DINNER  
Shared Cost



LARA FOOD RELIEF

# Christmas Hampers



We are now accepting the following food donations for our Food Relief Hampers to go out to the Lara and Little River Community this Christmas:

Christmas Cake / Pudding

Long-life Custard,  
Jellies

Pasta, Pasta Sauce

Cup-a-Soup

Tinned Fruit

Shortbread, Small Jams

Savoury Shapes

Pringles, Small Cordials

Chocolates & Lollies (eg party mix).

Please leave items in the marked box at the back of the church by Sunday 10th December. Thank you.

# **N**ext Sunday at Christ Church Little River – Christ the King Service of Holy Communion and Confirmation

**READINGS**      Ezekiel 34.11-16                      Ephesians 1.15-23  
                         Psalm 100                                      Matthew 25.31-46

## **ROSTERS**

**Welcomers**                      Arleen Friswell, Marian Rees  
**Readers**                              John Rees, Peter Jones  
**Intercessions**                      Wendy O’Brien  
**Hospitality**                      Hospitality Team, BBQ

## **CALENDAR THIS WEEK**

**Monday**                      Vicar’s Sabbath *Office Closed*  
                         Lara Food Relief 10am-1pm

**Tuesday**                      Vicar’s day off *Office Closed*

**Wednesday**                      Holy Communion 10am HT  
                         Creative Group 11am HT  
                         Evening Prayer 7.30pm HT

**Thursday**                      Morning Prayer at St Laurence Park 10am  
                         Craft Group 1pm HT  
                         Set up for Playgroup 3pm HT  
                         Bible Study – 1 Thessalonians 7pm HT

**Friday**                      Morning Prayer 9am HT  
                         Little Treasures playgroup 9.30am HT  
                         HTCC Warblers 4.30pm HT  
                         Rotary Lara Volunteers Expo 6-9pm Lara Community Centre

**Saturday**                      St Laurence Park Market 9am – 2pm  
                         Games Night 4-7pm HT

**Sunday**                      Christ the King - Holy Communion and Confirmation Service  
                         with Bishop Brad - 4pm CC followed by BBQ  
                         No morning service.

Please note, the weekly French Group and Home Groups remain on break.



## **Welcoming, God Centred, Thriving Parish Values**

Working Together

Relationships

Community Connection

Natural Environment

Meeting Christ

Priest in charge: Rev'd Roxanne Addley

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**Parish Child Safety Officer** – Arleen Friswell

**Family Safety Champion** – Soraya Starks

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