



The Anglican Parish of

Holy Trinity Lara with Christ Church Little River



Sunday 1st December 2024

First Sunday of Advent

Service of Holy Communion

Holy Trinity 10:00am | Christ Church 4:00pm

Costa House 6:30pm - Reserved Sacrament

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

**Welcome to a 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.

During our morning service, a Sunday School program is available for
primary-school aged children in the hall. The children will be invited out during
the service. Please ensure a guardian signs them in and then out again
at the close of the service.

Hymns

MP 1040 Come now is the time to Worship

TIS 580 Lead us Heavenly Father Lead us

TIS477 Jesus calls us here to meet him

MP 996 Jesus God's Righteousness revealed (This Kingdom)

*(TIS: Together in Song, EW: Essential Worship Kevin Mayhew, PW: Praise and Worship,
MP: Mission Praise, ATE: All Together Everybody, HM: Hillsong Music)*

Sentence:

Stand up and raise your heads; your redemption is drawing near.

Luke 21.28

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Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope:

We are a people of hope.
So we light the Candle of Hope
with our hearts full of anticipation.
Believing that the Kingdom is near,
and God's light will shine bright
in the midst of our darkness. **Amen.**

Prayer of the day:

Eternal God,
you have taught us that the night is far spent
and the day is at hand:
keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom,
and make us strong in faith,
so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth,
we may go out joyfully to greet him;
and, with all your saints, may worship you for ever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from Jeremiah Chapter 33.14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Hear the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalms 25.1-10

In you, O Lord my God, have I put my hope: **in you have I trusted, let me not be ashamed, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Let none who wait for you be put to shame: **but let those that break faith be confounded and gain nothing.**

Show me your ways, O Lord: **and teach me your paths.**

Lead me in the ways of your truth, and teach me: **for you are the God of my salvation.**

In you have I hoped all the day long: **because of your goodness, O Lord.**

Call to mind your compassion and your loving-kindness: **for they are from of old.**

Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: **but according to your mercy think on me.**

Good and upright is the Lord: **therefore will he direct sinners in the way.**

The meek he will guide in the path of justice: **and teach the humble his ways.**

All the paths of the Lord are faithful and true: **for those who keep his covenant and his commandments.**

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians 3.9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, Chapter 21.25-38

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’

Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.’

‘Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’ Every day he was teaching in the temple, and at night he would go out and spend the night on the Mount of Olives, as it was called. And all the people would get up early in the morning to listen to him in the temple.

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Prayers for the Week

If you would like to be included or include someone on the prayer list, please email parlara@bigpond.net.au.

World & Nation

We pray for the hope and joy of Christ to be made known throughout the world, and for protection of our brothers and sisters in dark places during this advent season; we pray that Australia's government and local councils will maintain freedom of speech and religion for all; for welcoming and safe places to be provided for the world's vulnerable, through Christmas Bowl's Act for Peace and indeed the church worldwide.

Church

City on a Hill Surf Coast (Louis Glazebrook); The Diocese of North West Australia (Bp Darrell Parker); Ministry with the Aboriginal people of Australia (Bp Chris McLeod, National Aboriginal Bishop); Primate Geoffrey, Archbishop Philip, Bishop Brad.

Community

We give thanks and pray for all the workers and volunteers in our local emergency services: police, fire, ambulance, and SES. We pray too for safety in our neighbourhoods; for an end to the unsettling and dangerous break-ins and robberies; and for community spirit that reaches beyond just neighbouring properties to extend help to each other and look out for one another.

Special Need

Judy, Annette, Noel, Anne, Cheryl, Marion, Merinda, Alan, Lynda, Nick, Cynthia, Wes and Gwyneth, Marj, Arch, Doris & Darryl, Lucinda.

Dearlly Departed

Thomas Watson (16.11.2024) and grieving children Sue and Trevor and families.
Anne Chase (24.11.2024) and grieving family.

In Memory

Herbert Zachariah Taylor (5.12.1978).

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Message from Rev'd Roxanne

Dear Friends,

What a wonderful service we had last Sunday at Christ Church Little River with three confirmations, Bishop Brad and a BBQ! There was a tangible feeling of joy in the air and a beautiful evening following morning showers that freshened our world up. The food was delicious! Thanks to everyone involved in pulling this community event together including Garry and Nicole Green for setting up and the BBQ, the beautiful flowers arranged by Marilyn from the Pettit garden, and all the hospitality support from Libby and the team. We are blessed.

On Wednesday, I attended another joyous occasion, the Mission to Seafarers, Geelong for their 125th Anniversary celebration. It was also Reverend Noah's 25th Anniversary of his ministry there and 35th anniversary of ministry to Seafarers, his first appointment being at the Melbourne Mission. It was lovely to visit and see the facility and hear about their significant history and ministry. They are always looking for volunteers, so if you feel that this is a ministry you would like to participate in, please contact Reverend Noah at the Mission.

This week, we start the new church calendar year with the First Sunday in Advent for our lead into Christmas Day. Once again, we will participate in the Christmas Bowl Appeal, by Act for Peace, the humanitarian agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. It's also their 75th Anniversary year. Envelopes will be available on Sunday to make a tax deductible donation either directly or via church giving.

The Lara carols in fast approaching on Saturday December 14th, and promises to be a great community proclamation event. I urge you to consider volunteering on the day. A sign up sheet is in the Narthex.

My prayer for this week is drawn from the Prayer Guide for 16 days of Activism against gender based violence. God of relationship, Whose economy is unconditional love, we give thanks for connection with others. May our relationships live your way, in which all is gift, never entitlement. Through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Grace and Peace, Roxanne.

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

Sunday Service Zoom Details

Meeting ID: 82715954960

No passcode

Online Giving

BSB 633 000

Account 137 904 702

CHURCH ROSTERS have been prepared for December and January and emailed out.

Hardcopies are available in the narthex. Thank you to all who serve!

Marj Barrowman Contact

Anyone wishing to contact Marj, please make contact via her sister

Bonnie on 0408 360 537

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	Shortbread
Self-saucing pudding mix	Small Jams
Tinned Fruit	Savoury Shapes
Jellies	Small Cordials
Tinned Ham	Chocolates and Lollies

To allow time for the hampers to be packaged please donate by Sunday 8th December. Thank you.

A message from Bishop Barker

We remind you that instead of gifts from parishes or individuals, the Archbishop and Joy would be thankful for contributions via the following ADF account: for a farewell gift.

Account Name Archbishop's Farewell Gift

BSB 703 122

Account Number 05010565

If you have questions, please contact Karen Cornish (kcornish@melbourneanglican.org.au) or Bishop Paul Barker (bishoppaulbarker@melbourneanglican.org.au).

The Combined Churches of Lara
Present



FREE
COMMUNITY
EVENT

SATURDAY DEC 14TH, 8PM

GATES OPEN @ 6.30PM

**PETTING ZOO & KIDS ACTIVITIES, SAUSAGE SIZZLE,
FOOD TRUCKS & MORE! 7PM PRE-EVENT SHOW.**

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Lara District



VOLUNTEERS FOR LARA CAROLS

Lara Carols at Pirra Homestead is returning this year!

Organised by the community churches in Lara,

join us on Saturday 14th December from 6.30pm

to celebrate and share the hope of Christmas with our community.

To make it all happen though, we are needing a happy band of
amazing volunteers to help us in the following areas:

Setup and pack-down of marquees, decorations, signage, etc;

Equipment transportation; Stage-hands; Technology roles; Selling and
distributing items at our Churches stall; Kids' Nativity Photo Booth;

Gate attendants and roaming general helpers to keep an eye out and
assist attendees as needed, making everyone feel welcome and safe;

and if you hold a first-aid certificate, we would especially appreciate

help from you for our first-aid tent!

The more the merrier!

**To join our team of volunteers at Lara Carols email
parlara@bigpond.net.au or place your name on the
SIGN-UP LIST in the Narthex.**

Commitment 5 – A Prayer for women facing barriers

Gracious and loving God,
From whom all peace, all comfort and all goodwill flows, pour down
your Holy Spirit upon our sisters who are indigenous, migrants,
refugees and with disability.

By your blessing, we pray that all violence, all harm and all prejudice
be removed and that their access to essential support services be
opened and sustained that we, with them, may live in peace and
harmony.

We pray this through the Price of Peace, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

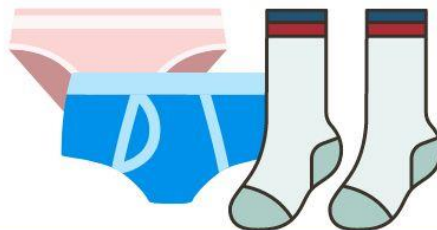
Spare a pair?



LAZARUS
COMMUNITY CENTRE | GEELONG

Lazarus Community Centre in Geelong provides a safe place where everyone is welcome to shower, wash and dry their clothes, have a light lunch, participate in activities, meet with volunteers and receive support from specialist homelessness staff.

Gift a fresh new pair of socks or set of underwear to someone in need, both mens and ladies are required. Small daily comforts and acts of love make big differences. A donations box is located under the table in Holy Trinity's narthex.



Next Week Sunday 8th December – A Service of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Lara and Christ Church Little River

Readings Malachi 3:1-6 Song of Zechariah
Philippians 1.1-11 Luke 3.1-6

Rosters

Welcomers Liz Hunter, Annette Wendleman
Readers Soraya Starks, Joyline Chipinduro
Intercessions Wendy Leeke
Zoom Greg Medwell
Hospitality John & Wendy Leeke
Prayer Support Philip & Soraya Starks
Children's Ministry Tara Rieniets, Georgia Smith

Calendar

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

Tuesday Vicar's Day Off *Office Closed*

Wednesday Holy Communion 10am HT
Oodthenong Christmas Party 1pm Werribee
Warden's Meeting 3.30pm HT

Thursday Morning Prayer 10am St Laurence Park
Craft Group 1pm HT

Friday Morning Prayer 8.45am HT
Little Treasures 9.30am HT
Funeral Tom Watson 1pm HT

Saturday Warblers 10am



Welcoming, God Centred, Thriving

Parish Values

Working Together
Relationships
Community Connection
Natural Environment
Meeting Christ

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48 - 50 Rothwell Road, Little River (Christ Church)

Op Shop Phone Number: 5282 1273

Parish Child Safety Officer – Arleen Friswell

Family Safety Champion – Soraya Starks

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