



The Anglican Parish of

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



**Sunday 5th April 2026
Easter Day
Service of Holy Communion
Holy Trinity 10:00am**

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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

Light of the World - Lauren Daigle

MP 357 Jesus Christ is risen today

MP 25 All to Jesus I surrender

MP 315 I will sing the wondrous story

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

Sentence:

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Luke 24.34

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P rayer of the day:

Glorious Lord of life,
by the mighty resurrection of your Son
you overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, who celebrate with joy
Christ's rising from the dead
may be raised from the death of sin
to the life of righteousness;
through him who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 10.34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Hear the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 118.1-2, 14-24

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: **his mercy endures for ever.**

Let Israel now proclaim: **that his mercy endures for ever.**

The Lord is my strength and my song: **and has become my salvation.**

The sounds of joy and deliverance: **are in the tents of the righteous.**

The right hand of the Lord does mighty things: **the right hand of the Lord raises up.**

I shall not die but live: **and proclaim the works of the Lord.**

The Lord has disciplined me hard: **but he has not given me over to death.**

Open me the gates of righteousness: **and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

This is the gate of the Lord: **the righteous shall enter it.**

I will praise you, for you answered me: **and have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected: **has become the head of the corner.**

This is the Lord's doing: **and it is marvellous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the Lord has made: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians, Chapter 3.1-4

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, Chapter 28.1-10

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

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@laralittleriveranglican.com.

World & Nation

This Easter let us pray for unity for Christians worldwide; that we would pray with compassion for our brothers and sisters to stand firm and to share the gospel in their everyday lives with those they encounter; we pray for refreshment and revival that shows itself in acts of love and service.

Church

Diocese of Ballarat (Bishop Garry Weatherill, Bishop Scott Lowrey); Christ Church Cathedral (Dean Michael David Llewellyn Davies); Jumbunna Episcopate; Archdeaconry of Box Hill; Deanery of Knox: St Stephen's Bayswater; All Souls' Ferntree Gully and Rowvill; St Thomas' Upper Ferntree Gully; All Saints' Mitcham; St Luke's Vermont; St Mark's Forest Hill; Church of the Holy Name of Jesus Vermont South; St John the Baptist Wantirna South; St Paul's Boronia; The Diocese of Melbourne (Abp Ric Thorpe, Asst Bps Paul Barker, Bradly Billings, Genieve Blackwell, Kate Prowd).

Community

We pray for a restful break for school children, parents, and staff; for quality family time and safety on our roads and in our community homes. We pray for our op shop staff, who diligently serve customers making them feel warm, welcome and seen; we ask for renewed energy for the holiday break and give thanks for their commitment and hard work.

Special Need

Janet, Dianne, Judy, Rowena, Bronwyn and Darren.

In Memory

Gaye Maxine Scott (3.4.2023), Patrick Herbert Simpson-White (5.4.2005), Mervyn Victor Teesdale (5.4.2001), Beverley Eileen Lyon (9.4.2017).

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

An Easter Message from Vicar Nay Htoo

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we prepare ourselves throughout the season of Lent toward Easter, we invite you to reflect on your life and your spiritual journey. Lent is a time to slow down, an opportunity to pause, and a sacred season to reconnect with God, our Creator.

This season, Christ invites us to renew our spiritual lives through His life, death, and resurrection. Jesus calls us to turn away from sin and return to Him:

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near” (Matthew 4:17). At times, we may feel far from Him when we are distracted by our sinful desires, negative thoughts, unforgiveness, and selfishness. Yet God lovingly calls us back: *“Return to me with all your heart”* (Joel 2:12).

Let us take up our cross and follow Him each day: *“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me”* (Luke 9:23). During this Lenten season, let us reflect on how we can serve one another, pray for those in need—the sick, the isolated, refugees, and victims of human trafficking—and pray for peace and reconciliation in our world.

To love God is to love others: *“Whoever loves God must also love their brother and sister”* (1 John 4:21). Love means sharing what we have, even in small ways. What may seem small to us can be a great blessing to someone in need. As Scripture reminds us: *“It is more blessed to give than to receive”* (Acts 20:35).

Jesus Himself is the greatest gift. He gave His life for the world because He loves us: *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son”* (John 3:16).

May we give with our whole hearts to help those who need us. Let us spend time with those who feel alone and share Christ’s love with everyone around us.

As we journey through Lent, let us prepare our hearts to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ at Easter: *“He is not here; he has risen!”* (Luke 24:6).

Blessings, **Nay Htoo**

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

Parish Council & Wardens Meeting

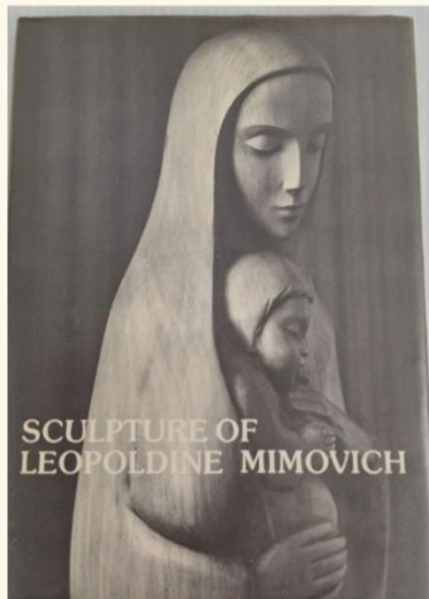
Sunday 12th April, 11.30am @ HT



DAYLIGHT
Savings
ENDS **NEXT SUNDAY**
APRIL 5
Turn your clocks **BACK** one hour.



HAVE YOU SEEN THIS BOOK?



We are trying to track down a book that was loaned to the parish about Leopoldine Mimovitch, the artist who did the altar carvings that are now at Holy Trinity, . Please search your bookshelves and return to the church office if you find it so that we can return it to its owner.

Thank you!

PARISH

men's group

WED 15TH APRIL 2026

JOIN US FOR A MEAL
AT HOLY TRINITY HALL

@ 6.30 PM

Come along and bring a friend.

Transport can be arranged if necessary.

Please **RSVP** by **Monday 14th April** to Gregory
on medwellgregory@gmail.com or 0418 599 754 .

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LOCATIONS

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clinic
Sat 02 May 9-4pm Flu
clinic and free hearing tests

CONTACT US

MISSIONARY UPDATE

Chris & Naomi

Serving Christ in South East Asia

God
loves
the
world



Dear Friends at Lara Anglican Church,

We're writing with some very sad and serious news about Naomi's Mum. A few weeks ago she went to the doctor with some strange new pain she was having and what has followed has been a whirlwind of tests and medical appointments (which we are all very grateful for). In what has been a very big shock, they've found cancer in her spine and other places, and hope to begin radiotherapy treatment next week which should help with the pain. Once there is more information about the type of cancer it is, she will probably also have a considerable amount of other treatment as well.

It's been very difficult to be away from our family while they've going through such a shock and serious challenge, and Interserve and APWM have been very supportive of us coming back to Australia to support them. We don't have a full plan for this time yet... everything has happened so fast and we're grateful to be able to plan to go back and be with Naomi's parents without delay. However, from what we know at the moment, it will probably be a combination of compassionate leave, home assignment and shifting our ministry activities online for a time, as we've done before. We will give an update about this in our next newsletter.

The photo above is from the most recent visit Naomi's parents had with us, with our dear friend Mrs Z who many of you have prayed for in the past and we continue to have many great conversations with, praise God.

With love and many blessings, Chris, Naomi, Annabel and Talitha

Next Sunday 12th April Service of Prayer & Praise at Holy Trinity Lara and Christ Church Little River

READINGS	Acts 2.14a, 22-32 1 Peter 1.1-12	Psalm 16 John 20.19-31
ROSTERS		
Welcomers	Arleen Friswell	Liz Hunter
Readers	Arleen Friswell	Marion Bennett
Intercessions	Revd Nay Htoo	
Server	n/a	
Zoom	Marion Bennett	
Hospitality	Brenda Darcy	Cynthia Roseburgh
Prayer Support	Coralene Stewart	Revd Nay Htoo

Calendar

Monday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY <i>Office Closed</i> French Conversation Group 1.30-3pm HT
Wednesday	Holy Communion 10am HT Creatives Group 11am HT
Thursday	Morning Prayer 10am St Laurence Park Costa House Service 11am Craft Group 1-3pm HT
Friday	<i>Office Closed</i>
Saturday	Immunisation Clinic 8.30am-5.45pm HT Warblers 10am
Sunday	Parish Council & Wardens Meeting 11.30am HT

Office Admin on Leave: Please note, Sandi will be on annual leave commencing Good Friday, and will return to work on Friday 17th April 2026.



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Parish Values

Working Together
Relationships
Community Connection
Natural Environment
Meeting Christ

Vicar: Revd Nay Htoo Khin

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Family Safety Champion - Sylvia Pde

Parish Office (Lara)

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Holy Trinity Lara with Christ Church Little River

Parish Op Shop

Tues - Friday 9am - 4pm; Saturday 9am - 1pm
Op Shop Phone Number: 5282 1273

Lara Food Relief

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Church Centres

Holy Trinity Lara: 59 Flinders Avenue, Lara
Christ Church Little River: 48 - 50 Rothwell Road, Little River

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