



The Anglican Parish of

Holy Trinity Lara with Christ Church Little River



Sunday 12th April 2026

Second Sunday of Easter

Service of Prayer & Praise

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

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

Welcome to a Service of Prayer & Praise 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.

Please note, that during the school holidays our children's programs are also on break. Children's activity booklets are available at the back of the church.

Hymns

MP 998 Jesus, What a Beautiful Name!

MP 1072 In Christ Alone

MP 1183 Holy Spirit Living breath of God

MP 25 All to Jesus I surrender

TIS 342 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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

Sentence:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1.3

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P rayer of the day:

Almighty and eternal God,
the strength of those who believe
and the hope of those who doubt:
may we, who have not seen, have faith
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing;
who is alive 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 2.14a, 22-32

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put

one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

“He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.”

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Hear the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 16

Preserve me, O God: **for in you have I taken refuge.**

I have said to the Lord, You are my lord: **and all my good depends on you.**

As for those who are held holy on the earth: **the other gods in whom people delight,**

Though the idols are many that they run after: **their offerings of blood I will not offer, nor take their name upon my lips.**

The Lord is my appointed portion and my cup: **you hold my lot in your hands.**

The share that has fallen to me is in pleasant places: **and a fair land is my possession.**

I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel: **at night also he has instructed my heart.**

I have set the Lord always before me: **he is at my right hand, and I shall not fall.**

Therefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices: **my flesh also shall rest secure.**

For you will not give me over to the power of death: **nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.**

You will show me the path of life: **in your presence is the fulness of joy, and from your right hand flow delights for evermore.**

A reading from the First Book of Peter, Chapter 1.1-12

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To the exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who have been chosen and destined by God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ and to be sprinkled with his blood:

May grace and peace be yours in abundance.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that was to be yours made careful search and inquiry, inquiring about the person or time that the Spirit of Christ within them indicated, when it testified in advance to the sufferings destined for Christ and the subsequent glory. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in regard to the things that have now been announced to you through those who brought you good news by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look!

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, Chapter 20.19-31

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

We hold in prayer our brothers and sisters in Nigeria, who face severe and ongoing violence for their faith. Easter attacks resulted in lives lost in predominantly Christian villages in Northern Nigeria; we pray for those who were kidnapped and we pray for their loved ones and congregations. May we mourn with those mourning and pray salvation for their persecutors to turn from their ways and accept the Good News of the gospel. We also continue to pray for Australian households in the face of rising costs, and for the health of our economy to be able to stabilise in the uncertain global climate.

Church

The Diocese of Melbourne (Abp Ric Thorpe, Asst Bps Paul Barker, Bradley Billings, Genieve Blackwell, Kate Prowd): Jumbunna Episcopate, Archdeaconry of Maroondah, Deanery of the Hills: St Luke's Cockatoo, St Mark's Emerald, St George's Monbulk, Parish of Mount Dandenong, Upper Yarra Anglican Parish, Anglican Parish of Wandin, Seville & Mt Evelyn, Anglican Parish of Upwey/Belgrave, All Saints' (Carlotta Tye Memorial Church) Selby, St Martin's Belgrave Heights.

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 that as our community reflects on the Easter message they will ask questions and be drawn to search answers that lead them to finding Christ.

Special Need

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

In Memory

Vernon Levi John Baker (17.4.1971), Joy Forman (17.4.2022).

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Message from Rev'd Nay Htoo

I composed this song based on my true story. I once performed it on 16 August 2023 in the chapel while I was serving as a pastoral practitioner at St John of God Ballarat Hospital.

The title of the song is “The Storm in My Life.”

The Storm in My Life

Teach me how to overcome the storms in my life.

O Lord, help me to cross over to the other side and be with You.

(“Let us go across to the other side.” — Mark 4:35)

Give me strength to overcome the storms in my life.

The storm I am facing now is too great for me to overcome alone—be with me, Lord.

(“I can do all things through him who strengthens me.” — Philippians 4:13)

I do not ask that these storms will overtake me, O Lord,

For I know You have given me the strength to face every trial.

(“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” — Psalm 46:1)

I believe that You have the power to calm every storm.

I trust in You—you will never let me walk alone through the storms of my life.

(“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.” — Isaiah 43:2)

Dear friends, all of us go through storms in our lives at some point. But we must remember that Jesus calmed the storm.

(“He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, ‘Quiet! Be still!’ Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.” — Mark 4:39)

May we trust in Him, knowing that even in the midst of life’s storms, He is with us, guiding us safely to the other side.

Blessings,

Nay Htoo

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

Sunday Service Zoom Details

Meeting ID: 82715954960

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BSB 633 000

Account 137 904 702

Parish Council & Wardens

Meeting

TODAY Sunday 12th April

11.30am @ HT

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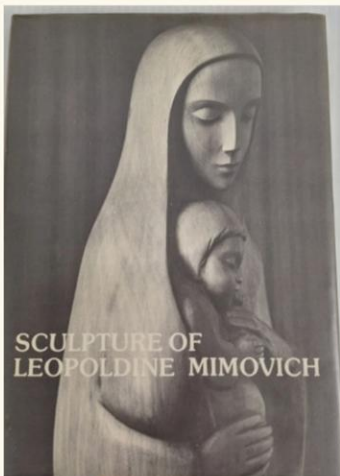
men's group

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 13th April** to Gregory
on medwellgregory@gmail.com or 0418 599 754 .

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!

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Sat 11 April 9-4pm Flu clinic
Sat 02 May 9-4pm Flu clinic and free hearing tests

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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 Sunday 19th April Service of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Lara and Christ Church Little River

READINGS	Acts 2.14a, 36-41 1 Peter 1.13-25	Psalm 116.1-4, 11-18 Luke 24.13-35
ROSTERS		
Welcomers	Annette Wendleman	Joyline Chipinduro
Readers	Revd Noel	Joyline Chipinduro
Intercessions	Wendy O'Brien	
Server	Coralene Stewart	
Zoom	Gregory Medwell	
Hospitality	Pam Habib	Dorothy Fiesley
Prayer Support	Revd Noel	Annette Wendleman

Calendar

Monday	<i>Office Closed</i> Lara Food Relief 10am-1pm HT French Conversation Group 1.30-3pm HT
Wednesday	Op Shop Committee Meeting 9am HT Holy Communion 10am HT Deanery Meeting 12-2pm All Saints Newtown Social Committee Meeting 4.15pm HT
Thursday	Morning Prayer 10am St Laurence Park Craft Group 1-3pm HT
Friday	Electrical Testing 1pm HT
Saturday	Warblers 10am

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

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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

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