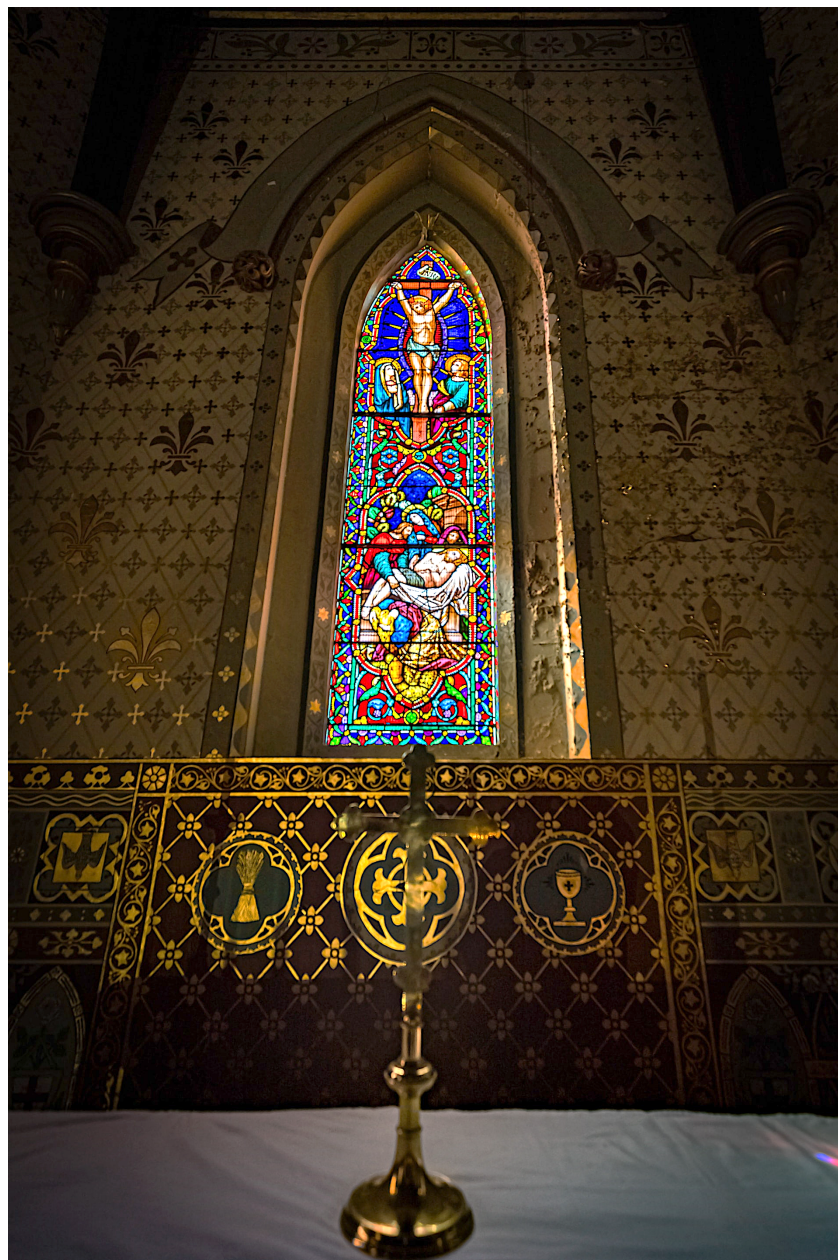


CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA

YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME



Lent–Holy Week–Easter

2025

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CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA: YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME.

We gather to worship God and explore faith in Jesus, welcoming and celebrating the diverse St Kilda community.

In the next three to five years we aim:

- to grow an energetic and committed worshipping community.
- to provide an open, inclusive and welcoming space for everyone.
- to communicate a vibrant, joyful and loving faith.
- to build connections with the local community.
- to be faithful stewards of Church Square and its buildings.

*Christ Church St Kilda Parish acknowledges the
Yaluk-ut Weelam Clan of the Boon Wurrung with deep respect.
We give thanks to God for their Elders, both past and present,
and their continuing relationship to this land.*

FROM THE VICAR

This booklet is an encouragement for us all to use the time of Lent well. Lent is the traditional preparation time of forty days from Ash Wednesday up to Good Friday, and the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Day. It is a season of spiritual reflection, and an opportunity for “clearing the decks”. Often people choose to give something up for Lent – such as alcohol or chocolate. Sometimes people choose to take on something extra – an extra spiritual discipline, or even an exercise programme. How might you choose to mark out Lent as a special time of year?

The Easter Liturgy includes an opportunity for all baptised Christians to renew their baptismal vows, and Eastertide is the most appropriate time of the year both for Baptism and Confirmation. If you have not been baptised or confirmed and would like to be, Lent is the perfect time to prepare! Candidates for Baptism or Confirmation should speak to the vicar as soon as possible.

Please be encouraged, and have a good Lent!

God bless you,
Fr Craig

WHY DO WE OBSERVE LENT?

From about the 4th century the Church has observed a period of 40 days of fasting in preparation for Easter. The custom arose from the prescribed fast of the candidates for Christian initiation at the conclusion of their long period of instruction and preparation. As the event of their Baptism approached, this intensive preparation of the weeks before Easter began and the whole Church took up this process as being a period of renewal of their own baptismal promises. This we still do at the Great Vigil of Easter.

The austerity of the Lenten season reminds us that our faith is centred on the essentials of human living, thus we dispense with some of those external symbols of our religious background in order to concentrate more fully on what they represent. Paintings and images are removed or veiled, flowers are removed, the exultant passages of praise, such as the Gloria and Alleluias are omitted from the Liturgy. The dominant colour is purple, the colour of royal mourning.

LENTEN SERVICES

ASH WEDNESDAY – 5 March

9.30am Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
6.30pm Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

SUNDAYS IN LENT

9.30am Parish Eucharist
11.00am Study Group (in the CFS Room)
The Anglican Prayer Book Tradition
March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6
Leader: Fr Craig D’Alton

WEEKDAYS IN LENT

Daily Office	9.30am	Morning Prayer (Monday – Tuesday, Thursday),
Eucharist	9.30am	Wednesday
Study Group	10am	Friday

Dr Luke’s Casebook: Journey to Jerusalem
7, 14, 21, 28 March, 4, 11 April
Leader: Fr Ken Letts

MAKING YOUR CONFESSION

Lent is traditionally a time for making use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, commonly known as Confession. Anglican use of this sacrament has never been universal. The general Anglican rule regarding the practice of confession is “all may, none must, some should.” If you have never made your confession before, or have not done so for a long time, perhaps this Lent might provide an opportunity to engage in this process of self-examination. The vicar is happy to discuss this sacrament with you, and it is always wise to consult a priest before your first confession.

HOLY WEEK DIARY

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY – 13 April

9.30am Blessing of Palms and Parish Eucharist

Holy Monday Eucharist 9.30am

Holy Tuesday Eucharist 9.30am

Holy Wednesday Eucharist 9.30am

MAUNDY THURSDAY – 17 April

7.00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
(The Church will remain open for the customary vigil for an hour.)

GOOD FRIDAY – 18 April

12 noon The Celebration of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY – 19 April

9.00am Morning Prayer, followed by working bee

EASTER DAY – 20 April

6.00am Great Vigil of Easter

9.30am Easter Day Eucharist

EASTERTIDE DIARY

The fifty days of Easter run from Easter Day until Pentecost. During this season the Pascal Candle remains a focal point of the liturgy, and the themes of resurrection, baptism and new life permeate both the readings and the liturgical action.

CONFIRMATIONS

Easter is the traditional season for baptism and confirmations. This year Bishop Kate Prowd will visit Christ Church on the feast of Pentecost to administer Confirmation. If you would like to be prepared for confirmation, please speak with the vicar.

SUNDAYS IN EASTERTIDE

9.30am Parish Eucharist

11am Eastertide Groups

Workshops to develop the Sunday Liturgy

Sundays 27 April and 4 May

“Everybody Welcome”

An opportunity to think about how we greet, welcome and incorporate new parishioners, those here for a short time, and those visiting for a day.

Sundays 18 and 25 May

“Serving at the altar”

An opportunity to find out what goes on “up there”, to ask questions, and – if you’re interested – to be trained in how to assist.

WEEKDAYS IN EASTERTIDE

9.30am Morning Prayer (Monday - Thursday)

ASCENSION DAY Thursday 29 May

9.30am Eucharist

PENTECOST Sunday 8 June

9.30am Parish Eucharist with Confirmations
– visit of Bishop Kate Prowd

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Please provide us with your phone number and/or email address so that we can get in touch and get to know you better. Tear off this form and hand it to the vicar or one of the welcomers.

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