Welcome to
The Anglican parish of St John the Evangelist
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Locum Vicar
The Revd Canon
Dr Ray Cleary

our mission statement

What we have seen and heard we announce to you also, so that you will join us in the fellowship that we have with the Father and with his son Jesus Christ.
1 John 1.3

St John’s Anglican Church
Toorak
with All Saints’ Kooyong

29th November 2015
First Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion
10am Sung Eucharist
9.00am Holy Communion

St John’s Toorak
All Saints Kooyong

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Advent and wilderness.

The presence of wilderness is present on many occasions throughout scripture. The wilderness experience runs deep with the people of God as scripture describes the journey of the people of Israel through the desert to the Promised Land. In Australia we are fighting to preserve what we describe as wilderness, both rugged mountain ranges with their rivers and foliage, and the vast open spaces of wilderness deserts. Today we are increasingly recognizing the importance of wilderness as spiritual spaces as well as of sustenance and renewal in our rapidly expanding urban environment.

Following his Baptism by John, Jesus was led by the spirit into the wilderness where he is tested, rejects the call to embrace power, status and wealth and instead proclaims his mission to the outcast, the disadvantaged and all who are shunned or rejected.

In the wilderness we are able to take stock, reflect and refuel ourselves on many fronts. I like to travel into the outback and sit under the stars and marvel at the beauty of creation and the wonder of the Milky Way. I find it restores my soul, cynicism and disillusionment with many aspects of contemporary society and restores my hope.

What place does wilderness have in your life? Are you able to find a wilderness time and space for your own reflection and preparations at this busy time of the year? Are you able to find the time to prepare the way of the Lord? Yes we are all fragile and less than perfect but also have the capacity for others to see good in our lives and the possibility of the new heaven and earth. The wilderness can provide the space and the occasion for this experience.

Ray Cleary

Induction of Dr Peter French
Dr Peter French will be inducted as Vicar into the parish of St John Toorak with All Saints Kooyong by Bishop Philip Huggins on the 5th February 2016 at 7.30pm. Please keep the date free and be present to welcome Peter on this date. Details of a special Sunday welcome will be provided shortly. It will be a Sunday after his induction.
The Revd. Dr. Peter French was ordained deacon and priest in the Diocese of Wangaratta in 1999 and served as Curate at St. John’s, Wodonga, as Assistant Priest at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Wangaratta, and then as Chaplain at Trinity College, The University of Melbourne. In 2006 Peter moved with his wife Robyn to undertake doctoral studies at the University of Chicago. Joining the Episcopal Church, Peter served as Interim Rector of Messiah-St. Bartholomew, an African-American congregation on the city’s south side, and then as Associate Rector of Grace Church, Hinsdale, an affluent 700-member church in the city’s west.

Since 2008 Peter has served as Chaplain of the Episcopal Church at Princeton University, one of the oldest and largest Episcopal chaplaincies in the United States. At Princeton University he teaches as the Co-Director of The Program on Religion, Diplomacy and International Relations and as the Founding Director of Princeton’s Christian-Muslim Dialogue.

Peter received his Bachelor of Theology in biblical studies from The Melbourne College of Divinity and his Bachelor of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy from The University of Melbourne in history and art history respectively. Peter enjoys windsurfing, modern and contemporary art, electronic dance music, tennis, excellent food and wine, travelling and the company of many friends and family. Peter is married to Robyn Whitaker, a New Testament scholar and Uniting Church minister, who currently lectures at Union Theological Seminary, New York. Peter and Robyn will be moving from Princeton and Manhattan with their flat-coat retriever, Rupert, and are excited to be joining the community at St. John’s and All Saints in January 2016.

Music for today
During Advent we use a compilation of settings. Brother Colin Smith’s Mass Shalom is found at TiS 758 [Lord have mercy], 761 [Holy]. The Eucharistic Acclamations and Lamb of God are by Philip Matthias, and may be found at 757e & f.

Br Colin Smith, liturgist and composer was undoubtedly one of Australia's best known and much loved Christian Brothers. He died in 2005 aged 77. Philip Matthias is one of Australia’s most pre-eminent choral trainers and works at Newcastle Conservatorium, being for some years at the Anglican Cathedral.
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Jesu, the very thought is sweet has been attributed to Bernard of Clairvaux, but even this assumed pedigree failed to have this hymn retained in Together in Song. Jesu, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast; but sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.

2015 marks the 125th Anniversary of the death of famous Belgian/French composer Cesar Franck. Many works of Franck are being performed at this time due to his seminal position in the development of the literature of the 19th and 20th Centuries, and a tradition which is still alive today. Information and a poster regarding a free recital of Franck's organ music by Christopher Cook in St Paul's Cathedral at 5pm on December 6th is available in the narthex.

November Evening Studies, "Pizzas and the Gospels."
For 4 Sundays in November, which commenced on the 8th November at 5pm, the final study will be held today in the Guild Room. The Locum Vicar will be conducting a series of studies on the theme of "Calling in the Gospels, the summons of God in the New Testament. The sessions will explore a number of the vocation stories in the New Testament with an emphasis on Luke's Gospel.
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Food for Friends
The yearly campaign starts at the end of November. St John’s will be on duty at Woolworths Toorak Village and (with St Martin’s Hawksburn) at Woolworths Hawksburn. The dates are as follows:
Toorak
Monday 30 November.
Thursday 3 December
Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 December
Hawksburn
Tuesday 1 December
Friday 4 December
Note - St Martin’s Hawksburn are co-ordinating the rosters for Woolworth’s Hawksburn. Please contact them for date / time availability. Ph 9827 3324.
The roster sign up sheets are available in the church (and in the office during the week) for those who are able to assist. There are still some places left to fill. Please think about how you can assist by giving up just a few hours of your time to collect food for this very worthy cause.

Evening Service
The Evening Service will take place first Sunday of the month (only) at 5pm in the Angel Chapel, and will include Holy Communion and Bible study. The last service for the year is 6 December.

Gluten free wafers
Are available for communion on Sunday morning. Please let the clergy know in advance.

Sunday School
Meets every second, fourth and fifth Sundays. Children gather in the kinder after the Collect/short prayer in church. For further information please talk to Jane, Clive or the Clergy.

Carols at Darnlee Aged Care
Monday 14 December, 4.00pm til 5.00pm. All parishioners are invited to join in the Christmas celebrations at Darnlee (whether or not you can sing).
This Sunday: 29 November  
First Sunday of Advent (violet)  
8.00am - Holy Communion

Hymns: 264, 273, 272
Jeremiah 33.14-16 (S Kincaid)
Ps 25.1-10
1 Thessalonians 3.9-13 (T Craddock)
Celebrant: The Revd Hilary Roath
Preacher: The Revd Hilary Roath
Intercessor: Volunteer required

Next Sunday: 6 December  
Second Sunday of Advent (violet)  
8.00am - Holy Communion

Hymns: 271; 275, 274
Malachi 3.1-14 (T Mouritz)
Song of Zechariah (APBA p 10 or p 425)
Philippians 1.1-11 (C Papageorge)
Luke 3.1-6
Celebrant: Canon Ray Cleary
Preacher: Canon Ray Cleary
Intercessor: Ted Mouritz

10.00am - Sung Eucharist

Hymns: 264, 269, 273, 272
Jeremiah 33.14-16 (J Griffith)
Ps 25.1-10
1 Thessalonians 3.9-13 (H Nye)
Prelude: Prière (Joseph Jongen)
Anthem: Hark the glad sound (Walford Davies)
Communion: Jesu, the very thought is sweet (Charles Wood)
Postlude: Come now, redeemer of the gentiles (Bach)
Celebrant: The Revd Hilary Roath
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Intercessor: Claire Beecher

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Malachi 3.1-14 (D Harrah)
Song of Zechariah (APBA p 10 or p 425)
Philippians 1.1-11 (E Beecher)
Luke 3.1-6
Prelude: Improvisation
Anthem: My eyes for beauty pine (Herbert Howells)
Communion: Panis Angelicus (César Franck)
Postlude: Postlude in d [L'Organiste] (César Franck)
Celebrant: Canon Ray Cleary
Preacher: Canon Ray Cleary
Intercessor: Keith Beecher

Morning tea volunteers:
Kari Gleeson & Sarojini Maclarn

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Greg Robb & volunteer required

Director of Music –
Mr Christopher Cook
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Please join us for morning tea in the hall after the service

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World & Nation:
We pray for Anglican Christians working for peace in so many troubled parts of the world. Diocese of West Malaysia (Bp Ng Moon Hing, Bp Charles Samuel, Bp Jason Selvaraj); Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander people of Australia (Bp Saibo Mabo, Torres Strait Clergy & People); Archdeaconry of The Yarra; St Mark’s Emerald (Sue Bluett); St Andrew’s Rosanna - centenary service (Bp Philip Freier); St John’s Bannockburn and Dame Phyllis Frost Centre - pastoral visits (Bp Philip Huggins); St Mark’s Dromana - pastoral visit (Bp Paul White).

Those celebrating birthdays:
Brenda Mouritz (Mon);
Rona Hatfield (Fri).

Those being married:
Justin Ko & Summer Yan; Kelvan Trimble & Janelle Egli.

Those being baptised:
Sofia Bradfield.

For schools in the community:
Geelong Grammar School Toorak Campus (Glamorgan), Head of Campus Garry Pierson; St Catherine's School, Principal Michelle Carroll; Toorak Primary School, Principal Julie Manallack. Scotch College, Principal Tom Batty.

For those who lead us in the Anglican Church:
The Most Revd Philip Freier, Archbishop of Melbourne.
The Right Revd Genieve Blackwell.

The Toorak Ecumenical Movement:
Pray for our partner churches: St Peter’s Roman Catholic Church, Toorak Uniting Church, The Swedish Church.

For Those In Mission Work:
CMS Link Missionaries;
Andrew, Helen, Jacqueline and Alyssa.
Liz Hawthorne.

For the sick and all in need:
Matthew; John Saunders; Susan; Alan; Paul Dalton; Samuel; Robert John; Peter Leeton; Julia Hyde; Mark Lincoln; Kate; Michael Collins Persse; Geoffrey Clinton; Philip Trealor; Marie Dieni; Michael Morgan; Karen Lammers; Chresley Robson; Grace.

For those in nursing homes and those who are house bound:
Nan Milner; Randall Watt; Lorna Mirfield; Dorothy Hughes; Michael Moore; Don Sawers; Thelma Freeman.

Give thanks for those whose Anniversary of death is this week:
Dixon Morris; Joan Piercey; Diana Beaufort-Hardy; David Clunies-Ross; Sally Bailey; Betty Blomfield; Margaret Schneider; Jeanette Smith.
"Preparing for Christmas"
An Ecumenical Advent service 7pm on the 29th November
A service of Lessons and Carols 7pm on the 13th December
Children's Pageant and Nativity service Christmas Eve 24th December at 6pm.

11.30pm Christmas Midnight Eucharist 24th December
We welcome members of the Melbourne University Choral Society, and brass players, directed by Andrew Wailes. They join with the Choir of St John's, Toorak, with Christopher Cook at the organ.

8am and 10am Christmas Day, 25th December

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Sunday 20th December
Garden Party 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm
followed by Christmas Carols

Friday 25th December
Festival Eucharist for Christmas 10.00 am
followed by Lunch

Friday 1st January
New Year Service
(English/Urdu/Hindi) 11.00 am
followed by BBQ

Sunday 3rd January
Eucharist Service 9.00 am

All are cordially invited to attend

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**November / December**

**Sunday 29 November**
12.00pm - Baptism of Sofia Bradfield.
2.00pm - Wedding of Justin Ko & Summer Yan.
5.00pm - November Evening Studies, "Pizzas and the Gospels," Guild room.
7.00pm - Advent Ecumenical service, St John’s.

**Thursday 3 December**
11.00am - Holy Communion.

**Saturday 5 December**
1.00pm - Wedding of Kelvan Trimble & Janelle Egli.

**December**
10 - Parish Council meeting.
13 - 7.00pm, Service of Lessons & Carols.
20 - 9.00am, Parish breakfast in the Church grounds (champagne and croissants)
24 - Christmas Eve
   6.00pm - Children & families Christmas service.
   11.30pm - Midnight Eucharist.
25 - Christmas Day
   8.00am & 10.00am Christmas Festival Eucharists.