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

6th December 2015
Second Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion
10am Sung Eucharist

St John’s Toorak
All Saints Kooyong

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Locum’s letter
The season of Advent has started. New Testament Scholar Tom Wright writes that Advent is a rich mixture of politics, prayer, and perseverance. It is a time for reflection and the ordering of our priorities and hopes for the future. Not just the forthcoming celebration of the birth of the Christ child at Christmas but as a community, nationally and globally.

Last Sunday evening as we gathered at St Johns with our friends from the Uniting, Swedish and Roman Catholic Churches of Toorak we came to celebrate together what we have in common as Christians from different traditions as we prepare to celebrate the coming of God in human form among us. A coming that we experience in the gift of the spirit, in the bread in the Eucharist, in the joy of human lives that are shared: a gathering we wait for when God gathers up all things in Christ. As we gathered together we came to sing a different song to that of the commercial world, preparing for Christmas with the hope that the coming light of Christ will transfigure the cultural noises, the over consumption, the sentimentality, obsessive over work and the demands of family at this time, and shine through into the darkest places to illuminate God’s unconditional love and hospitality for the creation.

In Advent we are invited to clear enough space in our hearts and minds to be listeners, participants in the drama to unfold and to journey with John the Baptist, Elizabeth, Mary and Joseph into the world of our day sharing the hope of Christ for our troubled times.

Shalom
Ray

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 found at TiS 758 [Lord have mercy], 742 [Holy], 766 [Lamb of God]. The Eucharistic Acclamations are found at 757e.

2015 marks the 125th Anniversary of the death of famous Belgian/French composer César 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 and developing today. A free recital of Franck’s magnificent organ music will be given by Christopher Cook in St Paul’s Cathedral at 5pm TODAY.
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Christmas Working Bee
In preparation for Christmas a parish working bee will be held on Saturday the 19th December from 10am-1pm, to prepare the church for Christmas. Many helpers will make light work. Please come long and lend your hands. Come with dusters etc to help the cleaning. Good morning tea provided.

Pizzas and the Gospels
My thanks to all of you who braved the 4 Sunday evenings in November for our discussion on Luke's Gospel. I enjoyed presenting the series and for your comments and participation in the series. The wine and pizzas were not too bad either. Thanks to everyone who helped organize the nights. Ray

The Melbourne Anglican
The December edition is now available for collection.

Christmas services postcards
Are available for collection in the narthex. Please take a quantity to hand out to friends, family, neighbours and the like.

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 (tonight).

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).
WORSHIP at St John's

This 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: 271; 284, 275, 274
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

5pm - evening service with Holy Communion & Bible study.

Morning tea volunteers:
Greg Robb & Sarojini Maclarn

Next Sunday: 13 December
Third Sunday of Advent (violet)
8.00am - Holy Communion

Hymns: 270, 265, 276
Zephaniah 3.14-20 (B Mouritz)
Song of Isaiah (APBA p 391)
Philippians 4.4-7 (L Hosking)
Luke 3.7-18
Celebrant: Canon Ray Cleary
Preacher: Canon Ray Cleary
Intercessor: Brenda Mouritz

10.00am - Sung Eucharist

Hymns: 270, 282, 265, 276
Zephaniah 3.14-20 (G Gould)
Song of Isaiah (APBA p 391)
Philippians 4.4-7 (M Sedgley)
Luke 3.7-18
Prelude: from Sonata IV in Bb
( Felix Mendelssohn)
Anthem: Rejoice in the Lord alway
( Anon)
Communion: He that shall endure to the end
( Felix Mendelssohn)
Postlude: from Sonata IV in Bb
( Felix Mendelssohn)
Celebrant: Canon Ray Cleary
Preacher: Canon Ray Cleary
Intercessor: Jenny Smith

7.00pm - Service of lessons and Carols.

Morning tea volunteers:
Nona Wilson & Sarojini Maclarn

Director of Music –
Mr Christopher Cook
WORSHIP at All Saints’ Kooyong
Organist – Margaret Orr

This Sunday: 6 December
Second Sunday of Advent (violet)
9.00am - Holy Communion

Malachi 3.1-14 (I Robertson)
Song of Zechariah (APBA p 10 or p 425)
Philippians 1.1-11 (A Prentice)
Luke 3.1-6

Celebrant: The Revd Hilary Roath
Preacher: The Revd Hilary Roath
Intercessor: A Prentice

Please join us for morning tea in the hall after the service

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Intercessor: M Richardson

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Alleluia for 10am

Alleluia - DG Murray
PRAYER NOTES

**World & Nation:**
We pray for Anglican Christians working for peace in so many troubled parts of the world.
Diocese of Western Louisiana (Bp Jacob W Owensby); Diocese of Rockhampton (Bp David Robinson, Clergy & People); Ivanhoe Girls’ Grammar School (Heather Schnagl, Principal; Alison Andrew-Smith, Chaplain); St George’s Flemington (Duncan Reid); St Philip’s Collingwood - 150th anniversary (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St Alfred’s Blackburn North - confirmation service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Holy Trinity Williamstown - confirmation service (Bp Philip Huggins).

**Those being married:**
Andy Quah & Rebecca Tan; Jackson Bell and Maija McCoy.

**Those being baptised:**
James McCubbin; Nellie McPherson.

**Those who mourn:**
The family of: Sir Thomas North.

**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:**
Margaret Stevenson; James Perry; Jill Richards; Patricia Rayson; Catherine Holly; Mary McMahon.
"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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The Anglican Parish of All Saints Kooyong

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/Urdhu/Hindi) 11.00 am
followed by BBQ

Sunday 3rd January
Eucharist Service 9.00 am

All are cordially invited to attend

Enquires: call 9826 1765
Thursday 10 December
11.00am - Holy Communion.
7.00pm - Parish Council meets.

Saturday 12 December
4.30pm - Wedding of Jackson Bell and Maija McCoy.

December
13 - 7.00pm, Service of Lessons & Carols.
20 - 9.00am, Parish breakfast in the Church grounds (champagne and croissants)
5.00pm - Christmas Garden Party at All Saints’ Kooyong followed by carols.
24 - Christmas Eve
6.00pm - Children & families Christmas service.
11.30pm - Midnight Eucharist.
25 - Christmas Day
8.00am & 10.00am Christmas Festival Eucharists.
10.00am - Festival Christmas Eucharist, All Saints’ Kooyong.