

## Annual General Meeting of our parish

- Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November
- after worship, approx. 11am
- Now is the time to ask friends to nominate for election
- Nomination forms and Electoral Enrolment forms available from Vicar
- Reports gladly received: Churchwardens, Treasurer, Market Stall etc

## Christmas Events and Times

- Christmas Eve = Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Dec: 10am Service and 5pm Carols
- Christmas Day = Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Dec: **9am Carols and Communion**
- New Years Eve = Sun 31<sup>st</sup> Dec: 10am prayers
- January service times: 10am Sundays - no rostered duties

**Parish day out at beach** hosted by Hodgson Family: 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024

## Resources for ministry

Giving can be made directly to our Bendigo Bank Warrandyte account  
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*A welcoming Christ-centred community  
seeking and working together  
through the power of the Holy Spirit  
to worship God, share His good news  
and grow as disciples of Jesus*

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

## Thanksgiving

This week in some parts of the world, especially in USA, Thanksgiving will be celebrated; a day set aside to recall God's many blessings and to celebrate his gifts to us. This seems especially appropriate the week before our parish Annual General Meeting, and before we celebrate the end of the church liturgical year with the feast of Christ the King Sunday next week and then embark on the season of Advent, which begins the church's new year.

We know that giving thanks is good for us. Practicing gratitude is important for our mental well-being and for getting along with others.

In our service this week, the purpose of our thanksgiving is not so much to focus on the gift - although we know we have been blessed greatly with one another, life, beauty and all good things. Rather, our thanksgiving is to recognise God as the Source of all blessing.

So, we invite you to join us in honouring the Giver and acknowledging our dependence on Him as the source of all good things.

"We cannot give God anything but praise and thanks, for everything else we receive from Him, be it grace, words, works, Gospel, faith, and all things. Moreover, praising and thanking is also the one proper, Christian form of worshiping God." – Martin Luther

**1** If a child is in **immediate danger** at any point **CALL 000**

**2** All suspicions or reports of child abuse must be reported to:

What is Child Abuse?	Who can report neglect and abuse of a child under the age of 18?	What sorts of things must be reported?
Abuse and neglect includes but is not limited to: <b>Physical Abuse, Emotional Abuse, Family Violence, Sexual Abuse, Grooming and Neglect.</b>	Children, Parents, Staff, Volunteers, Anyone.	All child safety concerns must be reported: • Disclosure of past and present abuse and harm • Allegations, suspicions or observations • Breaches of the Code of Conduct

**CONTACT NUMBERS:** POLICE 000 CHILD PROTECTION SEE BELOW KOOYOORA PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS 1800 135 246

## Song for the Season

Since 2021 we have enjoyed numerous new songs. These have expanded our repertoire and given us opportunities to worship God in ever-changing ways. Singing songs in church services can express praise or give voice to lament. But they also shape our emotions. It's a two-way process. So, choosing songs is not just a haphazard mix of whatever might appeal, but a careful exercise of shaping our emotions so that we're freed to engage with the theme of the service.

For this Advent season we'll learn a song which declares the praises of Jesus' birth:

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere  
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night  
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a Holy light  
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere  
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born

The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo! above the Earth  
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth  
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere  
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born

Down in a lowly manger our humble Christ was born  
And brought us all salvation that blessed Christmas morn  
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere  
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

## Deuteronomy 8:7-18 (New Living Translation)

7 For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land of flowing streams and pools of water, with fountains and springs that gush out in the valleys and hills. 8 It is a land of wheat and barley; of grapevines, fig trees, and pomegranates; of olive oil and honey. 9 It is a land where food is plentiful and nothing is lacking. It is a land where iron is as common as stone, and copper is abundant in the hills. 10 When you have eaten your fill, be sure to praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

11 "But that is the time to be careful! Beware that in your plenty you do not forget the Lord your God and disobey his commands, regulations, and decrees that I am giving you today. 12 For when you have become full and prosperous and have built fine homes to live in, 13 and when your flocks and herds have become very large and your silver and gold have multiplied along with everything else, be careful! 14 Do not become proud at that time and forget the Lord your God, who rescued you from slavery in the land of Egypt. 15 Do not forget that he led you through the great and terrifying wilderness with its poisonous snakes and scorpions, where it was so hot and dry. He gave you water from the rock! 16 He fed you with manna in the wilderness, a food unknown to your ancestors. He did this to humble you and test you for your own good. 17 He did all this so you would never say to yourself, 'I have achieved this wealth with my own strength and energy.' 18 Remember the Lord your God. He is the one who gives you power to be successful, in order to fulfill the covenant he confirmed to your ancestors with an oath.

## Luke 17:11-19 (New Living Translation)

11 As Jesus continued on toward Jerusalem, he reached the border between Galilee and Samaria. 12 As he entered a village there, ten men with leprosy stood at a distance, 13 crying out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

14 He looked at them and said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy.

15 One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, "Praise God!" 16 He fell to the ground at Jesus' feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan.

17 Jesus asked, "Didn't I heal ten men? Where are the other nine? 18 Has no one returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" 19 And Jesus said to the man, "Stand up and go. Your faith has healed you."