ST OSWALD'S ANGLICAN CHURCH GLEN IRIS

Sunday 22 November, 2026



"Hands on the Rocks" – © Glenn Loughrey

An Indigenous Service

Welcome to our Service today celebrating

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Gathering in God's Name

Prelude: *Beside still waters* Rosalie Bonighton (1946-2011)

Acknowledgement of Country

Processional Hymn Together in Song 477

1. **Jesus calls us here to meet him**
   as, through word and song and prayers,
   we affirm God's promised presence
   where his people live and care.
   Praise the God who keeps his promise;
   praise the Son who calls us friends;
   praise the Spirit who, among us,
   to our hopes and fears attends.

2. **Jesus calls us to confess him**
   Word of Life and Lord of All,
   sharer of our flesh and frailness
   saving all who fail or fall.
   Tell his holy human story;
   tell his tales that all may hear;
   tell the world that Christ in glory
   came to earth to meet us here.

3. **Jesus calls us to each other**
   found in him are no divides.
   Race and class and sex and language
   such are barriers he derides.
   Join the hand of friend and stranger;
   join the hands of age and youth;
   join the faithful and the doubter
   in their common search for truth.

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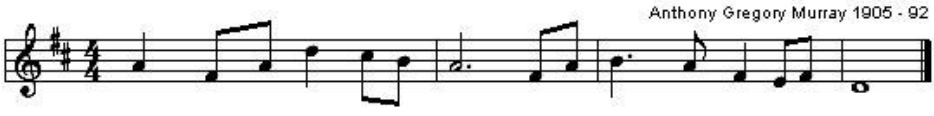
Ministry of the Word

A Reading from the Book of Genesis *[Genesis 4b—15]*

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground, but a stream would rise from the earth and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold, and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

Hear the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104: 24—35 **Together in Song 65**



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Cantor:
Praise the Lord, O my soul,
O Lord God, your glory is great.
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your handiwork.
Send for your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

All creatures look to you
to give them their food to eat.
When you open your hand, they are filled with good,
when you hide your face they pine away.

Send for your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

When you take away their breath, they die,
and return to the earth, whence they came.
When you send forth your Spirit, all things spring to life,
and the face of the earth is renewed.

Send for your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

The glory of the Lord shall never cease,
the Lord shall rejoice in his works.
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live,
I will praise my God while my breath remains.

Send for your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

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A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles *[*Acts 17: 22—28*]*

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we, too, are his offspring.'

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn Together in Song 668 verses 1 and 3.

1. Touch the earth lightly,
use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder,
ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

3. Let there be greening,
birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in the garden,
hope in God's children
regeneration that peace will complete.

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Please stand.

A Reading from the Gospel of St. John *[John 1: 1—14]*

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

For the gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Offertory Hymn Together in Song 135

Refrain: ***All things bright and beautiful,***
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful —
the Lord God **made them all.**

1. The wildflowers in their beauty,
the mountain ranges tall,
the billabongs and rivers,
and friendly birds that call, ***Refrain***

2. The cold wind in the winter,
the bright, life-giving sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden —
he made them every one. ***Refrain***

3. The coloured walls of gorges,
the gum trees green and tall,
the rocks, and pools, and palm trees,
the sparkling waterfall, ***Refrain***

4. The many-coloured corals,
the creatures of the sea,
of bushland, field or desert,
on farms, or roaming free, ***Refrain***

5. He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty
who has made all things well ***Refrain***

Cecil Frances Alexander 1818- 95
vv, 2 alt., and refrain
Brian Black 1026 – (vv. 1 and 3)
compilers (v. 4)
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Music during Communion
Deep Peace Bill Douglas (b.1944)

Recessional Hymn Together in Song 409

1. O breath of life, come sweeping through us,
revive your church with life and power;
O breath of life, come cleanse renew us,
and fit your church to meet this hour.

2. O wind of God, come bend us, break us,
till humbly we confess our need;
then in your tenderness remake us,
revive, restore: for this we plead.

3. O breach of love, come breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart;
come, love of Christ, afresh to win us,
revive your church in every part.

4. Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating
while harvest fields are vast and white?
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting,
equip your church to spread the light.

Elizabeth Ann Porter Head
1850 - 1936
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Postlude:

From the Vicar

My Dear Family,

The true beauty of a church is not found in its buildings, but in the love, kindness and care we share with one another. As St Paul reminds us,

“And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.” (Colossians 3:14)

Today, we welcome a number of special visitors to this Indigenous service. In particular, we welcome Rev. Helen Dwyer, Chaplain at Melbourne Grammar School as our preacher, Uncle Glenn Loughrey, former Vicar at St. Oswald’s who prepared our liturgy we use today, Rev. Gareth Darlow and members of the Glen Iris Uniting Church, Ruth Crawley and members of the Camberwell Uniting Church, and Susan Vincent and members of the Murnong First Peoples’ Gathering Place.

Let us be a family that looks beyond differences, reaches out to those who feel forgotten, comforts those who are hurting and celebrates one another's joys. A simple smile, a kind word or a helping hand can make a world of difference.

May St Oswald's always be a place where everyone feels welcomed, loved and valued, for it is through our love for one another that we truly reflect the love of Christ.

Your servant in Christ,
Fr. Mal

Biograpahy of The Reverend Helen Dwyer

Helen is a Priest in the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne and is the Chaplain at Grimwade House, Melbourne Grammar School. Prior to Grimwade House, she was the Senior Chaplain at Overnewton Anglican Community College; the Aboriginal Reconciliation Liaison Officer for Anglican Diocese of Melbourne; and a Parish Priest.

She has an almost 25 year old son, Elijah, who lives in Brunswick with the 2 family kelpie-cross dogs, and 2 cats.

She is married to Gavin, receiving as a 'gift with marriage' bonus, a daughter, Isobel, and son, Lachlan, who are in third year Uni and first year Uni respectively this year.

She grew up on a farm near Mildura, loves gardening, animals, people, sunshine and coffee, as well as op-shopping and matching pegs on the clothesline.

She is a fierce advocate for social justice, and a proud Ngarrindjeri woman.

As an Anglican School Chaplain, she guides students to think beyond themselves, leading them, nudging them, nurturing them, reflecting back to them what's going on around them, through the lens of faith, with all the hope, love and grace that comes through faith in Jesus.

Helen is a member of Archbishop in Council, Cathedral Chapter, the Diocesan Diversity and Inclusion Working Group and the Diocesan Reconciliation Action Working Group, NATSIAC (National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council), Melbourne Grammar School's First Nations Program Steering Committee, and is a Canon of St Paul's Cathedral.

Intercessions

The World: East Timor (Timor Leste), Indonesia, Philippines
The Anglican Communion: The Church of England
The Anglican Church of Australia: Diocese of Tasmania; St David's Cathedral;
The Diocese of Melbourne: Episcopal Area of Nunawading;
Archdeaconry of Box Hill; Whitehorse Deanery; All Saints Mitcham;
St Luke's Vermont; Holy Name Vermont South; Ascension East Burwood;
St Alfred's North Blackburn; St Edward's Blackburn South; St Peter's Box Hill;
St Mark's Forest Hill; St Thomas's Burwood;
Diocesan ministries, schools and agencies; Tintern Grammar School;
Christ Church Dingley .

Departed

Joan Rance, Ruth Wetherell.

COLLECTION OF CHRISTMAS GROCERIES FOR ANGLICARE

We will start our Christmas grocery drive for Anglicare in Clayton on Sunday 1st November. It will run through all Sundays in November and finish on Sunday 6th December. Please put your groceries (small sizes) in the baskets at the back of the church.

I heard on an interview on T V that people are going without toothpaste, Shampoo and soap in order to buy food. Christmas treats are always welcome as well as tins of fish, ham, fruit and vegetables.

Your support has been terrific. Let's keep up the good work.

Thank you Barbara Olney

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

In accordance with our Parish Rules (as agreed by the Parish Council on 27 October 2020), notice is hereby given of the Annual Meeting of the Parish of St. Oswald's Glen Iris to be held at 11.30am in the church following the 10am service on Sunday 29 November 2026.

Nominations to all positions on the Parish Council, Independent Examiner and the Incumbency Committee must be completed with a nominator and seconder and signed by the person nominated on or before 8am on Sunday 22 November 2026.

All nominations for election of office bearers shall be posted at or near the front of the church on or before 8am on Friday 27 November 2024.

Any questions parishioners might have about this process should be directed in the first instance to the Churchwardens, being Lisa Williams and Peter Johnson, for which contact details are below.

Peter Johnson — mobile 0417 548 896
Lisa Williams — mobile 0411 400 866



Murnong Matters

We are looking forward to welcoming you and all your visitors into the gathering place this Sunday after the special indigenous service.

On election day we hope you will enjoy your democracy sausage. We are thankful for the opportunity to be seen by the community and to do some Fundraising.

Our Koorie Kristmas Market will be on Saturday, 5th December, 11:00am til 2:00pm, in the church hall. All are welcome, come along and find some unique gifts, or just indulge yourself with something special.

Susann Vincent,
Centre Coordinator ph 0432367307

Diary for the Week

St Oswald's Live Stream on YouTube
https://www.youtube.com/@stoswaldgleniris/live

Wednesdays

Holy Communion is discontinued. However, the church will be open between 9.30 and 11. 30 each Wednesday

Sunday 29 November

First Sunday of Advent

8 am **No Service**

9.30 am **Sung Eucharist**

Readings

Isaiah 64: 1—9

Psalm 80: 1—7, 17—19

1 Corinthians 2: 1—9

Mark 13: 24—37

11.30 am **Annual General Meeting after the 9.30 Servoce**

Today's Ministries

10 am

Cantor	***W. Andrews***
Communion Assistant	***J. Haigh***
Reader	***T. Andrews***
Intercessor	***K. Ennis***
Welcome / Offertory	***L. McBeth***
Morning Tea	***V. Lee***
	D. Lee

Glen Iris Road Uniting Church – Christmas Party – 29 November

All are warmly invited to the Christmas party at the Glen iris Uniting Church on Sunday 29 November from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Lots of activities for kids, and family and friends, including games, crafts and food!!!
Come and share Christmas with our local Uniting Church friends.

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