



Anglican Church of Australia

Diocese of Melbourne

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

PARISH OF BURNLEY

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The Reign of Christ 20th November 2022 10.00am Sung Mass

Welcome to St Bart's!

We are an inner-city Anglican church in the progressive catholic tradition welcoming people of any race, language, culture, age, ability, gender or sexual orientation.



We recognize and give honour to the first peoples of Australia, and especially of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nations, past, present, and emerging, the traditional custodians of the land on which this parish has its mission and ministry.

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, BURNLEY

Our Vision

To live as citizens of, and invite others into, God's Kingdom.

Our Mission

The Mission of St Bartholomew's Anglican Church, Burnley, is to be a community who values the blessings and trust in the promises of God's Kingdom within the cultural and social context of Richmond, Melbourne:

- To live humbly before God and with all people
- To be dependent on God's comfort
- To be gentle with people and all Creation
- To hunger and thirst for the right ways of God
- To show mercy and compassion toward others
- To live with purity in motive and deed
- To be passionate for peace
- To persevere in the face of opposition

Based on the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-10) Adopted by the 2015 Annual Meeting

CHILD SAFETY COMMITMENT

St Bartholomew's Anglican Church, Burnley commits to meeting all of the standards of the Child Safety Code of Conduct of the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne, and the Victorian Government's mandatory Child Safe Standards (Child Wellbeing and Safety Amendment (Child Safe Standards) Act 2015, Child Wellbeing and Safety Amendment (Oversight and Enforcement of Child Safe Standards) Act 2016). The parish community seeks to promote the cultural safety of all children, including Aboriginal children, who come to us from a culturally or linguistically diverse background. We also seek to ensure the safety of any child with a disability. The parish community affirms that all children who come to St Bartholomew's have a right to feel and be safe. We are committed to ensuring that children's best interests are met within our parish. We have zero tolerance towards child abuse. The parish community actively works to listen to and empower children within our community.

Facilities including disabled and baby change room are located in the front entrance of the main hall. Enter via the main door of the hall. For all able access see welcomer.



If you want to ensure regular giving to St Bart's, but find you never have the right amount in cash, or are sometimes unable to attend on Sundays, then

St Bart's Direct Transfer may work for you.

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BSB: 703 122

Account Number: 05009430

As a reference you can use your own name, or you can use 'Offering' & your name will remain anonymous with your personal details not appearing on the St Bart's bank statement.

10:00am SUNG MASS

Presider:	<i>Rev Graeme Brennan</i>
Deacon:	<i>Rev James Brady</i>
Sub-Deacon & Preacher:	<i>Dr Muriel Porter</i>
Organist:	<i>Linda Kent</i>
Mass Setting:	<i>Christ Church Mass – Philip Matthias</i>

Organ Prelude

GATHERING

The hymn is sung as the Sacred Ministers enter to commence the liturgy.

Hymn (AM 593) – At the Name of Jesus
(Tune: King's Weston 98ii) verses 1,3,6,7

INVOCATION & GREETING

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Zechariah 9.9

KYRIE ELEISON

mp
Lord, have mer-cy, Lord, have mer-cy Lord, have mer -
cresc.

-cy. Christ, have_ mer - cy, Christ, have_ mer - cy, Christ, have_ mer -

mf *dim.* *mp*
-cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Sisters and brothers, as we prepare to celebrate these sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins. *(Silence may be kept.)*

CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith confident in God's forgiveness.

Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: ✠ pardon you and set you free from all your sins, Confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA

Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and
 peace to God's peo-ple on earth, Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al- migh- t- y God and
 Fa- ther, we wor- ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for_ your
 glo - ry. Lord Je- sus Christ, on- ly Son of the Fa- ther,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a- way the sin of the world: have

mer - cy on us: you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi-rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

COLLECT

Eternal God, you exalted Jesus Christ to rule over all things, and have made us instruments of his kingdom: by your Spirit empower us to love the unloved, and to minister to all in need, then at the last bring us to your eternal realm where we may be welcomed into your everlasting joy and may worship and adore you for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 5: 1 – 3

The elders anointed David as king over Israel.

A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, 'Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: 'It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord and they anointed David king over Israel.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 98: 1 – 6

Response



Sing to the Lord a new song for he has done marvellous things. With his own right hand and with his holy arm he has brought salvation. **R/**

The Lord has made known his salvation, and has shown his righteousness to the nations. He has remembered his mercy and truth towards the house of Israel. **R/**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Let all the world be glad in him, sing, rejoice and give him thanks. **R/**

Let music sound upon the harp, and psalms be offered to his praise; with trumpets and with sounds of joy proclaim the praise of God our King. **R/**

SECOND READING

COLOSSIANS 1: 12 – 20

God has transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Give thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. The Father has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. Christ is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Christ is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (AM 374)



Blessed is the one who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. ^{Mark 11.10}



GOSPEL

LUKE 23: 35 – 43

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

✠ A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When Jesus had been crucified, the people stood by watching; the leaders scoffed at him saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!'

The soldiers also mocked Jesus, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over Jesus, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding Jesus and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Dr Muriel Porter

THE CREED

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church.

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the ✠ life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for all people and for the Church throughout the world.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has promised that you will hear us when we ask in faith: receive the prayers we offer.

After each petition:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

And at the end:

✠ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord:
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE *(Stand)*

We are the Body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

The Peace is shared

Notices and announcements

THE SACRAMENT

Offertory Hymn (AM 428) Body broken for our good

(Tune: Aberystwyth)

During the Offertory Hymn the altar is prepared. Gifts of bread, wine and the collection are gathered and brought to the front of the church. At the end of the hymn, the celebrant invites all present to prayer.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord God, by this holy exchange of gifts, you share with us your divine life. Grant that everything we do may be directed by the knowledge of your truth, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty, our joy and our salvation, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, almighty and everlasting

God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord. For he is the true high priest, who has freed us from our sins and made us a royal priesthood, to serve you, our God and Father. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,
 God of pow'r and might, Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -
 - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

And now, Father, we pray that we who receive these your gifts of bread and wine according to our Saviour's word may be partakers of his Body and Blood.

The Celebrant takes the bread in his hands and says:

For on the night he was betrayed he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, his almighty Father, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'TAKE, EAT. THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU. DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.'

The Celebrant takes the cup in his hands and says:

After supper, he took the cup and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'DRINK FROM THIS ALL OF YOU. THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS. DO THIS, AS OFTEN AS YOU DRINK IT, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is ri-sen, Christ will come a - gain.

Therefore, in obedience to his command, we commemorate and celebrate his saving passion and death, his mighty Resurrection and Ascension into heaven and we eagerly await his coming again in glory.

We thank you that by your grace alone, you have accepted us in Christ; and here we offer you a spiritual sacrifice, holy and acceptable in your sight. Through Christ, receive this our duty and service, and grant that we who eat and drink these holy gifts may, by your Holy Spirit, be one body in Christ, and serve you in unity and peace.

In your grace and mercy, bring us to the joy of your eternal kingdom with all the company of the redeemed. May we praise you in union with them, and give you glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father eternal, in songs of never-ending praise:

Bless - ing and ho - nour and glo - ry and pow'r are_

yours for ev - er and e - ver. A - men.

RITE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour has taught us, we are confident to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

FRACTION

We who are many are one body in Christ,
for we all share in the one bread.

FRACTION ANTHEM

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Je - sus, Lamb of God, have
mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have
mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world,
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

✠ This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Holy Communion is administered with these or similar words:

The Body / Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

All communicant members of any Christian Church are invited to receive the Sacrament. All others are very welcome to come forward for a blessing.

COMMUNION SENTENCE

Let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ' ^{Acts 2.36}

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen.**

Father . . .

we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

THANKSGIVING HYMN (AM 586)

All praise to Christ our Lord and King Divine

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE

PRAYER DIARY

For the sick, suffering, frail with age, and those who grieve:

Milenka Skoblar, Mira Krslovic, Joy Turner, Bruce Kelsall, and Hank, and for those with ongoing or immediate needs: Fr Robert Whalley, Bp John Parkes, Peter Bryce, Howard, Stephen and Nilani

Recently Departed: Brian Porter, Priest (29th Oct);

and for those whose Anniversaries of death occur in Years mind:

Mavis Smart (20th), Harry Glowaski (21st), Jean Shand, Mary Rutherford Lucy Hutchinson & Beatrice Willis (22nd), Elizabeth Warr (24th), Joe Croft & Brian McDonald (25th), Selwyn Baker 26th).

A Big “Thank You!”

On behalf of St Bartholomew’s Church, I would like to sincerely thank Sandi and all the Op-Shop volunteers for their years of dedication, service and loyalty in the operation of St Bartholomew’s Op-Shop. A dinner has been planned for Sandi and volunteers to acknowledge their contribution to our community. – Helen McDonald

Prayer for Ukraine

In February, when war in Ukraine began, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York wrote a prayer for the country and its people:

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen

Archbishop Justin Welby

Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

ST BART’S VICARAGE RENOVATION APPEAL



The last major capital expenditure on St Bart’s Vicarage was in 1990, some 32 years ago. That work has proven long-lasting in conjunction with some updating of areas in the house over the past 10 years, including: a new kitchen, areas with new flooring, renovated ensuite shower, new carport, paving, and new back garden. There are now other areas of the

house that require attention to maintain a reasonable living standard, including: a new family bathroom, new flooring, back veranda work and a complete interior redecorating. We won’t be able to achieve it all at once but we do need to get the major items fixed as a matter of urgency so to house an additional priest in 2023. If you could consider donating to the Vicarage Renovation Appeal, it would be much appreciated. You can donate via a specific EFT (below), by cheque (payable to St Bartholomew’s, Burnley) or by cash.

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BSB: 703 122 **Account Number:** 05009979

FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday, 20 November 2022 – The Reign of Christ

10.00am Sung Mass

5.00pm Mass

Monday, 21 November

10.00am to 12noon Richmond Churches Food Centre

Thursday, 24 November

10.00am Mass

St Bart's Opportunity Shop is temporarily closed for refitting

Saturday, 26 November

2.30pm Commissioning of Fr Matthew as Rector of Beechworth and Yackandandah. Christ Church, Beechworth.

Sunday, 27 November 2022 – Advent Sunday (Year A)

10.00am Sung Mass

5.00pm Mass

Sunday, 4 December – 2nd Sunday in Advent (Year A)

10.00am Sung Mass

5.00pm Family Service & Meal

Adjourned Annual Meeting briefly following Sung Mass

Thursday, 15 December

10.00am Mass

7.30pm Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, 21 December

7.30pm Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

Saturday, 24 December: CHRISTMAS EVE

5.00pm Family Carols

11.00pm Vigil of Carols & Midnight Mass

Sunday, 25 December: CHRISTMAS DAY

10.00am Mass & Carols

Sundays 1, 8, 15, 22 January 2023

10.00am Mass *and refreshments*

Sunday 29 January 2023

11.00am Mass *followed by Summer Garden Party*

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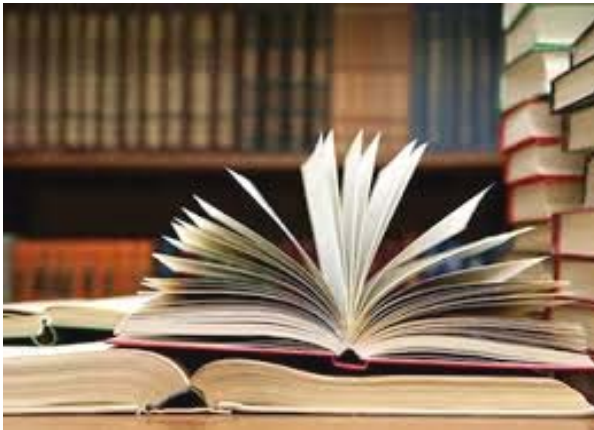
2022 PARISH MINISTRIES

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Book Club



(2nd Tuesdays of the month @
7.30pm in Café)

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0423 723 009

Climate Action Group

Convenor: Kathy Kozlowski
kathykoz45 'at' yahoo.com.au

Opportunity Shop

(Temporarily closed for refitting)

Richmond Churches Food Centre

(Mondays, 10.00am to 12noon)

Manager: Francis Flood

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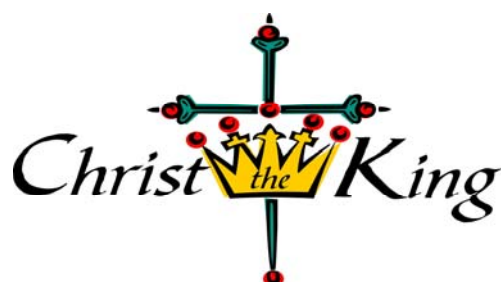
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2021/2022 PARISH GOVERNANCE



Churchwardens:

- Helen McDonald (People's)
- Cynthia Nyholm (People's)
- Glenis Heath (Vicar's)

Parish Council:

(meets 3rd Tuesday 7.30pm)

- Trevor Blake
- Glenis Heath
- Helen McDonald
- Cynthia Nyholm
- Dr Muriel Porter
- Tom Ransom

Parish Administrator:

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Incumbency Committee:

- Don Heath
- Dr Muriel Porter
- Helen McDonald
(Churchwarden)

53rd Diocesan Synod Representatives:

Ann Brady & Jonathon Harrison
Dhakshini Saravanamuttu
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WORSHIP SUNDAY

10.00am SUNG or SOLEMN MASS

5.00pm MASS

MID-WEEK

Thursday 10.00am Mass

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- ❖ Warren Collins
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Weekly Reflection

Dear Friends of S. Bart's,

Today we are invited to experience the mystery of Christ's Kingship in the Liturgy of the Church. The Eucharist, by the beauty of its celebration, its music, its drama, its sights and sounds and smells, invites us to contemplate the sense of the holy. The way in which liturgy is offered is the most effective invitation to this kind of experience. And it is this kind of experience that can lead us into the depths of the mystery.

We ought to be able to sense something very special in everything that is seen and touched, heard and smelled and tasted in the liturgy. And it is as we come to offer ourselves in worship that the *whole* of us is ministered to by God. *'We touch him in the throng and press and we are whole again.'*

The particular experience of celebrating Christ's Kingship in an age that has sacked almost every crowned head invites us to contemplate Jesus' own words about the Kingdom of God – *'my Kingdom is not of this world'*. Yet it is not a future Kingdom over which he rules, but the Kingdom of the Eternal now where we live and work and minister.

As we come to worship in the Eucharist we should do so with two things in mind: first that God in Christ *will come to us*; second that we will meet him in the agreed point of encounter – the Bread and Wine become His Body and Blood.

But there is another way in which we must come and that is not an intellectual kind of way, not a way of reason or logic but – *in the spirit*, in the depths of our own being where Christ already is.

The Kingdom which so many people seek is here, within us and it is within us that Christ reigns and we may know him if we humbly allow his still, small voice to speak to us.

Wishing you His grace and peace,

Fr. Graeme (Locum Tenens)

Parish Council Report to the Parish – November, 2022

The first meeting of the newly-appointed Parish Council is always busy with annual diocesan statutory requirements. Council members signed the required declarations, the churchwardens formally notified Council that they had appointed Helen McDonald as the churchwarden representative on the Incumbency Committee, and Muriel Porter was elected to the electoral roll committee. Diocesan permission also needs to be sought annually for lay eucharistic assistants, so Parish Council approved the current list and added Trevor Blake's name, for submission to the Bishop. Fr Graeme has kindly offered to commission the eucharistic assistants and to provide a brief 'refresher' session on offering the chalice.

With two new members on the Parish Council, portfolios of oversight will be re-distributed, once the churchwardens have had an opportunity to discuss them.

This meeting has also added a new 'standing item' to its agendas – the Incumbency Process. Reports will be provided each month as to the ongoing process, but of course without divulging any confidential information. Parish Council is also working on developing the required parish profile. Once it has reached an acceptable stage, parishioners will be asked to make any comments or suggestions before it is finalised.

We also received a detailed report on the renovation work to the vicarage, and on the progress of the transfer of management of the Op Shop to the Brotherhood of St Laurence. We were pleased to hear that the Brotherhood is expecting to re-open the Op Shop in a reduced capacity very soon before it undergoes a major refit in January. All the required documentation is being overseen by the Diocese.

Parishioners are reminded that confirmed minutes of Parish Council meetings are available to read in a folder kept at the rear of the church.

Muriel Porter, Hon. Parish Secretary