



# St James' Old Cathedral

12<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 10:00am

The Baptism of our Lord:

The Story of Three Sons

*Service of Holy Communion from  
The Book of Common Prayer (1662)*

## Acknowledgement of Country

We worship our creator God on the ancestral lands of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation. We acknowledge them as the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

## Child Safety Officer

We are committed to continuous improvement in a safe culture for all, and especially vulnerable persons. Our parish's Child Safety Officer is Una Ebsworth. Una is an accredited specialist in criminal law. All correspondence and questions relating to safety checks should be forwarded to her at [safety@sjoc.org.au](mailto:safety@sjoc.org.au)

## The Old Cathedral Voices

Formed in March 2009 from some of Melbourne's finest choral soloists, The Old Cathedral Voices are a consort choir directed by Alex Ritter.

The choir is in recess, returning January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Today we enjoy solos sung by Alex Owens, including performances of new songs by our composer-in-residence, Andrew Anderson.

## The Organ

The present organ was built in 1991 by Australian Pipe Organs, restoring and expanding the 1866 Fincham organ. 2 manuals, 18 speaking stops, 8 couplers. Gt: 8.8.4.4.2.III. Sw: 8.8.8.4.2.III.8. Ped: 16.16.10-2/3.8.4.

The Old Cathedral's organist is David Brown. David undertook studies as an organ scholar at the Universities of Cambridge and St Andrews. He also serves as College Organist for Scotch College.

David is on leave. The organ is played by Andrew Anderson.

## The Bells

Melbourne's first peal of bells were the six bells hung in St James' Cathedral in 1853, replacing an old ship's bell. Two more were added in 1885. All were cast by Mears and Stainbank of Whitechapel Road, London, and are reputed to be the finest ever cast there. They are still rung regularly by a team of volunteers.

**Processional**

**Alex Owens (Baritone)**

**Isaiah Service 1: Invitation (Pt 1)**

**A. Anderson (b. 1971)**

*Premiered 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Andrew Anderson is our composer-in-residence.*

*This is the first of a set of four songs covering Isaiah 55.*

*Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters,  
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat.*

*Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.*

*Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?*

*Listen, listen carefully to me,  
and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.      Isaiah 55:1-2*

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Bridget Penington**

**Our Father which art in heaven,**

**Hallowed be thy Name.**

**Thy kingdom come.**

**Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**As we forgive them that trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation;**

**But deliver us from evil. Amen.**

**The Collect**

***Bridget Penington***

**Almighty God,  
unto whom all hearts be open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love thee,  
and worthily magnify thy holy Name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Welcome**

***Bridget Penington***

**Hymn 322 (Spiritus Vitae)**

***B. P. Head (1850-1936)***

**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.**

**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.**

**O breath 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.**

## The Commandments

*Bridget Penington*

God spake these words, and said:

I am the Lord thy God: Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image,  
nor the likeness of anything that is in heaven above,  
or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth.

Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain:  
for the Lord will not hold him guiltless, that taketh his Name in vain.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

Six days shalt thou labour, and do all that thou has to do;  
but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God.

In it thou shalt do no manner of work.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Honour thy father and thy mother.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Thou shalt not covet.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Bridget Penington*

Eternal God,  
at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan  
you proclaimed him your beloved Son,  
and anointed him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant that all who are baptised into his name  
may keep the covenant they have made,  
and boldly confess him as Lord and Saviour;  
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,  
one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## **Gathering for Children's Chapel**

**Dr Callum Dawson**

*We offer an age-appropriate experience of the Ministry of the Word for children, led today by Dr Callum Dawson. They are invited to process out to the conference centre, as the following anthem is sung. They will return in time to join us at Holy Communion.*

*Childsafe Policy: Children's Chapel is supervised at all times by at least two unrelated adults with current Working with Children Check approvals.*

## **Meditation**

**Alex Owens (Baritone)**

### **Isaiah Service 3: Ministry of the Word**

**A. Anderson (b. 1971)**

*Premiere. Andrew Anderson is our composer-in-residence.*

*This is the third of a set of four songs covering Isaiah 55.*

*My thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.*

*For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways,  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

*For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.*

*Isaiah 55:8-11*

**First Reading: Exodus 4:15-23**

**Owen Billington**

<sup>15</sup>You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth;  
and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth,  
and will teach you what you shall do.

<sup>16</sup>He indeed shall speak for you to the people;  
he shall serve as a mouth for you,  
and you shall serve as God for him.

<sup>17</sup>Take in your hand this staff,  
with which you shall perform the signs.'

<sup>18</sup>Moses went back to his father-in-law Jethro and said to him,  
'Please let me go back to my kindred in Egypt  
and see whether they are still living.'

And Jethro said to Moses, 'Go in peace.'

<sup>19</sup>The Lord said to Moses in Midian,  
'Go back to Egypt; for all those who were seeking your life are dead.'

<sup>20</sup>So Moses took his wife and his sons, put them on a donkey,  
and went back to the land of Egypt;  
and Moses carried the staff of God in his hand.

<sup>21</sup>And the Lord said to Moses, 'When you go back to Egypt,  
see that you perform before Pharaoh  
all the wonders that I have put in your power;  
but I will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go.

<sup>22</sup>Then you shall say to Pharaoh,  
"Thus says the Lord: Israel is my firstborn son.

<sup>23</sup>I said to you, 'Let my son go that he may worship me.'  
But you refused to let him go;  
now I will kill your firstborn son." '

*Here endeth the reading.*



## Psalm 2

*Bridget Penington*

Why are the nations in tumult:

**and why do the peoples cherish a vain dream?**

The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers conspire together:

**against the Lord and against his anointed, saying,**

‘Let us break their bonds asunder:

**let us throw off their chains from us.’**

He that dwells in heaven shall laugh them to scorn:

**the Lord will hold them in derision.**

Then will he speak to them in his wrath,

and terrify them in his fury:

**‘I, the Lord, have set my King on Zion my holy hill.’**

I will announce the Lord’s decree, that which he has spoken:

**‘You are my Son, this day have I begotten you.**

‘Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance:

**the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession.**

‘You may break them with a rod of iron:

**and shatter them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.’**

Now therefore be wise, O kings:

**be advised, you that are judges of the earth.**

Serve the Lord with awe,

and govern yourselves in fear and trembling:

**lest he be angry, and you perish in your course.**

For his wrath is quickly kindled:

**blessed are those that turn to him for refuge.**

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak to them:

‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality,

<sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him  
and does what is right is acceptable to him.

<sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel,  
preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.

<sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea,  
beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:

<sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth  
with the Holy Spirit and with power;  
how he went about doing good  
and healing all who were oppressed by the devil,  
for God was with him.

<sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem.

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;

<sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day  
and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people  
but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses,  
and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

<sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people  
and to testify that he is the one ordained by God  
as judge of the living and the dead.

<sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him  
that everyone who believes in him  
receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

*Here endeth the reading.*

**Hymn 6 v1-4 (Wareham 52)      *Thomas a Kempis (1379-1471)***

**O love how deep, how broad, how high!  
it fills the heart with ecstasy  
that God, the Son of God, should take  
our mortal form for mortal's sake.**

**He sent no angel to our race  
of higher or of lower place  
but wore the robe of human frame  
himself, and to this lost world came.**

**For us he was baptized, and bore  
his holy fast, and hungered sore;  
for us temptations sharp he knew;  
for us the tempter overthrew.**

**For us he prayed, for us he taught,  
for us his daily works he wrought,  
by words and signs and actions, thus  
still seeking not himself but us.**

**Gospel Reading: Luke 3:15-22**

**Bridget Penington**

*The holy gospel is written in the third chapter of the gospel according to Luke, beginning at the fifteenth verse.*

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation,  
and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John,  
whether he might be the Messiah,

<sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying,

‘I baptize you with water;

but one who is more powerful than I is coming;  
I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals.  
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

<sup>17</sup>His winnowing-fork is in his hand,

to clear his threshing-floor  
and to gather the wheat into his granary;  
but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

<sup>18</sup>So, with many other exhortations,

he proclaimed the good news to the people.

<sup>19</sup>But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him

because of Herodias, his brother’s wife,  
and because of all the evil things that Herod had done,

<sup>20</sup>added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized,

and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying,  
the heaven was opened,

<sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.

And a voice came from heaven,

‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’

*Here endeth the gospel.*

**The Sermon**

**Rev. Professor Graham Cole**

**Anthem**

**Alex Owens (Baritone)**

**Isaiah Service Pt 2: Confession**

**A. Anderson (b. 1971)**

*Premiered 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Andrew Anderson is our composer-in-residence.  
This is the second of a set of four songs covering Isaiah 55.*

*Seek the Lord while he may be found,  
and call upon him while he is near;  
let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the Lord,  
that he may have mercy on them,  
let them return to our God,  
for he will abundantly pardon.*

*Isaiah 55:6-7*

**The Athanasian Creed  
(Pt 1: The Trinity - Abridged)**

*Bridget Penington*

**The Catholic Faith is this:**

**That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity;  
Neither confounding the Persons, nor dividing the Substance.**

**For there is one Person of the Father,  
another of the Son,  
and another of the Holy Ghost.**

**But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost,  
is all one: the Glory equal, the Majesty co-eternal.**

**Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Ghost.  
Each person is Uncreate, Incomprehensible,  
Eternal, Almighty, God and Lord.**

**And yet there is only One Uncreate, One Incomprehensible,  
One Eternal, One Almighty, One God and One Lord.**

**The Father is made of none:  
neither created, nor begotten.**

**The Son is of the Father alone:  
not made, nor created, but begotten.**

**The Holy Ghost is of the Father and of the Son:  
neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding.**

**And in this Trinity none is afore, or after other:  
none is greater, or less than another;**

**But the whole three persons are co-eternal together:  
and co-equal.**

**So that in all things, as is aforesaid:  
the Unity in Trinity,  
and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshipped.**

**He therefore that will be saved: must thus think of the Trinity.**

## Intercessions

*Rev. Professor Graham Cole*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's  
Church militant here in earth.

Almighty and everliving God,  
who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us  
to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men:  
We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept these offerings,  
and to receive these our prayers,  
which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty;  
beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church  
with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord:  
And grant, that all they that do confess thy holy Name  
may agree in the truth of thy holy Word,  
and live in unity, and godly love.

We beseech thee also to save and defend  
all Christian Kings, Princes, and Governors;  
and specially thy servant Charles our King,  
that under him we may be godly and quietly governed:  
And grant unto his whole Council,  
and to all that are put in authority under him,  
that they may truly and indifferently minister justice,  
to the punishment of wickedness and vice,  
and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and Curates,  
that they may both by their life and doctrine  
set forth thy true and lively Word,  
and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace;  
and specially to this congregation here present;  
that, with meek heart and due reverence,  
they may hear, and receive thy holy Word;  
truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness  
all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord,  
to comfort and succour all them,  
who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow,  
need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants  
departed this life in thy faith and fear;  
beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples,  
that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom:  
Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake,  
our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

### **Preparation for Confession**

***Bridget Penington***

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins,  
and are in love and charity with your neighbours,  
and intend to lead a new life,  
following the commandments of God,  
and walking from henceforth in his holy ways:  
Draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort;  
and make your humble confession to Almighty God,  
meekly kneeling upon your knees.



## Confession

*Bridget Penington*

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Maker of all things, Judge of all men:  
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,  
Which we from time to time most grievously have committed,  
By thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty,  
Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.  
We do earnestly repent,  
And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
The remembrance of them is grievous unto us;  
The burden of them is intolerable.  
Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
Forgive us all that is past;  
And grant that we may ever hereafter  
Serve and please thee in newness of life,  
To the honour and glory of thy Name;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Absolution

*Rev. Professor Graham Cole*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins  
to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him;  
Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins;  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness;  
and bring you to everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The children's chapel rejoin us as the following hymn is sung.*

**Hymn 331 (Richmond)**

***C. Wesley (1707-88)***

**Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire,  
let us thine influence prove,  
source of the old prophetic fire,  
fountain of light and love.**

**Come, Holy Ghost, for moved by thee  
the prophets wrote and spoke;  
unlock the truth, thyself the key,  
unseal the sacred book.**

**Expand thy wings, celestial dove,  
brood o'er our nature's night;  
on our disordered spirits move,  
and let there now be light.**

**God, through himself, we then shall know,  
if thou within us shine,  
and sound, with all thy saints below,  
the depths of love divine.**

## Thanksgiving

*Rev. Professor Graham Cole*

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith  
unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that travail and are heavy laden,  
and I will refresh you.      *Matt 11:28*

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,  
to the end that all that believe in him should not perish,  
but have everlasting life.      *John 3:16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received,  
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

*1 Tim 1:15*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father,  
Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.

*1 John 2:1*

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty,  
that we should at all times, and in all places,  
give thanks unto thee, O Lord,  
Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we laud and magnify thy glorious Name;  
evermore praising thee, and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory:  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Amen.**

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table,  
O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in thy manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much  
as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table.  
But thou art the same Lord,  
whose property is always to have mercy:  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ  
to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption;  
who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered)  
a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction,  
for the sins of the whole world;  
and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue,  
a perpetual memory of that his precious death,  
until his coming again:

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee;  
and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine,  
according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution,  
in remembrance of his death and passion,  
may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood:  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread;  
and, when he had given thanks, he brake 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."  
Likewise after supper he took the Cup;  
and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying,  
"Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament,  
which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins:  
Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." **Amen.**

### **(The Communion)**

*All baptised believers in the Lord Jesus Christ  
including children at their parents' discretion  
are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table.*

*Gluten free wafers are available on request.*

*If you prefer an individual cup of grape juice,  
simply decline the common cup of wine when it is offered to you.*

**During Communion**

**Alex Owens (Baritone)**

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without money and without price.*

*Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?*

*Listen, listen carefully to me,  
and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.*

*Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.*

*See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.*

*See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the Lord your God,  
the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.*

*Isaiah 55:1-5*

## **After Communion**

*Rev. Professor Graham Cole*

Our Lord and heavenly Father,  
we thy humble servants entirely desire thy fatherly goodness  
mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;  
most humbly beseeching thee to grant,  
that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
and through faith in his blood,  
we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins,  
and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord,  
ourselves, our souls and bodies,  
to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee;  
humbly beseeching thee, that all we,  
who are partakers of this holy Communion,  
may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins,  
to offer unto thee any sacrifice,  
yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service;  
not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee,  
O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

## **Notices**

*Rev. Professor Graham Cole*

**Hymn 454 (St Patrick)**

***Attrib. St Patrick (389-461)***

**I bind unto myself today  
the strong name of the Trinity  
by invocation of the same,  
the Three in One, and One in Three.**

**I bind this day to me for ever,  
by power of faith, Christ's incarnation,  
his baptism in the Jordan river,  
his death on cross for my salvation,  
his bursting from the spiced tomb,  
his riding up the heavenly way,  
his coming at the day of doom:  
I bind unto myself today.**

**I bind unto myself today  
the power of God to hold and lead,  
his eye to watch, his might to stay,  
his ear to hearken to my need,  
the wisdom of my God to teach,  
his hand to guide, his shield to ward,  
the word of God to give me speech,  
his heavenly host to be my guard.**

**I bind unto myself the name,  
the strong name of the Trinity,  
by invocation of the same,  
the Three in One, and One in Three,  
of whom all nature hath creation,  
eternal Father, Spirit, Word.  
Praise to the Lord of my salvation:  
salvation is of Christ the Lord. Amen.**



**Blessing*****Rev. Professor Graham Cole***

The peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost,  
be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Recessional*****Andrew Anderson (Organ)***

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR MORNING TEA  
IN THE CONFERENCE CENTRE NEXT DOOR  
AFTER THE SERVICE**

*Instead of collecting offertories during the service, we gratefully receive offerings made at the exit, where a tap and go facility is provided. Bank transfers may be directed to:*

**St James' Old Cathedral****BSB: 013 377****Acc. No.: 008 684 064**

*Tax deductible giving to support our music program is also possible through the St James' Gift Fund:*

**Melbourne West ITF Gift Fund****BSB: 013 377****Acc. No.: 526 890 909**

## Child Safe Culture Principle of the Week

### **2. Kooyoora is your friend.**

If you become aware of current child abuse, please call the police. Our local police are on 03 8690 4444.

But lots of other situations are more grey areas. You might be unsure whether escalation is warranted, or feel out of your depth reading a situation, and you know you shouldn't investigate (principle 3). You may observe behaviour in church workers or volunteers which is not illegal but sits outside of our code of conduct, Faithfulness in Service. You may want to make the church aware of something without making a statement to the police. Or you may want professional support to make a police report.

For all these times, Kooyoora Ltd is your friend.

Kooyoora is a fully independent standards body funded by the Anglican church. It is staffed by professionals able to record your concerns and collate them with any other reports they may have. They can undertake investigations and liaise carefully with police to ensure they do not compromise any police investigations.

**It is never the wrong thing to call Kooyoora and relate a concern.**

**You can call Kooyoora on 1800 135 246.**

**1. Insist on two unrelated adults**

**3. Don't look into it.**

**4. Make grooming look odd.**

**5. Make allies not accusations.**

**6. Do paperwork with thanksgiving!**

# St James' Old Cathedral

## Commitment to Child Safety

*Jesus said:*

*“Anyone who welcomes a little child in my name welcomes me.  
But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to stumble –  
it would be better for him if a heavy millstone were hung around his neck  
and he were drowned in the depths of the sea.”*

*Matthew 18:5-6*

As we meet together to worship God,  
we seek to honour him by the diligent protection of children.

We are committed to creating a culture of safety for all,  
and undergoing regular training to do so.

We seek to normalise routine submission  
to Police Checks and Working With Children Checks  
for all members of the community.

If anyone sees any behaviour  
related to child safety that strikes them as odd,  
they should not investigate the matter themselves,  
but call the independent Professional Standards Hotline  
(Kooyoora Ltd) for expert guidance:

**1800 135 246**

or our local police (313 Spencer Street, Docklands):

**03 8690 4444**

## Intercessions

**We pray for:** Our West Melbourne Community; Haileybury College; Joy Surgical; Mike Raiter and The Centre for Biblical Preaching; Emma Payne (CMS); Chris & Sarah Griffioen and family (OM); Australian Indigenous Churches; Ridley College; Trinity College; the Overseas Chinese Christian Church; Andrew; Neil; Beverly Stephenson; Jill Sculley; Sergio Altin; Hugo Ellis; Josephine Carne; Jean Ely; Lorraine Hedley; Merle Taylor; Jamie Chisholm; Zoe Creelman; Stuart; Janette Wells; The Altin family; Lisa Thompson; Jenny Swain; Jean Miller; Tony Billington.

## Notices

- Canon Matt is on Long Service Leave from December 16<sup>th</sup> to February 24<sup>th</sup>. The Reverend Professor Graham Cole is Locum Vicar.

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