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SERVICE TIMES

September 2025

**Sunday 7th September 10am Combined Service
Bishop Brad**

**Sunday 14th September 8am Said Eucharist
9am Contemporary Eucharist
10.30am Sung Eucharist**

**Sunday 21st September 8am Said Eucharist
9am Contemporary Eucharist
10.30am Sung Eucharist**

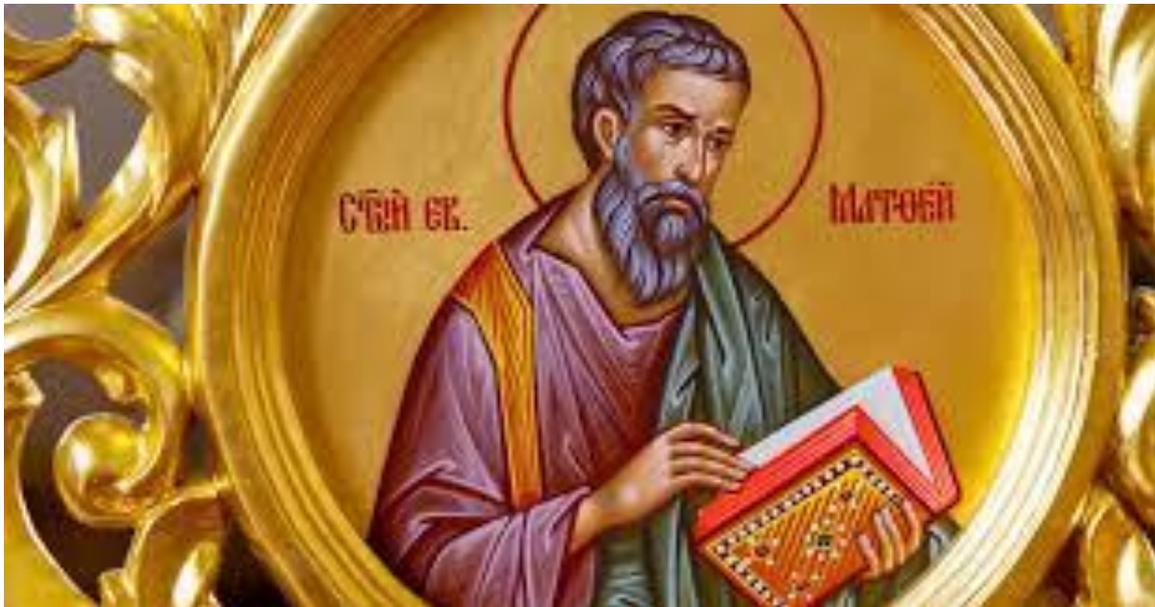
**Sunday 28 September 8am Said Eucharist
9am Contemporary Eucharist
10.30am Sung Eucharist**

Meditation Thursday 8 – 8.45am.

Mid-week Eucharist Wednesday 10am.

The Vicar's Message

The month of September is the month we celebrate the life of St. Matthew. St. Matthew, 21st September being St. Matthew's Day.



Matthew, also known as Levi, was one of the twelve apostles chosen by Jesus to follow him and spread his teaching. Before responding to Jesus' call, Matthew worked as a tax collector, a profession often despised at the time for its association with exploitation and corruption.

We hear about Matthew's vocation in the Gospel according to Matthew: *"As Jesus passed by, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax office. He said to him, 'Follow me.' The man got up and followed him."* (Matthew 9:9). This simple call from Jesus brought about a profound transformation in Matthew's life, leading him from a life focused on material wealth to a radical commitment to the Kingdom of God.

By becoming a disciple of Jesus, Matthew left behind his old life to embrace a completely new mission: to be a witness to God's Good News and mercy. He devotedly followed Jesus, learning from his teachings, participating in his miracles and sharing in his ministry.

After Jesus' resurrection, Matthew played an active role in spreading the Gospel. According to tradition, he evangelised in Judea and perhaps even Ethiopia, before dying a martyr for his faith. Although the details of his death are unclear, his devotion and sacrifice bear witness to his unwavering commitment to Christ.

St Matthew is also the author of the Gospel that bears his name, a rich text that presents Jesus as the expected Messiah, King of kings and universal Saviour. His Gospel focuses on God's love, mercy, justice and the call to conversion, reflecting his own experience of conversion and his deep understanding of divine grace.

For me, the life of St Matthew reminds us of the transformative power of Jesus' call and the possibility of the profound changes in our life that can arise when we respond with faith. His life bears witness to God's infinite mercy and to the capacity of every person, whatever their background, to become a faithful disciple and an instrument of divine love in the world.

Jesus caught Matthew by surprise. To this day, he still catches me by surprise. Our God is a God of surprises. I pray that he surprises you too.

With every blessing
Fr Stephen

Church bulletin Bloopers

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.

From Nathan Behrens

I thought I might share something that happened to me recently.

I was talking with a friend about coming back to the church and becoming closer to God and following the teachings of Jesus Christ. He asked a simple question - why I thought Jesus Christ was worth following.

While I gave an answer at the time I felt later I hadn't done it justice so I decided to go home and write down a response and research more deeply so next time I would be a lot clearer to myself and anyone that asked. This is what I came up with:

From Zero to King

- Jesus started with nothing as a lowly carpenter who had no wealth, no army, no political power, yet he rose to become a king through influence, wisdom, and unwavering purpose.

He was Loyal

- He was loyal to his people, his mission, and to God and even when betrayed, he remained true to his values.
- His Loved Deeply
- Jesus used love in various ways demonstrating compassion, forgiveness, and selfless service. He exemplified this by sacrificing himself for humanity.

He Died with Honour

- His death wasn't one of defeat, it was a deliberate act of honour and he faced it with courage, knowing the purpose behind it.

He Accepted the Pain

- Jesus didn't run from suffering, he embraced it as part of his mission, showing true strength.

He had a Strong Purpose

- Every action was driven by a clear, divine purpose and he never wavered, even when the cost was his life.

He reframed Death as not the End

- Jesus reframed death from an ending (a human construct) to a further journey and not something to fear and he used death to fulfill his mission and transform the world.

Writing this down helped me immensely to understand what a great role model Jesus Christ really was and why I choose to follow his teachings.

Nathan

Iona Scotland and My Pilgrimage

By

Susan Rhodes

Iona is a sacred island. It is situated in the Inner Hebrides off the West Coast of Scotland. A small island just two kilometres wide and six long. It sits two kilometres off the Island of Mull.



The local community is about 130 people with some farming on crofts while the others work in the hospitality business. It is a tourist destination with about 130,000 people visiting a year. It has sandy beaches, excellent

walking tracks, wildlife, many shops and eating places, and is best known for the Iona Abbey and spiritual pilgrimages.

Iona is described as the birthplace for Christianity in Scotland. Saint Columba sailed from Ireland in AD 563 with twelve companions to live a monastic life. The Monastery would be one of the most important in medieval history. The Saint died in 597 but the Monastery continued to flourish despite a series of Viking raids from 794 to the late tenth century. By the eighth century there would be a scriptorium where the monks would copy sacred books and illustrate them with glorious designs. It was here where the Book of Kells, the magnificent gospel book, was thought to be created then taken back to Kells in Ireland in the ninth century for safe keeping.

Around 1200 Somerled, 'King of the Isles' or his son Reginald brought both Benedictine monks and Augustinian nuns to Iona. There were massive building operations and a Benedictine abbey replaced the old Columban monastery, and a Augustinian nunnery was built. At the same time both the abbey church and the parish church were rebuilt.

Monastic life in Iona came to an end with the Scottish Reformation in 1560 and both the abbey and nunnery fell into ruins. In the twentieth century the abbey was restored but the nunnery remains a ruin.

Pilgrimage to Iona is not just Saint Columba's Shrine and the Abbey but, it is a circuit of the island with satellite pilgrimage stations, outlying chapels, burial grounds of Monks and Kings, hermitages and holy sites.

So what of my pilgrimage? Iona would not leave me alone. The name came to me in Church one Sunday as Celtic Spirituality was talked about. The Melbourne Anglican Magazine and Songs of Praise focused on Iona. I was drawn to sorting out a box with religious items in it and I found my stones I had collected from the island previously. I talked to Fr Stephen about these occurrences and he asked if this was something to tick off my bucket list. I replied no I had already done that and I thought it was more of a calling.

I had not seen my family in England for ten years and we all knew I would when my beloved Monty would no longer be my faithful companion in life. I 'Googled' Iona and found there was a Community within the Abbey, not to be confused with the local community. They were founded in 1948 and are an International Ecumenical Christian Movement. The Iona Community are committed to seeking new ways of living the Gospel of Jesus. They work for justice and peace, the building of community and renewal of worship. They run five-day programs throughout the year where you live with the Community at the Abbey. Unfortunately, the cost of the programs was outside of my budget.

I decided to go and see my family and purchased my airline ticket. However, I realised it was too soon after Monty and I cancelled. Another three months later I revisited my trip and I decided to go. I told my sister I would be off in two weeks which, surprised her so I added it was doable! Reflecting on that decision I would offer the advice to do it in three weeks it would be a lot less stressful! I revisited the programs with the Iona Community and for the first time they offered three-day programs. The cost was now affordable and with just six places left I booked to do the Space and Time Program. I was ecstatic!

My family live in the Lake District so I set off from Carlisle Friday the 19th of July 2024 to Bonnie Scotland to say I was excited was an understatement! I arrived at Glasgow Central Station on ScotRail taking two hours. I crossed over to Glasgow Central Station by a short bus ride and boarded the West Coast Train which took me through some beautiful scenery arriving in Oban three and a half hours later.

Oban is a popular holiday destination and well worth a couple of days to explore. It is a bustling harbour town and the starting point to the Isles. After staying the night in Oban the next day I boarded the Caledonian Macbrayne Ferry to take me to the Isle of Mull. The ferry docked one and a half hours later at the town of Craignure. Here I took the bus taking one

and a half hours to drive the length of Mull with spectacular scenery arriving at Fionphort. The wait for the last ferry was not long however the rain was pelting down and no shelter meant we would all arrive soaked. The ferry to Iona was just a fifteen-minute ride. The Abbey provided a van for all our bags while we squelched our way on foot. Once at the Abbey we were allocated our rooms which were more than adequate. We all met up in the refectory for hot Scottish oatcakes and coffee which absolutely hit the spot. All meals were included and were vegetarian based and very delicious!

That first evening we had a Welcome to Iona Abbey in the Chapter House followed by a Service of Welcome at 9pm. Each morning were task teams where we were given a piece of work to complete to help community life. Sunday was a Communion in the Abbey Church. It was packed with people creating a wonderful sense of warmth and worship.

In the evening, we had Lectio Divina a Latin phrase which may be translated as “divine reading”. It originated in the early Church particularly within Monastic Communities. It consists of reading slowly a passage of scripture, reflecting on it, responding to it in prayer by sharing your thoughts and feelings, finally contemplating God’s presence. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience with feelings of stillness, silence and a deeper connection to God.

The next day the program was to be an inner pilgrimage in the form of pondering on thought provoking questions using our senses of hearing, seeing, smell and touch while walking the island in front of the Abbey. We would regroup after each meditation and reflect and share our experiences. It provided a very rich collection of thoughts and feelings. I shared I found I needed to visit the past, not to stay too long, to know where I had journeyed from and my experiences along the way. It was a clear insight into how these experiences had shaped my life and who I was as a person today. However, what was profound for me was the

epiphany of what I needed to let go of before I could open up to continue on my faith journey in order to grow. Coming to know the older you are the more you readjust especially in body then mind and emotions. These readjustments are not to be fought with but to embrace them for a more accepting and peaceful existence.

We gathered at the end of the day as a group to reflect on the program thus far and it was unanimous that it had been a wonderful and worthwhile experience. I had travelled the furthest and with the cost of the travel the three-day program made it affordable. This gave them another perspective to their new timeframe. I had met some wonderful people on the program from interesting faiths. A very peaceful couple who were Quakers. A gentleman of Moravian faith who was committed to missionary work. A couple who were from a Mennonite group in America who believed in plain living and who I still keep in touch with. Hopefully one day they will come down under. The program finished with all our faiths coming together as a happy and united group.

It was somewhat sad to leave but timely. I was very content with my experiences there. It has been a year to get this story written. The letting go took more reflection and quite a process. I thought it was to return to Scotland and make a new home and let go of here. It has turned out to be the exact opposite for it is to let go of Scotland. This is my home and I have finally got peace because for the first time I feel this is where I belong. Iona gave me this blessing.

So where to from here? To journey further up in the Inner Hebrides “Over the Sea to Skye” and that’s another story for another day.

(Right) Iona Abbey, looking over to the Isle of Mull
(Below) Sculptures within the Iona Cloister



(Right) Iona Cloister
(Below) Inside Iona Abbey



Capt. William Hoggart

By

Stephen Yewdall

The WW1 Honour Board carries the names of 137 parishioners of All Saints Newtown who served in WW1. Following is information on one of those, William Ross Hoggart who sadly was killed in action, 2 days after the Anzac Landing at Gallipoli, aged 38. As a younger man, William was a parishioner at All Saints.

William was born on 22 August 1876 in the rural district of Buangor in Western Victoria to Alexander and Elizabeth Hoggart. Records have him undertaking his schooling at Newtown Primary School, Matthew Flinders School, Melbourne Grammar School, later at Warrnambool Agricultural High School and at Melbourne University.



William was a schoolteacher, initially being a 'Pupil teacher' prior to achieving his Trained Teachers Certificate in 1901 and later completing his Diploma of Education followed by a Bachelor of Arts from Melbourne University. With the Department of Education, he filled many roles as head teacher in both primary and secondary schools. He resigned from the Department in 1908 to take up a position at Melbourne Church of England Grammar School teaching English, mathematics and physics whilst also heading the School Cadets and Captain of the School Cadets Victoria. His Acting Principal at Melbourne Grammar described William as 'a very thorough teacher and an excellent disciplinarian, which won the respect of his fellow masters'.

William was married to Rebecca and they had 2 daughters, Margery Agnes and Jean Elizabeth. His residence was 'Avon' Walsh Street (river end) South Yarra at the time of his enlistment on 9 October 1914, aged 38 years. He was readily accepted into the AIF, being appointed as Captain of B Company in the 14th Battalion. He embarked Melbourne on the transport ship, Ulysses on 22 December 1914, bound for Egypt when he spent 3-4 months training.

William's 14th Battalion was with the other Australians who landed on Gallipoli on Anzac Day, 25 April 1915. Sadly, Captain Hoggart was killed 2 days later, on 27 April 1915. His Colonel wrote "He was one of my most capable and reliable leaders. His experience as a master afforded him many qualifications which few other officers possessed. He knew men and he knew how to handle and lead them".



As well as All Saints Newtown, Capt. Hoggart is honoured at the Australian War Memorial, Newtown Primary School, Melbourne Grammar School, Melbourne University, Warrnambool School, Hampton RSL and other locations.

Within the recently published (2024) Peter Fitzsimons book, Albert Jacka, Capt. Hoggart is mentioned on page 19. Albert Jacka VC served under Capt. Hoggart. Peter Fitzsimons writes "At one point while under severe fire, one of their officers, Capt. Bill Hoggart dares to stand up to get a better head on where the Turks are situated. He is one of Victoria's finest marksmen and is confident he can shoot many Tur.....he is instantly struck down, riddled with no fewer than eight bullets from a machine gun!".

In addition, All Saints parishioner Ros Romney has a direct family link to Capt. Hoggart being her great uncle.

A Remembrance Service will be held at the City of Newtown War Memorial in Moorak Park Newtown on Sunday 9 November where we will all have the opportunity to acknowledge Capt. Hoggart and the other 136 All Saints parishioners who are recorded on the WW1 honour board located within the church.

Lest We Forget.

A poster for a Remembrance Service. The background is a light beige color. In the foreground, there are several red poppies with black centers and stems. In the background, there is a dark silhouette of a soldier wearing a helmet and carrying a rifle. The text is centered and reads:

Remembrance Service
Sunday 9 November 10:00 am
Moorak Park – Noble St, Newtown

After 1 minute silence at 10:15am, all are welcome to lay a floral tribute/wreath.

A Remembrance Sunday service at All Saints' Anglican Church will follow at 10:30am.

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Everything I need to know I have learned from the story of Noah's Ark:

- 1/ Don't miss the boat.
- 2/ We are all in the same boat.
- 3/ Plan ahead.
- 4/ Don't listen to the critics.
- 5/ Build your future on high ground.
- 6/ For safety go in pairs.
- 7/ When stressed float awhile.
- 8/ Don't worry about drowning: the Ark was built by amateurs, the Titanic by professionals.
- 9/ No matter how great the storm, when God is with you there is always a rainbow at the end.



Remembering Ken George



On Thursday 4th September a packed church celebrated the life of Ken George. Ken, along with his wife June, was a long time member of All Saints. He was organist since 1992 and was a very fine musician. He was also philosopher, a theologian, historian, poet, writer, and artist.

Ken was an active member of our church community. Over the years he has served on Parish Council and right up to his death was a Churchwarden and one of our representatives on diocesan Synod.

Ken's sister, Val, who had traveled over from the UK, spoke about Ken at his funeral. She ended her eulogy by sharing with us one of Ken's poems.

It talks about love, she said, but for Ken the poem could also be said to be about other things he had in abundance – faith, kindness, learning or music, all of these gifts that can only exist by generous sharing and the giving away without diminishing. Which is what he did. The poem is called -

GIVING AWAY

Love is a gift
received with delight,
cherished with pride
and then passed on with both sadness and joy.
Love does not thrive in the small parcel in which it arrived.
It needs opening and encouragement
to see what the world has to offer.
It cannot re-enter the gift box.
That day has passed.
It now has the freedom to find its next home.
Somehow this future was there at the first opening of Love,
Lost in the excitement of gift-opening
and the intimate pleasure
of receiving a joy so very personal.
And now to be the spectator of the gift as it passes;
now shared but undiminished in its sharing.
Passed on to another to find its wider home.

Ken George
1998

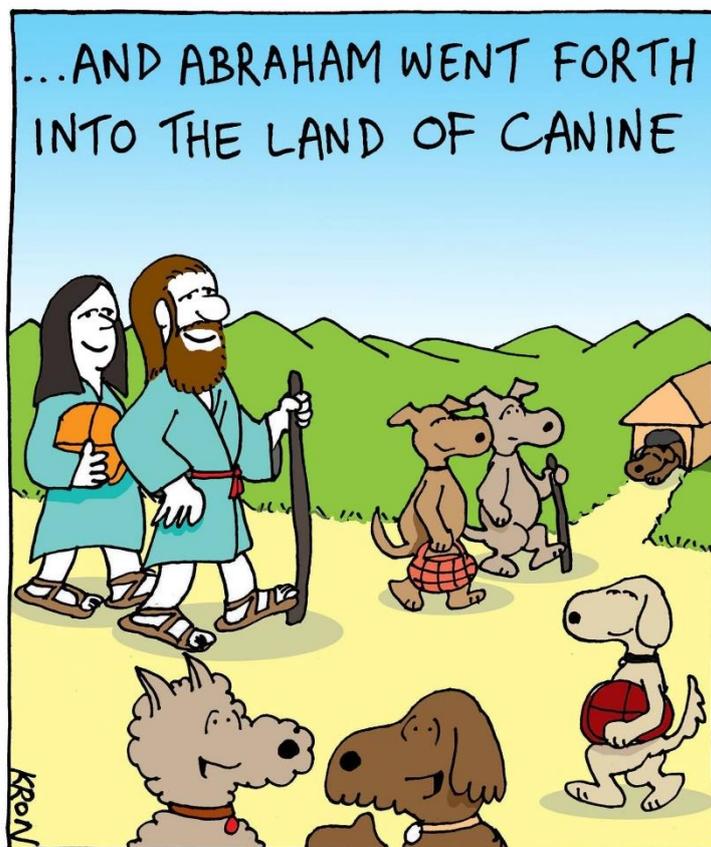
PARISH GAMES

On Thursday afternoon each week a small group meet to play Scrabble in the Library and Meeting room at the front of the Community Hall, 113 Noble Street.



Some visitors bring their own craft or play another board game if preferred. Please feel free to join in.

We meet from 2pm-4.30pm and enjoy afternoon tea around 3pm. For information please phone Dinah on 0418 547 753



The CARTOON KRONICLES

Geelong Hospital chaplaincy appeal

The important ministry of Revd. Sheridan Hannah as Anglican chaplain to Barwon Health (Geelong Hospital) continues this year largely through the generosity of donors to the appeal to sustain this ministry, and through the provision of some limited funds from a trust fund held by the Diocese which are supplementing the donations we have received.

The Geelong Hospital appeal remains open and funds are needed on an ongoing basis. Please consider making this known again to your community.



**HOSPITAL
CHAPLAINCY AT
UNIVERSITY
HOSPITAL,
GEELONG**

MEET SHERIDAN HANNAH

Sheridan is a Spiritual Care Practitioner and works at University Hospital, Geelong as a Hospital Chaplain. Sheridan speaks with patients, family, and staff who are in need of support during their time at the hospital. In a typical week Sheridan will contact 36 patients/family and 6 staff, respond to 6 referrals, provide team morning reflection once a week and provide the weekly mindfulness session at the Andrew Love Wellness Centre for Cancer Services. On any given day an average of 35 patients identify as Anglican.

WHAT DOES A HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN DO?

Listen and meet people, to the best of our ability, where they are, listening for their values and beliefs as a way of understanding their pain and suffering, and ideally, of connecting them with their strengths and sources of hope. In listening Spiritual Care Practitioners create, enable a spiritual environment, a sacred space that gives the patient and family permission to share stories, express feelings, pray, grieve, cry and hope.



OUR HISTORY

Anglican chaplains have always been available to patients, families and staff of any religious tradition or none. Spiritual Care has been provided at the hospital since 1974. The majority of Anglican chaplains' time is spent providing pastoral care to all, and a small proportion of their time providing tradition-specific or sacramental care when requested. This is true of the role at University Hospital.



OUR OBSTACLE

The Anglican Diocese of Melbourne recently announced that it can no longer afford to provide Spiritual Care Practitioners in the current model to hospitals. At the end of December 2023, University Hospital Geelong will lose Sheridan Hannah in her current role from hospital services. Sheridan currently works at University Hospital 0.6 FTE.



YOUR HELP

Sheridan Hannah is seeking your support to continue this valued ministry at University Hospital Geelong. You can help by making tax deductible donations through the Melbourne Anglican Foundation.



HOW TO DONATE

Donate online via the website below or by scanning the QR code. Make sure you nominate the Chaplaincy Fund when making your donation.



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