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July 2026

Sunday 5th July	10 am Combined Eucharist
Sunday 12th July	8am Said Eucharist
Sixth Sunday after	9am Contemporary Eucharist
Trinity Sunday	10.30am Sung Eucharist
Sunday 19th July	8am Said Eucharist
	9am Contemporary Eucharist
	10.30am Sung Eucharist
Sunday 26th July	8am Said Eucharist
	9am Contemporary Eucharist
	10.30am Sung Eucharist
Sunday 2nd August	10 am Combined Eucharist

Meditation Thursday 8 – 8.45am.

Mid-week Eucharist Wednesday 10am.

Fr Stephen and Angela's travels

'Now passed through Smokey bay'.

We have had so many issues over the first week of our trip, but have overcome them, and hoping we are on to smoother sailing, or should I say driving, we haven't got lost, so thankfully have not ended up in the water!

My 3 little Amigos, are being so amazing and all are coping well.

We have had adventures in Naracoorte, Hahndorf, Venus Bay, Streaky Bay, and we are now on the road to Fowlers Bay.

On Thursday we scattered Max's ashes at Marrock Homestead, about 17kms outside Casterton. We gave him back to his ancestors, with love and thanks for the gift, of the precious time that we spared with him. He is laid to rest under a beautiful old tree, with views across the paddocks. It was such a peaceful place, I could easily have spent time there myself. It was a cold showery day, but as we scattered his ashes, the sun shone with warmth. ❤️ 🥰



Welsh Choir concert in April – By Tim Gibson

On Sunday 19th April the Australian Welsh Male Choir performed a concert in All Saints' church. Some 35 choristers, mainly from Melbourne suburbs, travelled down to Geelong for the occasion and the concert attracted an audience of over 150, when the organisers were expecting at most 80! More chairs had to be brought in!

In the tradition of "the Welsh valleys", about a third of the songs and hymns the choir sang were in the unique Welsh language, and sung from memory... no books! This bracket included "Bydd myrdd o ryfeddodau", a hymn that has only recently been rediscovered. It had been lost for decades in mainland Wales but had been preserved by a community of Welsh people who had migrated to Patagonia, Argentina in the 19th century.

Also on the program were 4-part harmony renditions (in English) of the hymns "O love, that will not let me go", and "When I survey the wondrous cross" (numbers 602 and



342 in our hymnbook), and a bracket of "upbeat" popular songs such as "Come Fly With Me", Gershwin's "They can't take that away from me", and Cold Play's "Fix you".

Many of the songs performed at All Saints' will feature in the choir's tour of the U.K. and France in June. They will be singing in a massed Welsh Choir festival in the Royal Albert Hall, and then travelling for some days singing with local choirs in Wales, finishing with attendance at a choral festival in Bordeaux – for which the choir has had to learn two folk-songs in the Basque language, surprisingly an easier language than Welsh... at least for those two songs!

The concert was enhanced, between the choir's brackets of songs, by a stunning classical guitar performance by 11-year-old Oscar Wang, a

Geelong school student who last year had won the “strings” section in the Musical Society of Geelong scholarships program.

Our thanks: to our churchwardens, who handled the frantic logistics of the afternoon; to Greg Dikmans who produced the publicity material and printed program; and to Sandra Chapman and Susan Bedford who provided afternoon tea for the choir. We are most grateful for the substantial donation to our Outreach program.

The Stained Glass Windows at All Saints Church Part 1

By Stephen Yewdall

Within the All Saints Church Newtown there are a number of stained-glass windows and the following is a description of them, gleaned from the Parish’s Record of Church Furnishings 2010.

A. Porch Entry - south east wall

St Cecilia Window: This window was given in memory of a parishioner, William Grant Fairbairn who died in 1965. The window depicts St Cecilia with a small portative organ. It is set into a small lanceolate shaped, deeply recessed window.

St Cecilia was a 3rd Century virgin and martyr who is the Patron Saint of Music and Organ Builders, amongst other patronages. St Cecilia wears a green undergarment covered with brown and fawn robes. There is a single white rose tucked into her hair above each ear. The background is of blue and yellow tinted quarries of glass, with a border of red fillets. The organ has seven pipes of equal length.



The text on the window reads ‘To the glory of God in memory of our beloved William Grant Fairbairn obit 17 January 1965’.

B) Porch Entry - south west window

St Martin Window: This window was given in memory of parishioner Nancy Hemphill who died in 1977. The window depicts St Martin with a white halo, dressed as a Roman soldier, wearing a helmet sitting astride a horse. He is seen giving his red cloak to a beggar who is seated on the ground, with outstretched arms.

The background is of rectangular quarries in shades of lemon in ripple glass with a border of narrow rectangular quarries in blue ripple glass. The memorial inscription at the base of the window is painted onto the tinted glass in Roman capitals of various sizes, with a patee cross before and after the words.

St Martin of Tours, a 4th century Bishop is the Patron Saint of Beggars because of his sharing of his cloak. The text on the window reads 'To the glory of God In loving memory of Nancy Hemphill Obit 14th September 1977'.



As you enter the nave of the church, there are many more stained-glass windows on every side of the church. The first two windows on the south side are the Fleur-De-Lys windows.

C). Fleur-De-Lys Windows

These two heritage glass windows are set in recessed lancelote windows with cream painted hood moulds with stops over the windows. Cream painted mullions divide the window space into three lights; two are lancet shaped and there is one four-sided light at the apex.

The first window carries the letters AQ which are in gold on a green tinted ripple glass background. The light is edged with blue fillets. The second window carries the letters IHS. The I and H are in pink and the S is in yellow. Both windows are 261cm x 70cm.

The design at the apex of each light is an art deco stylised fleur-de-lys in greys and greens. Midway is a purple diamond shaped piece of glass edged with green fillets. A pink fleur-de-lys is in the centre of the diamond. At the base of each light behind the ventilation box are two wine-coloured oval pieces of glass set into deep yellow quarries.

D). The Visitation Window

This window was given in 1982 being a work of Derek Pearse in memory of Peter Bruce Wilkinson who died on 25 March 1981. Peter's ashes (7/2/1923-25/3/1981) are recorded in the Memorial Garden at the side of the church, lying beside Shiela Wilkinson (10/7/1924-1/6/2012).

The Wilkinson family were very active at All Saints over many years, taking on leadership roles and also with the All Saints Tennis Club.

The description of this window is extensive. The window is deeply recessed with a Y shaped mullion dividing it into three sections. The very top depicts a descending dove with outstretched wings. The principal feature of the window is a meeting between St Mary and St Elizabeth.

On the left, St Mary stands against a rural background wearing a white robe under a royal blue mantle lined with purple, and a white veil covering her hair. Three long-stemmed flowers rest on her right shoulder. Above Mary is a pale lemon furred banner bearing the words Saint Mary in black capitals. Above the banner, an angel holds a red Latin cross. A bright white star can be seen against a dark blue background. A medallion depicting a lamb carrying a white banner divided into four by a red cross completes the upper section.

Below Mary there are two inscriptions "My Soul magnifies the Lord" "And my spirit rejoices in God my saviour".



The smaller scene below depicts an angel holding a long stem of flowers. The angel is looking down on a surprised figure with the following text “To the glory of God in loving memory of Peter Bruce Wilkinson died 25th March 1981.

The right side of the window depicts St Elizabeth and a man behind her standing on a red carpet at the entrance to a building. Elizabeth wears a white robe and veil with a purple cloak. Two large green bottle shaped urns stand at her feet. Elizabeth is stretching out to St Mary offering her three flowers. Behind St Elizabeth, the man is dressed in blue robes with a yellow sash tied at the waist. He wears a mop cap and a chain hang from his neck displaying a Star of David.

Above Elizabeth is a furled banner bearing the inscription Saint Elizabeth in black capital lettering. Above the inscription three symbols are depicted. The upper symbol has two crossed trumpets on a blue background with a Latin cross immediately below the trumpet and above a shape that appears to be a yellow and white flame. The middle symbol has an angel pouring water from a scallop shell. The lower symbol depicts a silver shirt with a sword across the middle and a bird in the space above the neckline of the shirt within a red medallion.

Below Elizabeth are two inscriptions. The upper banner reads “Blessed are you among Women” and the lower banner reads “God has visited and redeemed his people”.

The small scene below these inscriptions depicts a wide white ray of light entering a dark room where a man stands shielding his eyes from the light. The inscription at the base of the window reads “If we live, we live to the Lord; If we die, we die to the Lord (Romans 14:8).

Ref: All Saints Record of Church Furnishings 2010.

Why do we have Silent Meditation and Peacebuilding Conversations? – Religions for Peace Australia

<https://religionsforpeaceaustralia.org.au/?p=23105>

Parish Directory

An updated All Saints Parish Directory has been completed and was first made available at the combined church service on Sunday 7 June 2026. The updated directory was commenced by Fr Stephen then finished off after much consultation with parishioners.

If you have not yet received a copy, please contact me and I'll get one to you.

Since its publication, some amendments have been made and I encourage you to bring your copy up to date. These changes are:

Julie Crees: Additional email address in Julie's capacity as Parish Secretary - Secretary@allsaints.net.au

Lloyd Gray: Amended email address - lloydgray2020@gmail.com

Anne Hill: Delete Home phone number (use mobile only)

John Nelson: Delete Home phone number (use mobile only)

Helen Lucas: Delete home phone number

Amend mobile phone number to 0468 693 643

For your information, some statistics have been drawn from the information within the Directory, as follows:

There are 111 names compared to 97 on the 2025 Directory, being an increase of 13%.

There are 71 females (64%) and 40 males (36%) listed.

Residing within the Parish is 40 persons (36%) and outside the Parish is 71 (36%).

Other than Newtown / Geelong West, the main residential area of Parishioners is in the 3216 postcodes being 48 persons.

A reminder that the information of contacts for parishioners within this Directory is provided for the express purpose of parish related communication and should only be shared with the permission of individuals. Please however do take the opportunity to contact your

fellow parishioners, as an opportunity to get to know each other that little bit more.

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Bibles for the Salvos

By Stephen Yewdall

All Saints has been contacted by the Manager of the Salvos Op Shops wishing to receive any unwanted Bibles for distribution through its outlets, as well as through its prison's chaplaincy programs.



Warden Stephen Yewdall took this request up with Rotary Club of Geelong West which co-ordinates the Geelong Book Fair now held twice annually in February and August each year. The Rotary Club receives



many Bibles as well as hundreds of other books throughout the year. Funds raised from these book fairs are applied to a variety of approved projects and programs across the Region and beyond.

The 1st distribution of Bibles was recently handed over to Salvation Army Chaplain, Andy Allen, Co-ordinator of the Salvo Stores in Geelong and beyond. Andy was most grateful and was advised that the Rotary Club will be in a position to assist with the provision of Bibles on an on-going basis.

Should any parishioners have any Bibles that is excess to needs or unwanted, please also pass them onto Stephen Yewdall where you can be assured, they will be well received and re-used in an appropriate manner.

Prize winners for Best Beanies
Carina Schokman and family



NOTICES

ALL SAINTS' BOOK GROUP:

Our next book to read is

"The New Silk Roads" by Peter Frankopan.

Meeting date: Tuesday 4th August.

