

ST AGNES[†]

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Second Sunday in Lent

16th March 2025

Saint Agnes' Glen Huntly is a welcoming and hospitable faith community, celebrating God's compassion and love for all. As an Anglo-Catholic church, our faith, worship and community life finds its ultimate expression in encounter with the Risen Christ in Scripture and Sacrament. Together we are committed to growing in spirituality and service as disciples of Jesus, glorifying God and serving our local community.

You can find out more about us at www.saintagnes.org.au.

The Anglican Parish of Saint John & Saint Agnes

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REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday

8:00am: Eucharist (Saint John's)
9:30am: Choral Eucharist (Saint John's)
9:30am: Sung Eucharist (Saint Agnes')
6:00pm: Choral Evensong
(Saint John's, First Sunday)
6:00pm: Congregational Evensong
(Saint John's, Third Sunday)

Weekday Eucharists

10:00am: Tuesday (Saint Agnes')
10:15am: Friday (Saint John's)

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We acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians of this place and their stewardship of the land that now sustains us all and on which we worship the God of all Reconciliation and Hope

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Text marked with  is sung to the Mass Setting by Michael Dudman. The organist plays the Prelude 'Our Father in Heaven' by J. S. Bach.

Please stand when the bells are rung.

OPENING HYMN

1. Father of heaven, whose love profound
a ransom for our souls has found,
before your throne we sinners bend;
to us your pardoning love extend.

2. Almighty Son, incarnate Word,
our prophet, priest, redeemer, Lord,
before your throne we sinners bend;
to us your saving grace extend.

3. Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
the soul is saved from sin and death,
before your throne we sinners bend:
to us your quickening power extend.

4. Thrice holy – Father, Spirit, Son,
mysterious Godhead, Three in One,
before your throne we sinners bend;
grace, pardon, life to us extend.

Edward Cooper 1770-1833

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✠ 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.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ Jesus said ‘This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.’

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off. Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

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.

♪ Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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

THE COLLECTS

Remember, O Lord, what you have wrought in us and not what we deserve, and, as you have called us to your service, make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made, and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please sit.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Genesis

[15.1-12, 17-18]

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, ‘Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.’ But Abram said, ‘O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?’ And Abram said, ‘You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.’ But the word of the Lord came to him, ‘This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.’ He brought him outside and said, ‘Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.’ Then he said to him, ‘So shall your descendants be.’ And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, ‘I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.’ But he said, ‘O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?’ He said to him, ‘Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.’ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

[27]

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?:
the Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

**When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes,
come upon me to devour me:
they shall stumble and fall.**

If an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not be afraid:
and if war should rise against me, yet will I trust.

**One thing I have asked from the Lord,
which I will require:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,**

To see the fair beauty of the Lord:
and to seek his will in his temple.

**For he will hide me under his shelter
in the day of trouble:
and conceal me in the shadow of his tent,
and set me high upon a rock.**

And now he will lift up my head:
above my enemies round about me.

**And I will offer sacrifices in his sanctuary
with exultation:**

I will sing, I will sing praises to the Lord.

O Lord, hear my voice when I cry:
have mercy upon me and answer me.

My heart has said of you, 'Seek his face':

your face, Lord, I will seek.

Do not hide your face from me:

or thrust your servant aside in displeasure;

For you have been my helper:

do not cast me away or forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Though my father and my mother forsake me:

the Lord will take me up.

Teach me your way, O Lord:

and lead me in an even path, for they lie in wait for me.

Do not give me over to the will of my enemies:

for false witnesses have risen against me,

and those who breathe out violence.

But I believe that I shall surely see

the goodness of the Lord:

in the land of the living.

O wait for the Lord;

stand firm and he will strengthen your heart:

and wait, I say, for the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

[3.17-4:1]

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand. A Gradual hymn is sung

GRADUAL HYMN

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.

4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;
of all your rich graces this grace, Lord, impart -
take the veil from our faces, the veil from our heart.

5. All praise we would render: reveal to our sight
what hides you is only the splendour of light;
and so let your glory, Almighty, impart,
through Christ in the story, your Christ to the heart.

Walter Chalmers Smith 1824-1908 alt
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GOSPEL

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

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Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are
expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

[13.31-35]

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, ‘Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.’ He said to them, ‘Go and tell that fox for me, “Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and

tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.” Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.” ’

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

THE SERMON

The Sermon is followed by a time of reflection as the organist plays 'Invocation by Denis Bédard.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us together stand to 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 FAITHFUL

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Prayers are offered for the Church and for the world. Each petition ends with...

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

The final petition for all the faithful departed ends...

May they rest in peace: **and rise in glory.**

All stand.

GREETING OF PEACE

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We greet each other with a sign of peace.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

A collection is taken to support the life and mission of the parish.

OFFERTORY HYMN

1. With joy we meditate the grace
of our High Priest above;
his heart is made of tenderness,
and ever yearns with love.
2. Touched with a sympathy within,
he knows our feeble frame;
he knows what sore temptations mean,
for he has felt the same.
3. But spotless, innocent, and pure
the great Redeemer stood,
while Satan's fiery darts he bore,
and did resist to blood.
4. He, in the days of feeble flesh,
poured out his cries and tears;
and in his measure feels afresh
what every member bears.
5. He'll never quench the smoking flax,
but raise it to a flame;
the bruised reed he never breaks,
nor scorns the meanest name.
6. Then let our humble faith address
his mercy and his power;
we shall obtain delivering grace
in each distressing hour.

*Isaac Watts 1674-1748 alt
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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

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.

The priest continues in thanksgiving...

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:

♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**
♪ **Blessed ☩ is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The priest continues with the prayer of consecration...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

♪ **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues...

... we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

♪ **Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ 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 for ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body:

For we all share in the one bread.

The priest breaks the bread while the Agnus Dei is sung

✠ O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

Behold 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.**

All baptised Christians who seek Christ in this sacrament are invited to receive Holy Communion. Anyone is welcome to receive a blessing instead.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Notices may be given here. The priest prays the post-communion prayer, followed by

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.

The priest pronounces this blessing:

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself, that you may find in him crucified a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, ☩ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen

CLOSING HYMN

1. Love will be our Lenten calling,
love to shake and shatter sin,
waking every closed, cold spirit,
Stirring new life deep within,
till the quickened heart remembers
what our Easter birth can mean.

2. Peace will be our Lenten living
as we turn for home again,
longing for the words of pardon,
stripping off old grief and pain,
till we stand, restored and joyful,
with the Church on Easter day.

3. Truth will be our Lenten learning:
hear the Crucified One call!
Shadowed by the Saviour's passion,
images and idols fall,
and, in Easter's holy splendour,
God alone is all in all.

*Elizabeth J Smith 1956-
TIS 684*

The organist plays the Postlude, 'An Old English Melody' arranged by A. E. Floyd.

Please join us for Morning Tea.



ST AGNES⁺ WEEKEND PANTRY

FOR ALL EXPERIENCING
FINANCIAL HARDSHIP
SATURDAY, SUNDAY, MONDAY
9:30AM – 3:30PM



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GLEN EIRA CIS –
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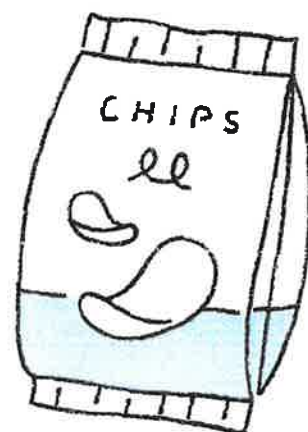
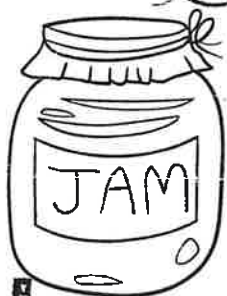
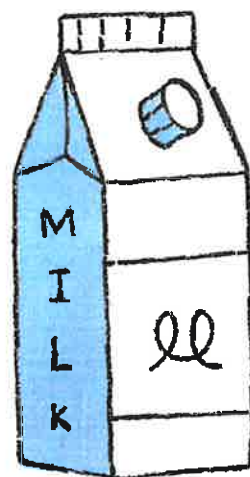
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MOST NEEDED ITEMS

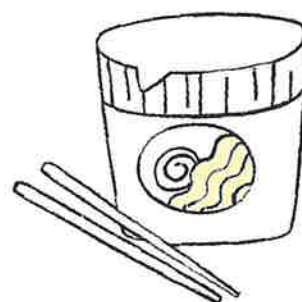


- BISCUITS: SAVOURY OR SWEET (180-250G)
- SPREADS (220-500G): HONEY, JAM, VEGEMITE, PEANUT BUTTER
- WHITE SUGAR / RAW SUGAR (500G-1KG)
- TINNED FRUIT (400-825G)
- TINNED TUNA (90G-425G)
- LONG LIFE MILK-FULL CREAM (1LT)
- PASTA SAUCE (500G)
- COFFEE (50 OR 100 G)
- PLAIN / SELF RAISING FLOUR - 1KG
- TINNED / CHUNKY SOUPS
- INSTANT NOODLES
- SCHOOL SNACKS

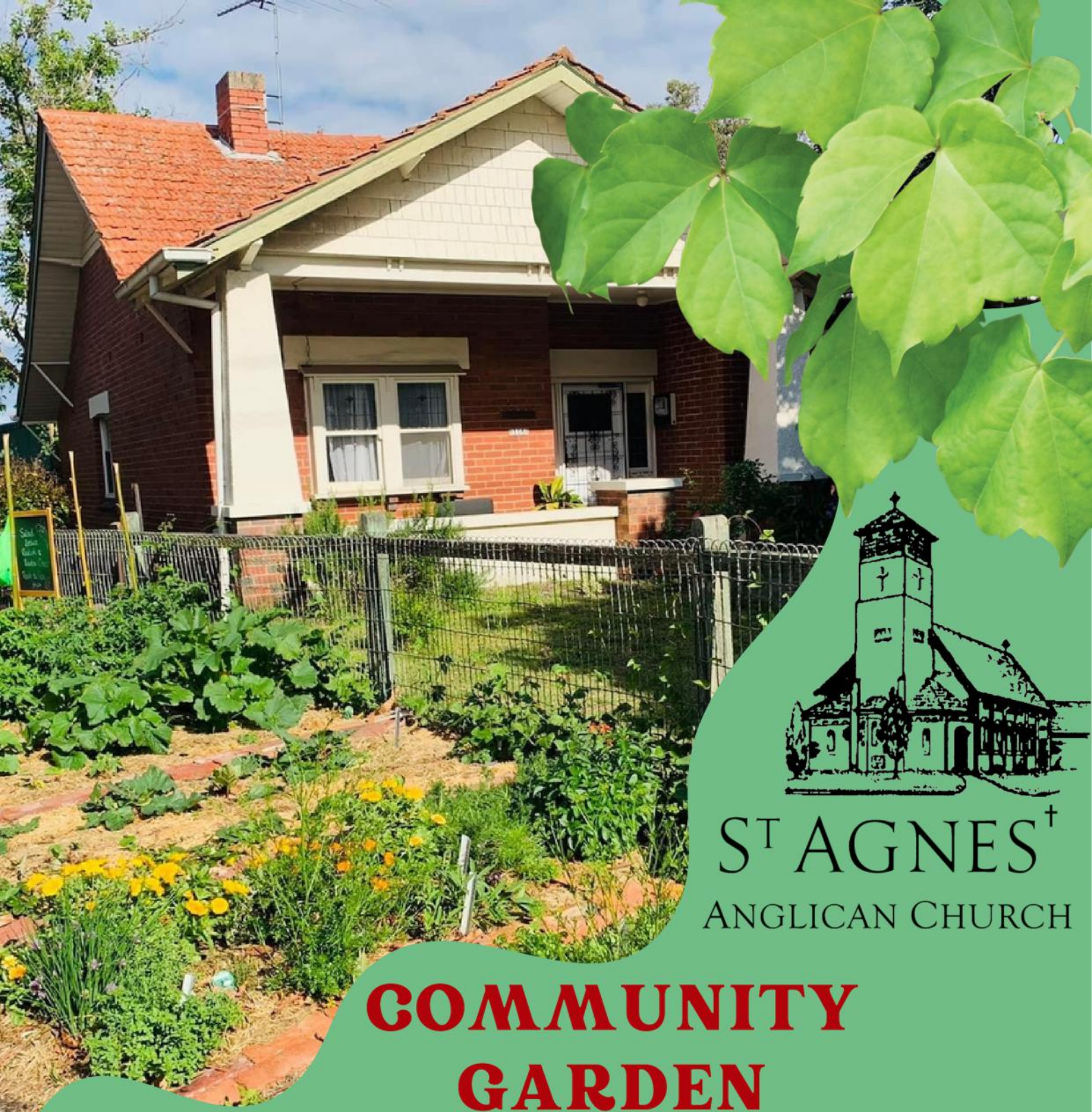


HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- DISHWASHING LIQUID
- TOILETRIES: SOAP, BODY WASH, BODY LOTION
- TOILET ROLL, SHAVER
- SHAMPOO/CONDITIONERS
- SANITARY NAPKINS



PARTICIPATE BY DONATING!



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COMMUNITY GARDEN

Come and contribute to our Community Garden at Saint Agnes' Anglican Church – 114 Booran Road, Glen Huntly.

All are welcome to take something – or plant something – and help with watering and regular garden days.

To find out more and join the Garden Group call Carole on 0416 971 309

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