

# ST AGNES<sup>†</sup>

## ANGLICAN CHURCH

### Third Sunday after Epiphany

25<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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](http://www.saintagnes.org.au).

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#### **SERVICES IN JANUARY**

##### **Sunday**

9:30am: Sung Eucharist (Saint John's)

9:30am: Sung Eucharist (Saint Agnes')

*8am and 6pm Sunday services at Saint John's resume in February together with the return of our Parish Choir after their break in January.*

##### **Weekday Eucharists**

10:00am: Tuesday (Saint Agnes') Resumes Feb.

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 symbol  indicates where the Sign of the Cross is customarily made. Please stand when the bells are rung.*

## OPENING HYMN

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ the true, the only light,  
sun of righteousness, arise,  
triumph over shades of night;  
dayspring from on high, be near;  
day-star, in my heart appear.

2. Dark and cheerless is the morn  
if you seem not close to me;  
joyless is the day's return,  
till your mercy's beams I see,  
till they inward light impart,  
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3. Visit then this soul of mine;  
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, radiancy divine;  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more yourself display,  
shining to the perfect day.

*Charles Wesley 1707-88 alt  
TIS 212*

 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.

*Silence is held as we gather our hearts and minds into the presence of God*

**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.’

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.**

♪ 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 GLORIA

♪ Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God’s people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, *here it is customary to make a slight bow*  
we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, *here it is customary to make a slight bow*  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

*Here it is customary to bow for the duration of the words 'receive our prayer'*  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High

Jesus Christ, *here it is customary to make a slight bow*  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the ✠ glory of God the Father. Amen.

## THE COLLECT

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you: mercifully accept our prayers, and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do nothing good without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

[9:1-4]

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of

Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.  
You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.  
For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

[27:1-10]

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.**

## **SECOND READING**

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians. [1:10-18]

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

For the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand. A Gradual hymn is sung*

## GRADUAL HYMN

1. Lord, in the strength of grace,  
with a glad heart and true,  
myself, my residue of days,  
I consecrate to you.

2. Your ransomed servant, I  
restore to you your own;  
and from this moment, live or die  
to serve my God alone.

*Charles Wesley 1707-88 alt  
TIS 483*

*Please turn to face the Book of the Gospels.*

## GOSPEL

Alleluia, **alleluia**.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. **Alleluia**.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew. [4:12-25]

*Here it is customary to trace three small crosses on the forehead, lips and heart*

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

‘Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—  
the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.’

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven  
has come near.’

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is  
called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they  
were fishermen. And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish  
for people.’ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went  
from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his  
brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and  
he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed  
him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming  
the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness  
among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought  
to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains,  
demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he cured them. And great crowds  
followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from  
beyond the Jordan.

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

## **THE SERMON**

*The Sermon is followed by a time of silence and a musical reflection*

## **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, *here it is customary to make a slight bow*  
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,

*Here it is customary to make a low bow from the waist until '...became truly human'*  
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 *here it is customary to make a slight bow*  
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

We are the body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

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. 'Take up your cross,' the Saviour said,  
'if you would my disciple be;  
take up your cross with willing heart  
and humbly follow after me.'

2. Take up your cross; let not its weight  
fill your weak spirit with alarm;

his strength shall bear your spirit up  
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.

3. Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,  
and let your foolish pride be still:  
your Lord refused not even to die  
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

4. Take up your cross, then, in his strength  
and calmly every danger brave;  
it guides you to a better home  
and leads to victory o'er the grave.

5. Take up your cross and follow Christ,  
nor think till death to lay it down;  
for only those who bear the cross  
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

*Charles William Everest 1814-77 alt*  
*TIS 583*

## 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, *here it is customary to make a low bow from the waist*  
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, and  
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.

*A period of deep silence is held with silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. 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.*

*Notices may be given here, after which please stand. 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.**

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

*The priest pronounces the blessing*

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; *here it is customary to bow, or genuflect on the left knee* 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. Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord  
the infant church confessed its risen Lord:  
O Holy Spirit, in the church today  
no less your power of fellowship display.

2. Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,  
that unity may be our great desire:  
give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call,  
and readiness in each to work for all.

3. Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace  
in your strong care all those of every race:  
like wind and fire with life among us move  
till we are known as Christ's, and Christians prove.

*John Raphael Peacey 1896-1971 alt*  
*TIS 411*

*The organist plays the Postlude*

*Please join us for Morning Tea.*



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# ST AGNES<sup>+</sup> WEEKEND PANTRY

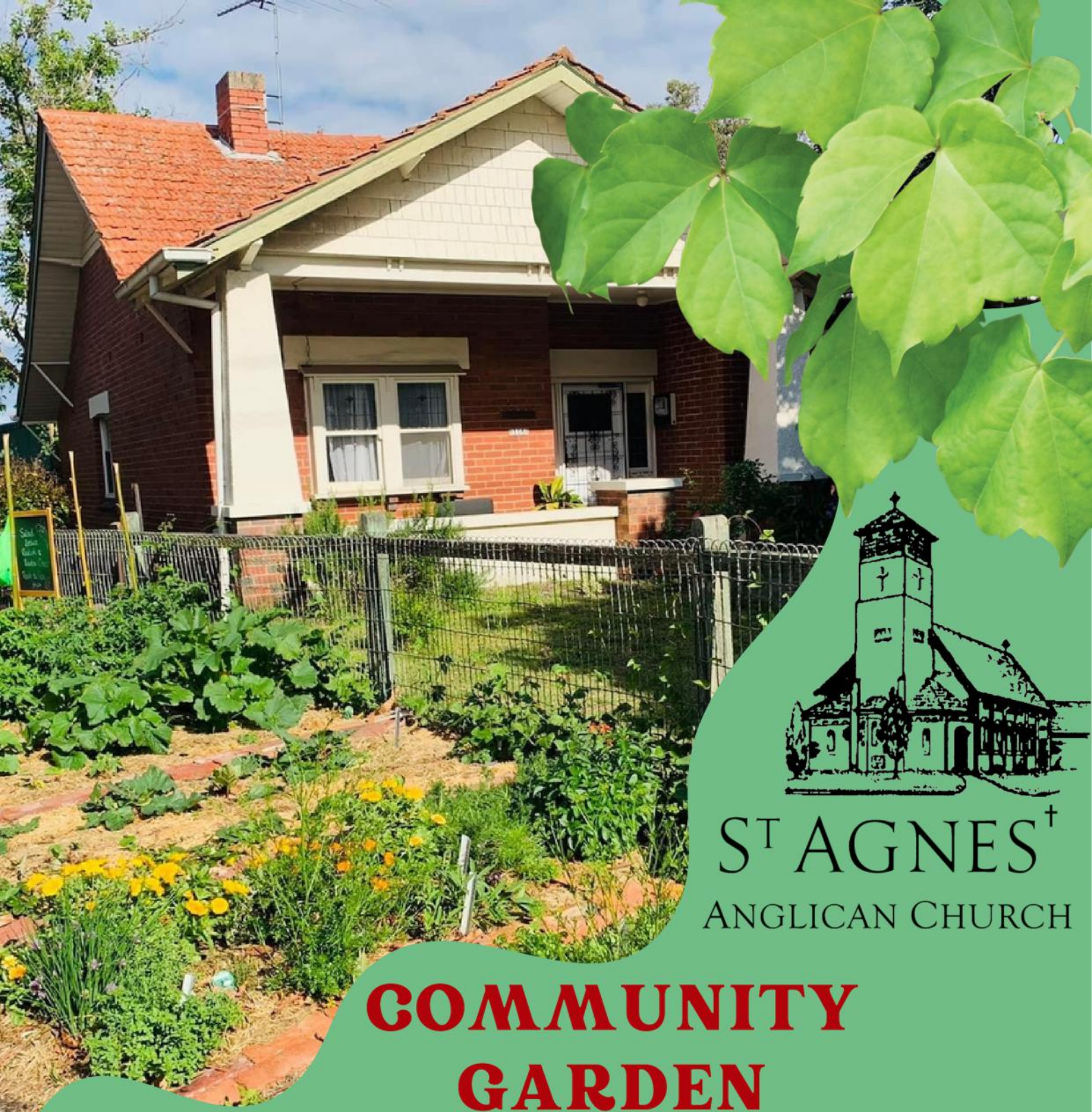
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## COMMUNITY GARDEN

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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