



St Paul's Cathedral

Together transforming our City and Diocese

Choral Evensong

The Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity

6 September 2026, 4pm

WELCOME

Welcome to St Paul's Cathedral, home church for Anglicans in Melbourne and Victoria. We want to be a place of transformation for our city and church where all people can come to experience and know God's love in Christ Jesus. We are an international community and are delighted that you're here!

THE SERVICE LEADERS

Officiants: The Revd Canon Dr Tim Watson, Precentor.

Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter MacPherson, Canon for Preaching and Teaching.
The Cathedral Choir, directed by Canon Philip Nicholls.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

*Please join in singing the hymns and saying the responses printed in **bold** type.*

THE INTROIT HYMN

1 'The king-dom is u - pon— you!' the voice of Je - sus cries, ful -
fil - ling with its— mes - sage the— wis-dom of— the wise; it
ligh - tens with fresh— in - sight the— stri-ving hu - man mind, cre -
a - ting new di - men - sions of— pur-pose for— man - kind.

²
'God's kingdom is upon you!'
the message sounds today,
it summons every pilgrim
to take the questing way,
with eyes intent on Jesus,
our leader and our friend,
who trod faith's road before us,
and trod it to the end.

³
The kingdom is upon us!
Stirred by the Spirit's breath,
we glory in its freedom
from emptiness and death;
we celebrate its purpose,
its mission and its goal,
alive with the conviction
that Christ can make us whole.

Robert Willis (1947-2024)
Hymns Ancient and Modern New Standard 512
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THE GREETING AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father,
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **Amen.**

The officiant welcomes the people, and acknowledges the Country on which we meet

We meet on land that was taken, not ceded—the Sovereign Country of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation. We give thanks for their ancestors, acknowledge the ongoing right and responsibility of their elders to care for this Country, and pay our respects to all First Peoples here today.

THE RESPONSES

June Nixon AM (b.1942)

O Lord, open thou our lips;
and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord;
the Lord's name be praised.

Please be seated for the Bible readings

PSALM 95

Chant: after Martin Luther (1483–1546)

¹O come, let us sing unto the Lord:
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

²Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving:
and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.

³For the Lord is a great God:

and a great King above all gods.

⁴In his hand are all the corners of the earth:
and the strength of the hills is his also.

⁵The sea is his, and he made it:
and his hands prepared the dry land.

⁶O come, let us worship and fall down:
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

⁷For he is the Lord our God:
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

⁸To-day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts:
as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;

⁹When your fathers tempted me:
proved me, and saw my works.

¹⁰Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said:
It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways;

¹¹Unto whom I swore in my wrath:
that they should not enter into my rest.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 13.11-22

Read by Nicholas Hurley

Here begins the eleventh verse of the thirteenth chapter of the Book Exodus.

“When the Lord has brought you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your ancestors, and has given it to you, ¹²you shall set apart to the Lord all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn offspring of your livestock that are males shall be the Lord’s. ¹³But every firstborn donkey you shall redeem with a sheep; if you do not redeem it, you must break its neck. Every firstborn male among your children you shall redeem. ¹⁴When in the future your child asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall answer, ‘By strength of hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. ¹⁵When Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the Lord killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human firstborn to the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the Lord every male that first opens the womb, but every firstborn of my sons I redeem.’ ¹⁶It shall serve as a sign on your hand and as an emblem on your forehead that by strength of hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt.”

¹⁷When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was nearer, for God thought, “If the people face war, they may change their minds and return to Egypt.” ¹⁸So God led the people by the roundabout way of the wilderness bordering the Red Sea. The Israelites went up out of the land of Egypt prepared for battle. ¹⁹And Moses took with him the bones of Joseph, who had required a solemn oath of the Israelites, saying,

“God will surely come to you, and then you must carry my bones with you from here.” ²⁰They set out from Succoth and camped at Etham, on the edge of the wilderness. ²¹The Lord went in front of them in a pillar of cloud by day, to lead them along the way, and in a pillar of fire by night, to give them light, so that they might travel by day and by night. ²²Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

Here ends the First Lesson.

Please stand as the Choir sings

THE MAGNIFICAT *Evening Service in B Flat – Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*
The Song of Mary, St Luke 1.46-55

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm:
 he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
 and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things:
 and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Please be seated for the Bible reading

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 13.11-14

Read by Canon Neil Sigamoney

Here begins the eleventh verse of the thirteenth chapter of the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³let us walk decently as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

Please stand as the Choir sings

NUNC DIMITTIS

Evening Service in B Flat – Stanford

The Song of Simeon, St Luke 2.29-32

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation;
Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the
dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the
Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of
Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body, and the Life
everlasting. Amen.**

The Choir sings

THE LESSER LITANY

Nixon

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Please sit or kneel

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And
lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

THE RESPONSES

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECTS

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Remain seated as the choir sings

THE ANTHEM

We wait for thy loving-kindness – William McKie (1901-84)

We wait for thy loving kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple. Alleluia. O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end. Thy right hand is full of righteousness. Alleluia. Lord send us now prosperity.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Concluding with

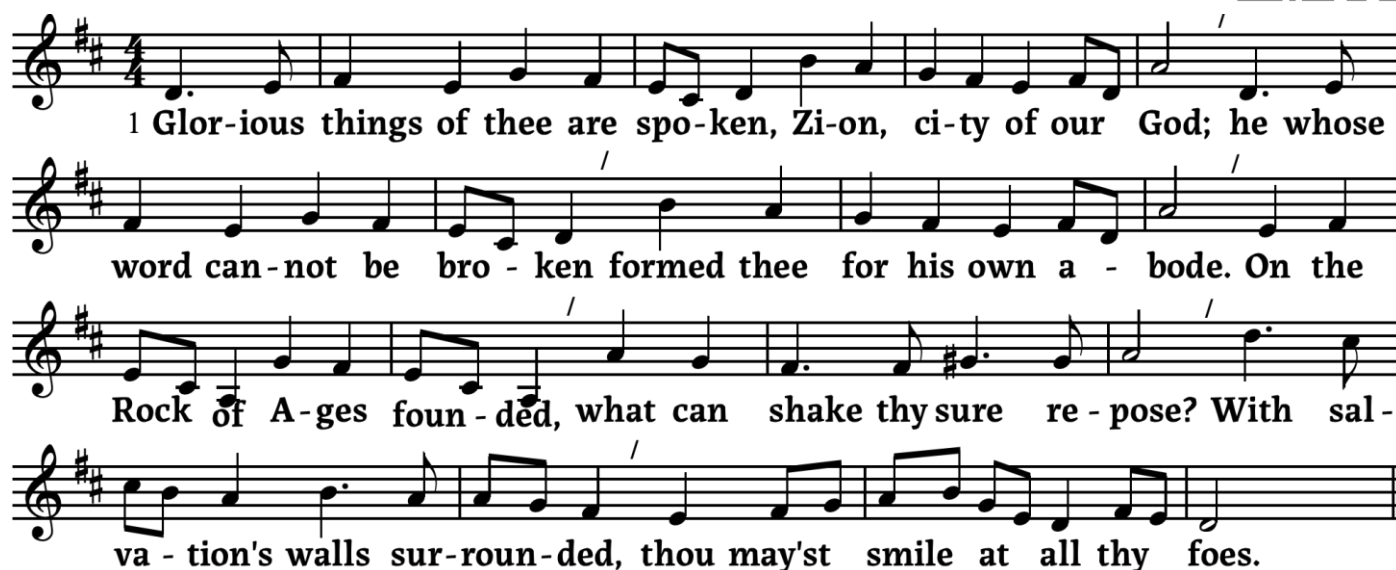
The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
**and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all,
evermore. Amen.**

Stand to sing

THE HYMN BEFORE THE SERMON

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1 Glor-ious things of thee are spo-ken, Zi-on, ci-ty of our God; he whose
word can-not be bro-ken formed thee for his own a-bode. On the
Rock of A-ges foun-ded, what can shake thy sure re- pose? With sal-
va-tion's walls sur-roun-ded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2
See the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage:
grace which, like the Lord the giver,
never fails from age to age.

3
Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus they march, the pillar leading,
light by night, and shade by day;
daily on the manna feeding
which he gives them when they pray.

4
Saviour, if of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Zion's children know.

John Newton (1725–1807)
Hymns Ancient and Modern Revised 257i

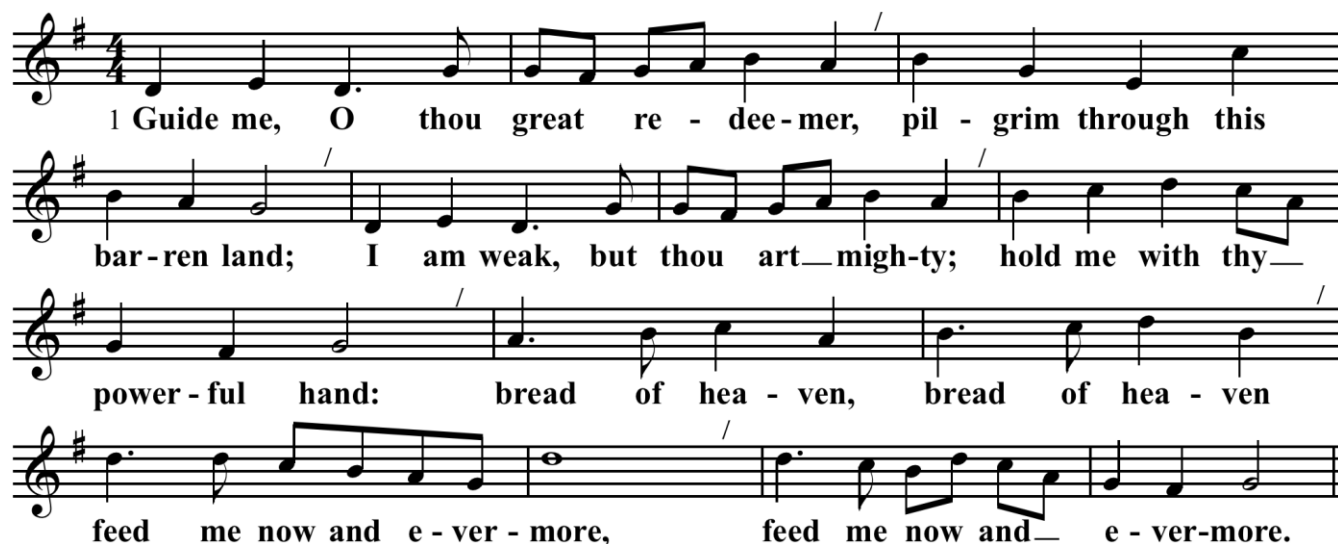
The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Revd Canon Peter MacPherson,
Canon for Preaching and Teaching

Stand to sing

THE DISMISSAL HYMN



1 Guide me, O thou great re-dee-mer, pil-grim through this
bar-ren land; I am weak, but thou art—migh-ty; hold me with thy—
power-ful hand: bread of hea-ven, bread of hea-ven
feed me now and e-ver-more, feed me now and—e-ver-more.

2
Open now the crystal fountain
whence the living waters flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

3
When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death,
and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

William Williams (1717-91)
Together in Song 569

THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you, and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you, and give you peace, now and forevermore: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

Romance in B Flat – William McKie (1901-84)
Mr Siegfried Franke, Cathedral Organist

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PRAY WITH US

FOR THE WORLD We pray for the people of Nepal who are suffering due to the devastating flash floods, for those who have lost loved ones, homes, livelihoods. Bring comfort to grieving families and strength to those who are frightened, displaced, or searching for someone they love. We pray for those facing the aftermaths of earthquakes in Colombia, Venezuela and Indonesia; all those battling the Ebola virus in central Africa and seeking to contain the bird-flu outbreak in our own country; for refugees and asylum seekers, for nations grappling with the continuing tide of refugees requiring welcome and shelter. Pray for a path to peace for Ukraine and a desire for peace in Russian leadership.

FOR THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria (Abp Samy Fawzy).

FOR THE AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH The Diocese of Bendigo: Bishop Matthew Brain; St Paul's Cathedral, Dean George Hemmings, Subdean Emily Payne; clergy, lay ministers and people.

FOR THE DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE Jumbunna Episcopate; Deanery of Waverley (cont'd): St Faith's Burwood, St Matthew's Ashburton, St Oswald's Glen Iris, Holy Trinity Surrey Hills, St Paul's Canterbury; Deanery of Monash & Kingston: Oakleigh Anglican Parish, St Aidan's Noble Park, Church of the Ascension Springvale, All Saints' Clayton, Christ Church Dingley; Christ Church Grammar School.

FOR OUR CATHEDRAL Our Precentor, the Revd Canon Dr Tim Watson; our Succentor, the Revd Lydia Thangadurai; leaders of Bible readings & intercessions; Associate Clergy, the Revd Canon Dr Stephen Ames, the Revd Canon Dr Bob Derrenbacker, the Revd Dr Garry Deverell, the Revd Canon Prof. Dorothy Lee AM FAHA, the Revd Canon Philippa Lohmeyer-Collins, the Revd Canon Glenn Loughrey, the Revd Canon Peter MacPherson, the Ven Ray McInnes, the Revd Canon Robert Vun, and the Revd Canon Jane Window.

FOR THOSE IN SICKNESS OR NEED Stephen Ames, Rowena Armstrong, Cynthia Balderstone, Chris Carolane, Cecilia Cheng, Margaret Davis, Ken and Robyn Dusting, Cecilia Francis, Glen Gersch, Noelene Horton, Greg Hurworth, Gaye Loughrey, Ray McInnes, Esme Mitchell, Selina Ong, Susan Ross, Skipper family, Vinson family, Lesley and Ray Way and all those struggling with mental health challenges, addictions, loneliness, and despair that they would find hope, support, and the healing love of Christ.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED Charles Nayagam.

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND OCCURS THIS WEEK

- 6 Wilma Caroline Attwood (Congregation) 2015
- 7 Philip St John Wilson (Canon) 1970
Sir Oliver John Gillard (Lay Canon) 1984
- 8 Harold Bakewell Hewett (Archdeacon) 1948

- Sister Esther (Mother Superior, Founder CHN)
- 11 Frederick Race Godfrey (Lay Canon, Choirman) 1948
- 12 Reginald Gordon Brewer (Congregation) 2000

NOTICES

We are delighted you have joined our service If you have any questions and would like to speak to a staff member, please phone the Cathedral office 9653 4333. If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please fill out a Welcome Card available from the back of the Cathedral, so we can keep in touch with you.

Bible Studies This Sunday the 9.15am study group met for morning tea at The Journal Cafe, 253 Flinders Lane. The 11.45am study group met in the David Penman Room to start a six-week series looking at parables in Matthew. Visitors and newcomers are always welcome. Any questions to Canon Peter MacPherson.

Global Week of 24/7 Prayer, 6–13 September We're delighted once again to partner with 24/7 Prayer Australia to host a range of interactive prayer stations at the Cathedral all week. We launch the 2026 Global Week of Prayer at our Gather service on Sunday 6 September at 6pm: Trudi Sayers (Director of 24/7 Prayer Australia) will read a lesson and Archbishop Ric will pray a prayer of blessing. You're also welcome to join us for a closing Prayer and Worship Night on Saturday 12 September at 7pm, led by Trudi and the 24/7 Prayer Australia team.

Lunchtime Concert, Wednesday 9 September, 1pm: Stephy Cai (Piano) Stephy Cai, aged 12, is a Music Scholarship recipient at Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School and studies piano under the guidance of Richard Liu. She has received multiple first prize awards at prestigious events, including the Ringwood Eisteddfod, Monash Youth Music Festival, and Boroondara Eisteddfod, and was awarded the AMuSA with Distinction in 2025. She will perform Mozart's Piano Sonata No. 18 in D major, Prokofiev's Piano Sonata No. 2 in D minor (Mvt. IV), and Miriam Hyde's *Valley of Rocks*.

Welcomers Training Date Welcomers training session will be held at 2pm on Saturday 12 September in the David Penman Room. This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the role of a welcomer, as well as a meeting to prepare for our end-of-year services. Members of the congregation must RSVP to attend, so please contact the Succentor, the Revd Lydia Thangadurai, at succentor@stpaulscathedral.org.au if you are interested.

Consecration of Bishops, Saturday 19 September, 10.30am All are welcome to join the diocesan community for the consecration of bishops-elect the Ven Megan Curlis-Gibson, Revd Canon Nigel Pope, and Revd Canon Ben Wong. Please be praying for them as they prepare to take up this new ministry.

St Paul's Cathedral Bellringers The Bellringers will be hosting a state practice following the Consecration Service in the afternoon of Saturday 19 September. The Bellringers are also looking forward to the start of wedding season and those couples

booking bell ringing for their weddings. The Bellringers are always recruiting and would love to speak to anyone interested in taking lessons. Contact Tower Captain Paige by email Paige.kranz@gmail.com

OUR ADVOCACY FOR JUSTICE

First Nations Justice We want to see a more just settlement for all Indigenous People. Our Governing Body, the Cathedral Chapter, supports the path to reconciliation outlined in the Statement from the Heart through Voice, Treaty, Truth Telling and Makarrata (Justice). We provide resources so that we can educate ourselves and value respectful and informed debate on this important issue.

Refugee Justice We want to see a strong, supportive and diverse society. That's why we campaign for refugees and seek to build greater public awareness about asylum seekers. We provide free cultural and language classes, and work to be a safe place where migrants and refugees can make new friends and rebuild their lives.

Climate Justice We want to see greater and quicker action to mitigate the climate crisis we face. We're an inaugural member of Victoria's Climate Pledge, TAKE2, and work to reach net zero as soon as possible. That's why we use only energy from renewable sources and take continued action to reduce our waste and emissions.

Safe Kids and Families We strongly condemn any form of abuse - in church, at our workplace, or in the home - and are committed to safeguarding children and vulnerable people. Our staff and volunteers complete training and relevant checks. If you have any concerns about child safety, please ring 1800 135 246 (Kooyoora Professional Standards). If you face family violence and need help, please ring 1800 732 732 (1800 RESPECT) or 13 92 76 (13 YARN) for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Crisis Support.

READ THE BIBLE WITH US

You may like to use these readings, which the Cathedral Clergy and staff use for daily prayer, as part of your personal devotions throughout the week.

Mon: Ps 19; 1 John 4.1-12

Tues: Pss 20, 21.1-13; 1 John 4.13-21

Wed: Ps 22.1-22; 1 John 5.1-12

Thurs: Ps 25; 1 John 5.13-21

Fri: Pss 28, 29; 2 John

Sat: Ps 31; 3 John

Next Sunday: Exodus 14.19-31; Psalm 114; Romans 14.1-14; Matthew 18.21-35

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Mon 7 September	12.15pm Holy Communion 2.30pm English Conversation Class 5.10pm Evening Prayer in Simple English
Tues 8 September <i>The Nativity of Mary</i>	12.15pm Holy Communion 5.10pm Choral Evensong
Wed 9 September	12.15pm Holy Communion 1pm Lunchtime Concert: Stephy Cai (Piano) 5.10pm Choral Evensong
Thurs 10 September	12.15pm Holy Communion 5.10pm Choral Evensong with Reception
Fri 11 September	12.15pm Holy Communion 5.10pm Choral Evensong 6pm 24/7 Prayer Youth Night
Sat 12 September	12.15pm Holy Communion 1pm Farsi Fellowship کلیسای جامع پولس رسول ملبورن پذیرای فارسی زبانان عزیز می باشد و جلسات پرستشی به زبان فارسی، هر هفته شنبه ها ساعت ۱۲:۱۵ ظهر برگزار می شود. 7pm 24/7 Prayer Worship Night
Sun 13 September	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>) <i>Preacher: The Revd Lydia Thangadurai, Succentor</i> 10am Choral Eucharist <i>Preacher: The Revd Lydia Thangadurai, Succentor</i> 1pm Mandarin Service 圣保罗大座堂有一个中文群体在每个星期日下午一点正崇拜 <i>Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Tim Watson, Precentor</i> 4pm Choral Evensong <i>Preacher: The Revd Leili Shirmast, Assistant Priest</i> 6pm Gather at St Paul's Sung Eucharist <i>Preacher: Canon Naomi Nayagam</i>

CATHEDRAL OPENING HOURS

Monday to Friday 10am-6pm, Saturday 10am-5pm, Sundays during Services

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