

St George's Cathedral
Anglican Diocese of Perth

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday 7 August 2022

10 am
CHORAL EUCHARIST
with HOLY BAPTISM

*The setting of the Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei is
Mass in F by Josef Rheinberger (1839–1901)*

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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Entrance hymn



Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

²Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

³Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

⁴Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse,
relieve:
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

⁵Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

⁶Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth, and
height to prove,
here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

TEXT: Charlotte Elliot (1789–1871);

MUSIC: 'Saffron Walden', Arthur H Brown (1830–1926).

Greeting & prayer of preparation

There is one Body and one Spirit;
there is one hope in God's call to us.

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism,
one God and Father of all.

Ngaala kaaditj Noongar moort keyen kaadak nidja boodja.
We acknowledge the Noongar people
as the original custodians of this land.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.

Kyrie eleison

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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Confession & absolution

Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy, and confess our need of 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.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and keep you in life eternal. Amen.

Gloria in excelsis Deo

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO,
et in terra pax
hominibus bonæ voluntatis.

Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam.

Domine Deus, Rex cælestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.

*Glory to God in the highest,
and in earth peace
to those of good-will.*

*We praise you, we bless you,
we worship you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks
for your great glory.*

*Lord God, heavenly King
God the Father almighty.*

Domine Fili unigenite,
 Jesu Christe;
 Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
 Filius Patris,
 qui tollis peccata mundi,
 miserere nobis;
 qui tollis peccata mundi,
 suscipe deprecationem nostram;
 qui sedes
 ad dexteram Patris,
 miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
 tu solus Dominus,
 tu solus Altissimus,
 Jesu Christe,
 cum Sancto Spiritu,
 in gloria Dei Patris.
 Amen.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son,
 Jesus Christ;
 Lord God, Lamb of God,
 Son of the Father,
 who take away the sins of the world,
 have mercy on us;
 who take away the sins of the world,
 hear our prayer;
 who sit
 at the right hand of the Father,
 have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
 you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father.
 Amen.

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Collect for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Let us pray.

We pray in silence.

KINDLE IN OUR HEARTS, Father, the same faith that impelled Abraham to set out from his home and to live as a pilgrim in a foreign land. As we, like him, look for the city that none but you can design and build, keep us watchful for your Son's coming, that we may be found faithful stewards of all that you have entrusted to us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.



THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Old Testament

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.

When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation — I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Isaiah 1:1, 10–20

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

The Lord, even the most mighty God, hath spoken :
and called the world, from the rising up of the sun,
unto the going down thereof.
Out of Sion hath God appeared :
in perfect beauty.
Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence :
there shall go before him a consuming fire,
and a mighty tempest shall be stirred up round about him.
He shall call the heaven from above :
and the earth, that he may judge his people.
Gather my saints together unto me :
those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.
And the heaven shall declare his righteousness :
for God is Judge himself.

Psalm 50:1–6, Deus Deorum.

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old — and Sarah herself was barren — because he considered himself faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore’.

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn



The Lord will come and not be slow,
his footsteps cannot err;
before him righteousness shall go,
his royal harbinger.

Truth from the earth, like to a flower,
shall bud and blossom then;
and justice, from her heavenly bower,
look down on mortal men.

Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,
this wicked earth redress;
for thou art he who shalt by right
the nations all possess.

The nations all whom thou hast made
shall come, and all shall frame
to bow them low before thee, Lord,
and glorify thy name.

For great thou art, and wonders great
by thy strong hand are done:
thou in thy everlasting seat
remainest God alone.

*TEXT: Psalms 82, 85, 86, John Milton (1608–74);
MUSIC: 'St Stephen', William Jones (1726–1800).*

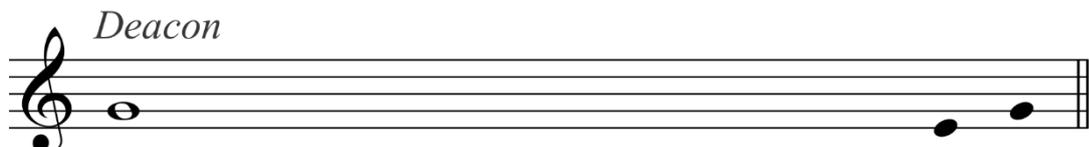
Gospel

Deacon *All*



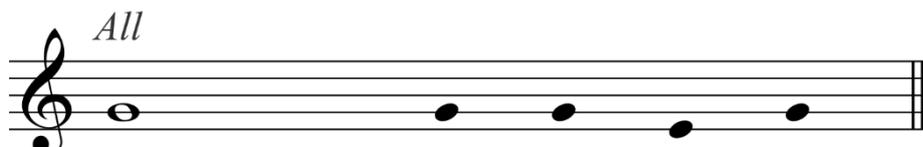
The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**

Deacon



The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All



Glory to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

JESUS SAID, 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Luke 12:32-40

Deacon *All*



This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.**

Please sit.

Sermon

Given by the Reverend Sarah Stapleton, the Assistant Curate.

After the sermon, please stand.

THE MINISTRY OF BAPTISM

Baptism hymn



My God, accept my heart this
day,
and make it always thine,
that I from thee no more may stray,
no more from thee decline.

²Before the cross of him who died,
behold, I prostrate fall;
let every sin be crucified,
and Christ be all in all.

³Anoint me with thy heavenly grace,
and seal me for thine own;
that I may see thy glorious face,
and worship near thy throne.

⁴Let every thought and work
and word
to thee be ever given:
Then life shall be thy service, Lord,
and death the gate of heaven.

⁵All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
while endless ages run.

*TEXT: Matthew Bridges (1800–94);
MUSIC: 'St Peter', Alexander Reinagle (1799–1877).*

The Presentation

The priest introduces the baptism.

Children are baptised in response to God's all-embracing love. Parents and godparents who have responded to that love come now to bring their child for baptism. Before this congregation they express their own trust and commitment to the promises of God, and their intention to bring up their child in the faith and practice of the Church. In due time, Elliot should make his own response to God and be prepared for confirmation.

The priest addresses the parents and godparents.

Will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you
in bringing Elliot for baptism?

parents ☩

godparents I will.

Are you willing to answer on Elliot's behalf?

parents ☩

godparents I am.

By your own prayers and example, by your friendship and love,
will you encourage Elliot in the life and faith of the Christian community?

parents ☩

godparents I will, with God's help.

The Decision

Before God and this congregation,
you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:

Do you turn to Christ?

parents ☩

godparents I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

parents ☩

godparents I repent of my sins.

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

parents ☩

godparents I reject them all.

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

parents ☩

godparents I renounce all that is evil.

The priest prays for the child to be baptised.

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the
light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

I BELIEVE IN GOD, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The priest says to the parents and godparents

Do you affirm this faith as yours?

parents ☩

godparents I do.

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

parents ☩

godparents I will, with God's help.

The priest says to the people

You have heard these our sisters and brothers respond to Christ.

Will you support them in this calling?

people

We will.

The Prayers

Let us pray.

Grant, merciful God, that Elliot may be so buried with Christ in baptism that the new nature may be raised up in him. May the fruit of your Spirit grow and flourish in him.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Give to Elliot's parents and godparents, and their families and friends, the desire to share with him what you have revealed in your holy gospel.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

May Elliot know Christ's forgiving love and continue in the fellowship and service of his Church. May he proclaim, by word and example, the good news of God in Christ.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the world in which we live, for peace and harmony among all people. Bring healing and wholeness to the sick, especially Percy, Shirley, Ellen, Marcia, Emmanuelle, Bp John and Margaret Parkes, Jeanette, Brian, Ealie, Ryker, the Ray family, and to those who mourn and to all in need.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We rejoice in the fellowship of the Church on earth, joining our prayers with all the saints in glory and all who have lived and believed in you, remembering especially the year's mind of Elsie Cotto, George Lester, Robert Moline (bishop), Doris Simpson, William Mold, Darrel Atkins, Cecil Conroy and Garrad Moss. May they rest in peace, and light perpetual shine upon them.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We thank you for the ministry we have in your world and to each other in the household of faith. Hasten that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in Christ.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Prayer over the Water

The priest gives thanks over the water.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WE GIVE YOU THANKS that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life. With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery into freedom, and brought them through the river Jordan to new life in the land of promise.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit. Through the deep waters of death Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your kingdom.

Thanks be to God.

And now we give you thanks that you have called Elliot to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water so that those who are baptised in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. May they die to sin, rise to newness of life, and continue forever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

The minister baptises by pouring water over the candidate, saying

Elliot,

I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Anointing with Chrism

The priest signs the cross on the forehead of the newly baptised, saying

Elliot, I sign you with the sign of the cross
to show that you are marked as Christ's own for ever.

The priest addresses the newly baptised

Live as a disciple of Christ:
fight the good fight,
finish the race,
keep the faith.

Confess Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
look for his coming in glory.

Giving of the Light

The minister says to the newly baptised

God has brought you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.

God has called you into his Church.

We therefore receive and welcome you
as a member with us of the body of Christ,
as a child of the one heavenly Father,
and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

Greeting of peace

In baptism, God has made us one in Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory hymn



Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first-begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Jesu, true and living bread.

²Here our humblest homage pay we,
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluia, alleluia,
thou art here, we ask not how.

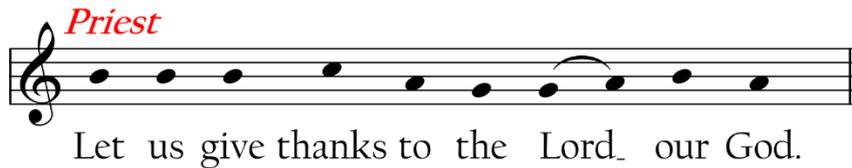
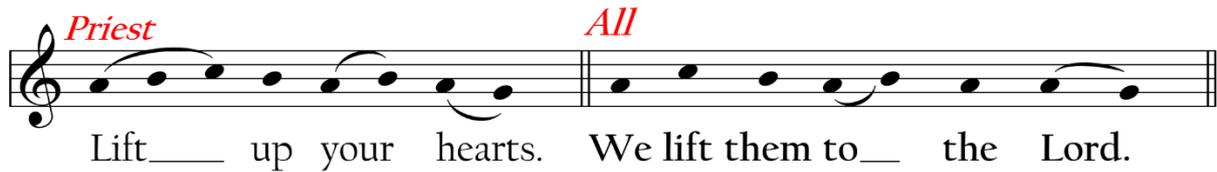
³Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there thine angels hail thee,
branch and flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia, alleluia,
We in worship join with them.

⁴Paschal Lamb, thine offering finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall forevermore remain,
Alleluia, alleluia,
cleansing souls from every stain.

⁵Life-imparting heavenly manna,
stricken rock, with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb who died,
Alleluia, alleluia,
risen, ascended, glorified!

*TEXT: George Bourne (1840–1925);
MUSIC: 'St Helen', George Clement Martin (1844–1916).*

The Great Thanksgiving



ALL GLORY AND HONOUR, be yours now and always,
mighty Creator, everliving God.
We give you thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross
and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

In baptism you have united us to him
and brought us out of darkness into light.
You pour your Spirit upon us, filling us with your gifts,
and calling us to serve you as a royal priesthood.

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:

Sanctus & Benedictus

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth;
pleni sunt cœli et terra gloria tua:
hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy
Lord God of Hosts;
heaven and earth are full of your glory:
hosanna in the highest.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit
 unite us in the body of your Son,
 and bring us with all your people
 into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 with whom, and in whom,
 in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
 we worship you, Father,
 in songs of never-ending praise:



Org. Bless - ing and hon - our and
 glo - ry and power are_ yours for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Christ Church Mass, Philip Matthias (b. 1954)

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

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.

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei,
 qui tollis peccata mundi:
 miserere nobis. ×2
 Agnus Dei,
 qui tollis peccata mundi:
 dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God,
 who take away the sins of the world,
 have mercy on us. ×2
 Lamb of God,
 who take away the sins of the world,
 grant us peace.

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Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come, let us take this holy sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Those watching may desire to make their Spiritual Communion by saying these or other words.

Come, Lord Jesus, dwell in me
and send your Holy Spirit
that I may be filled with your presence.

Communion motet

It is enough! O Lord, now take away my life, for I am not better than my fathers!
I desire to live no longer: now let me die, for my days are but vanity.

I have been very jealous for the Lord God of Hosts, for the children of Israel have broken Thy covenant, and thrown down Thine altars, and slain all Thy prophets, slain them with the sword. And I, even I only am left: and they seek my life to take it away! It is enough! O Lord, now take away my life, for I am not better than my fathers. Now let me die, Lord, take away my life.

*TEXT: William Bartholomew (1793–1867), based on the Book of Kings and the Psalms;
MUSIC: Felix Mendelssohn (1809–47).*

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in baptism you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and his blood, one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the body of Christ.

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.

Hymn of thanksgiving



Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.
Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.

In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.

How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place,
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.

No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him;

be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

TEXT: David J Evans (b.1957);

MUSIC: 'Be Still', David J Evans (b.1957).

GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD IN PEACE; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; give honour to all; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.



A - men.

Dismissal

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

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FAREWELL

The Reverend Sarah Stapleton will commence her new role as Priest-in-Charge of the Parish of West Nedlands on 1 September 2022.

Her final Sunday at the Cathedral will be 28 August and we will farewell her after each of the 8.00am and 10.00am services.

If you would like to contribute to a farewell gift, you can do so by electronic transfer to BSB 706 001 – Acc # 30009261 and put SARAH in the description. Or an envelope is available for cash donations.

TODAY – 10AM – HOLY BAPTISM OF ELLIOT ROBERTS-BROWN

This morning we welcome the family and friends of Elliot who will be baptised. We pray for his parents and godparents and rejoice as Elliot takes his place in the Church of God.

BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION

If anyone you know might be considering baptism and confirmation, please put them in touch with Fr Steve Hilton. The Archbishop is coming to baptise and confirm on November 20 and so it will be good to prepare together for this special moment in the life of the Church of God. Email: precentor@perthcathedral.org

SAFE MINISTRY

I would like to begin by thanking you for the gift of time and effort you offer to the Cathedral as a volunteer. We are only able to minister as comprehensively as we do because you give generously of your time and talents.

The Anglican Diocese of Perth, and the Cathedral, are committed to Safe Ministry. We are committed to:

1. The implementation of appropriate Policies, Protocols and Codes of Conduct with the aim of protecting and safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults.
2. Rigorous background screening processes for all clergy and lay leaders.
3. Transparency and accountability when addressing complaints of misconduct against Clergy and lay leaders, with full regard to legal and ethical considerations.
4. The care, nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children and adults.
5. Ensuring safe, caring communities that provide an environment where there is a culture of 'informed vigilance' as to the dangers of misconduct and abuse.

The General Synod have engaged a legal firm to undertake an independent audit every three years of each diocese's adherence to the *2017 Safe Ministry to Children Canon* (the "Canon"). Through the Diocese we have good policies and procedures established, however adherence to screening and training requirements need more work.

To this end, I have asked Mrs Elisabeth Campbell to assist with contacting volunteers and assisting with the completion of the appropriate Safe Ministry Form, Police Clearance and Working with Children forms. I am very grateful to Liz for helping in this task.

With regards to training, the Diocese have recently reviewed the ChurchSafe workshops offered and took the view that online training was the preferred delivery method. Anyone who is now due or overdue to undertake this training will be notified directly by the Diocesan Screenings Team. We will also circulate details as soon as they become available to us.

Safe Ministry screening and training is not just about compliance, it is also about demonstrating that the Anglican Church values safe environments for all, and particularly children and vulnerable people.

I thank you all for your ongoing support on this matter.

The Dean

PASTORAL CARE AT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

The Reverend Ian Crooks has kindly agreed to take on some of our pastoral care ministry. He will be based at The Old Deanery on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and can be contacted via the Cathedral Office in the normal way as well as on Sundays.