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# The Pebble

Ordinary 23

Sunday September 10, 2023 The Collect.



Almighty and eternal God, by whose grace alone your faithful people offer you service and praise: grant that we may hasten without stumbling towards the things you promise; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end AMEN (The Church of England)

## **WELCOME**

to all who are sharing in worship with us today and all those who read the Pebble on-line.

<u>The Liturgy for Today.</u> 8.00 am Holy Eucharist (1662) 10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist

#### HYMNS FOR TODAY:

415 O for a thousand tongues to sing
We sing the three-fold Alleluia at the Gospel
364 God is love (t.408)
353 Dear Lord and Father of mankind
468 Through the night of doubt and sorrow

#### **READINGS FOR TODAY**

Ezekiel 33: 7-9

<u>Psalm 95</u> *Response:* If today you hear God's voice, harden not your heart.

<u>Romans 13: 8-10</u> Matthew 18: 15-20

#### **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

Sirach 27: 30, 28:7

<u>Psalm 103</u> *Response:* The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18: 21-35

#### **SERVICES THIS WEEK:**

Wednesday 9 am : Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel. Thursday 10 am Holy Eucharist in the Lady Chapel

Parish News



**Healing Ministry** Prayer for Healing is offered to all in the Lady Chapel during communion at the 10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist.

<u>**Bishop's Companions Programme</u>** meets on Wednesday in the Lady Chapel at 10.30 am.</u>

The Fellowship Group meets at Fugue St Clair (formerly The Zoo) on Tuesday September 26 at 2pm. Please phone Raylene if you intend coming along.

<u>**Thank you**</u> to all who made yesterday afternoon's St Kilda Brass concert such a success.

<u>**The Rock</u>** The latest edition of the Rock is available in the Link and at the back of church.</u>

<u>**Pray for the Sick and Infirm</u>** Claire Christie, Paul Hill, Joy Henderson, Kristian, Glenda Stephenson, Michael Forrest, Steven Lighton, Victoria Douglas and Harry Brown.</u>

**Pray for those whose memorials occur at this time** William Peterson, Peter Palmer, Dorothy Leftwich, Una White, Lillian McGlynn, Elizabeth Bunker, Edward Cottle, and Bette Elliot.

#### Taize Chant to conclude the Intercessions.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer, When I call answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer, Come and listen to me. (x2)

#### From the Vicar.

I have been moving a lot of mulch around lately. It's a great way to get rid of old newspapers and waste paper. It's amazing how much paper is accumulated over a very short period of time. I remember the reams that were regularly disposed of at school and after study. So many words. We live in a very text heavy world and often become overwhelmed with the amount of stuff we have to read and remember. Yet the really important life message is short and simple. God is with us. Through all the complexities of life and the challenges we each face, God is with us.

When we believe this message we become braver and more loving, for we are assured of a presence greater than ourselves. We become less overwhelmed with the things we cannot change. When we believe that God is with us, we sense a divine unity with the Creator and creation. I pray you will meditate on how the simple message, that God is with us, is so transformative. Natalie

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