
WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY DONCASTER

in partnership with
St John's Blackburn

*To go, gather **and** grow in Christ*

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WHO WE ARE

We are a group of ordinary people who follow an extraordinary person - Jesus Christ. He is the one who died for us, paying for our sins. Then he rose again, proving he is Lord. For those who trust in him as their Lord & Saviour, God assures us that we are saved from judgement for our sins and instead given eternal life. When we believe in Jesus, we begin new spiritual eternal life now with God as our Father, and new physical eternal life later, in the new heavens and earth. God also brings us into his family with other Christians, made up of people from different nations, backgrounds, ages and stages of life. We seek to love and encourage one another in our faith, and together partner with God in his work of growing his church. From Scripture, our vision, mission and means are as follows:

Vision: A World that Glorifies God

Mission: To go, gather and grow in Christ

***Means: By prayerfully proclaiming and promoting
God's word in love.***

(e.g. Matt. 9:38, 28:18-20, Eph. 1:9-10, 4:11-16, Col. 1:28 etc)

We also lead a parish partnership with St John's Blackburn and are part of the Anglican Church of Melbourne. As an Anglican church, we enjoy a rich heritage stemming back to the Reformation, where Anglicanism was born. We follow in this Reformed tradition, where Scripture is our ultimate authority. For more on our beliefs, please visit our website:

We'd love you to be part of our church here at Holy Trinity Doncaster (HTD) and partner with us our mission. If you have any questions after reading the following pages, please do contact us. We'd love to help!

WHY & WHEN WE MEET

In the Bible, the word 'church' refers to the 'gathering' of God's people. We gather Sunday by Sunday to express physically who are are spiritually i.e. those gathered in Christ. While we are to worship God every day (Rom. 12:1-2), we gather on Sundays to worship God *together*. This includes hearing Him speak through his word the Bible (2Tim. 3:15-16), singing his praises (Col. 3:16), praying for common concerns (Matt. 6:9-13, Phil. 4:6), using our gifts to build up the body (1Cor. 12) and encouraging one another in love (Heb. 10:24-25, Eph. 4:15-16). All this happens at each of our services. But we have different styles of services, depending on what you find encouraging:

Sundays:

- 7:45am - Traditional Prayer Book Service
- 9am - Traditional English Service
- 10:30am - English Family Service + Kids' Church
- 10:30am - Mandarin Family Service + Kids' Church
- 1:30pm - International Youth Service + Kids' Church
- 1:30pm - Mandarin Family Service
- 5pm - Evening Service

Wednesdays:

- 2pm - Traditional Prayer Book Service

We also offer mid-week groups also known as 'Bible Groups', which provide people with a chance to grow in God's word and in relationship with one another. We have a Wednesday afternoon Kids' Club (JKIDS) and a Friday night Youth Group (HTY) plus a variety of Seniors' groups. For more information, please call 9840-2577 or email info@holytrinitydoncaster.org.au

MEMBERSHIP

Being a member here really means being in **partnership** with us, under God. It means being loved, served and encouraged by us in your Christian walk. And it means loving, serving and encouraging others as you're able, in their walk. This includes the following, which are all part of being a Christian:

i). *Attending weekly* - it's hard for us to get to know and encourage you, and vice versa, if we don't meet with one another each week we're able to. (Hebrews 10:24-25)

ii) *Prayer* - is vital. Only God grows his church. But he chooses to do this through his people, as they speak his word *and pray*. So please pray God would grow your church! To that end, we hold monthly prayer nights for those who are able to make it. (1Corinthians 3:7-9, Colossians 4:2-4)

iii) *Giving* - God generously gave his only Son for us, that we might have life eternal. So we are to give generously to both reflect his character and provide for ongoing gospel ministry, both locally and globally. (2Corinthians. 8:7-9, 9:6-9)

iv). *Serving as able* - there are many ways in which we can use our God given gifts/talents to serve one another, whether during the service or after the service, or during the week via Bible groups or in prayer, visitation, or simply phoning people to encourage them. (Romans 12:1-13; Ephesians 4:1-16)

You can become a member by speaking to one of our Pastors, filling in one our Church Directory forms and committing to the above 4 things. Again, we'd love you to be part of our church here at Holy Trinity Doncaster or at St John's Blackburn, as we work together 'to go, gather and grow in Christ', so that God's world might rightly glorify Him!