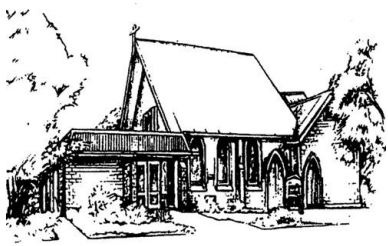
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St Agnes Black Rock reaching out to God and our community!

We acknowledge that the parish of St Agnes Anglican Church Black Rock resides on the land of the Bunurong people of the Kulin nation, traditional custodians of this land. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

8th November 2026,
24th Sunday after Pentecost
10am, Holy Communion

Hymns & Songs

445 Jesus, where'er your people meet
See what a morning (see screen)
465 Father in heaven
231 At the name of Jesus

Sentence of the Day:

Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Matthew 24: 42 & 44

Prayer of the Day:

Eternal God, you have taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand: keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, so that when Christ, the bridegroom, comes we may go out joyfully to meet him, and with him enter into the marriage feast that you have prepared for all who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with

you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Today's Bible Readings

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-25

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. 2 And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. 3 Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac, 4 and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I gave Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt. 5 Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt with what I did in its midst, and afterward I brought you out. 6 When I brought your ancestors out of Egypt, you came to the sea, and the Egyptians pursued your ancestors with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. 7 When they cried out to the Lord, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians and made the sea come upon them and cover them, and your eyes saw what I did to Egypt. Afterward you lived in the wilderness a long time. 8 Then I brought you to the land of the Amorites, who lived on the other side of the Jordan; they fought with you, and I handed them over to you, and you took possession of their land, and I destroyed them before you. 9 Then King Balak son of Zippor of Moab set out to fight against Israel. He sent and invited

Balaam son of Beor to curse you, 10 but I would not listen to Balaam; therefore he blessed you, so I rescued you out of his hand. 11 When you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho, the citizens of Jericho fought against you, as well as the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, and I handed them over to you. 12 I sent swarms of hornets ahead of you that drove out before you the two kings of the Amorites; it was not by your sword or by your bow. 13 I gave you a land on which you had not labored and towns that you had not built, and you live in them; you eat the fruit of vineyards and oliveyards that you did not plant.

14 "Now, therefore, revere the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the Lord. 15 Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

16 Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, 17 for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went and among all the peoples through whom we passed, 18 and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

19 But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the Lord,
for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive
your transgressions or your sins. 20 If you forsake the Lord and
serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm and
consume you, after having done you good.” 21 And the people
said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the Lord!” 22 Then Joshua
said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that
you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.” And they said, “We
are witnesses.” 23 He said, “Then put away the foreign gods
that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the
God of Israel.” 24 The people said to Joshua, “The Lord our
God we will serve, and him we will obey.” 25 So Joshua made
a covenant with the people that day and made statutes and
ordinances for them at Shechem.

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

Psalm 78:1-7

Give heed to my teaching, O my people:
  incline your ears to the words of my mouth;
For I will open my mouth in a parable:
  and expound the mysteries of former times.
What we have heard and known:
  what our forebears have told us,
We will not hide from their children,
    but declare to a generation yet to come:
  the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,
    his mighty and wonderful works.
He established a law in Jacob
    and made a decree in Israel:
which he commanded our ancestors
    to teach their children.

That future generations might know,
and those yet unborn:
that they in turn my teacher to their children
So that they might put their confidence in God:
and not forget his works, but keep his commandments.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-18

Now concerning love of the brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anyone write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, 10 and indeed you do love all the brothers and sisters throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more, 11 to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we directed you, 12 so that you may behave properly toward outsiders and be dependent on no one.

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' 10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. 11 Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13 Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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

Thanksgiving and Intercessions: The World: Oceania; **The Anglican Communion:** Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo; **Australia:** Diocese of Bunbury: Bp Matt Brain, bishop elect, clergy, lay ministers and people; **The Diocese of Melbourne:** St John's Cranbourne/Tooradin, Christ Church Berwick, Holy Trinity Hampton Park, Proclaim Clyde North AAC, Casey Dinka, St Matthew's Endeavour Hills, St James Pakenham, St Mark's Emerald, St Luke's Cockatoo, St John's Upper Beaconsfield; **Anglican Schools and Agencies:** Geelong Grammar School.

Next Sunday's Readings (25th after Pentecost): Judges 4:1-10; Psalm 123; 1 Thess 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30.

Next Sunday's Hymns and Songs: 442 All praise to our redeeming Lord; 246 Christ is the world's light; 143 Immortal, invisible; 531 Sent forth by God's blessing

Message from Vicar:

Dear friends,

Personally, I have a busy few weeks coming, with Penny going for knee replacement surgery this Wednesday.

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NOTICES

Events this Week:

Topday, 9.40am: Run through of the 10am hymns & songs for the month ahead

Mon, 5-5.30pm: Prayer Gathering

Thurs, 10am: Men's Coffee, Deniz Feneri's (5 Bluff Rd Black Rock)

St Agnes' Website

Thanks to the generosity and skill of Dan Edmunds we very hearly have an operational website. It is hoped to have it fully functional within a week, and to add the option of watching our 10am service via the website quite soon. Our website is at stagnesblackrock.org.au To access the website either press ctrl+click on the underlined link, or type the letters stagnesblackrock.org.au into your internet browser.

Christmas Choir

Our **choir for Christmas** will rehearse from 4.30-5.30pm on Thursdays 19 & 26 Nov and 3, 10 and 17 Dec, and participate in Carol Services at All Souls' Sandringham at 7pm on Sun 13 Dec and at 5pm here at St Agnes, and hopefully also sing at the 9.30pm Christmas Eve service here. New members will be most welcome.

We hope to sing in parts, but you don't need to be able to sing parts to join in!

Special Annual General Meeting (SAGM)

Our **SAGM** is three weeks today, at 11.30am. Nomination forms are available today, and anyone needing to go on the electoral roll should make application in the coming fortnight. Reports for publication should be submitted by Thurs 19 November.

Made to Sing

Our second ***Made to Sing*** service will be at 5.30pm this Saturday (14 November), using just hymns sung to folk tunes (meaning that they are very singable). Warwick Lewis will play for us. You can invite neighbours and friends with confidence to this service. An important feature of the first service was having refreshments afterwards. If anyone would like to help provide this for our next service, please see Christine or Di.

Short Notices

Our fete (28 Nov) is now to include a dog show. Please watch for details. We are still looking for someone (with a WWC Check) to assist with Face Painting, and people to supply small items for a children's lucky dip. We are also looking for a team to erect a donated large tent on the Thursday before the fete, to be auctioned – see Peter F for further information.

If anyone has an unused but modern **computer or monitor** they would be willing to donate for our livestreaming, that would be very helpful.

Archbishop Ric has invited people to gather again to listen to him speak of the Vision at the Cathedral from 2.30-3.30pm on Sunday 29th November (just prior to the Cathedral Advent Carol Service). Please see David if you would like to attend.

Relatedly, Parish Council has decided that a weekly 30 minute **prayer gathering** will be held at St Agnes' at 5pm on Mondays, with Christine and Jean facilitating.