

Prayer of the week:

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

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Stories to Inspire

WEEK ENDING 1 NOVEMBER 2020



HOPE FOOD DRIVE

Ormond Anglican

Ormond has built a relationship with the local community 'helping agencies' here in Glen Eira by running a Hope food drive each year for the last 5 years. Already this year we collected 550 Blue Bags filled with Hope for these agencies and had them collected.

With COVID, they contacted us and asked for more. So mindful of the restrictions we set up a Bag Collection and Drop off point in our Church Carpark, nominated days people could come to pick up and drop off and let it fly. In 2 weeks we have collected another 240 Bags from the community to help those most in need and - for those who could not make the pick-up and drop off times, \$5,545 in cash which we will turn into shopping vouchers. Isn't God good!

- The Reverend Kevin Pedersen



BEACON OF LIGHT

Holy Trinity East Melbourne

I wish to share with you the below correspondence I recently received.

It's feedback like this that reaffirms the impact online services have on the wider community.

- The Reverend Grant Edgcumbe

Dear Grant,

Every week since March I have received the email from Holy Trinity and I have enjoyed reading your messages which are always meaningful and often thought-provoking. Then every Sunday I have tuned in at 10am and been so encouraged by your consistent commitment to all your parishioners.

I am not actually an official member of your congregation as I live in Mitcham. Before 2020 I was an irregular visitor to East Melbourne but the email each Thursday from Holy Trinity and the liturgy each Sunday have been a significant help for me during this long, dark year. Be assured that you are a beacon of light and hope that has made lockdown just a little less bad for me. The church always looks lovely and so well cared for, the music is great and you continue to soldier on with a warmth and positivity that is infectious even on YouTube. A huge thank you to you and everyone at Holy Trinity who has made this marathon of virtual liturgies possible. Warmest regards and many thanks, Jenne



ONLINE TRAINING

preventing
violence
against
women
program

Our 'Violence Against Women Response and Prevention' training has moved online.

We have turned our training into two half-days of online training and there are still spaces for our November sessions.

Please note: people wishing to attend training must attend both half-days.

Please share **this link** with anyone in your parish who has not yet done the training and might be interested in joining us.

Click here for this weeks' video message from the Archbishop

Please keep sending your stories to inspire...
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