

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH EAST MALVERN





ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION MELBOURNE COMMITTEE









Invite you to a

Combined Choral Encharigt

to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Coming of the Light

25 July 2021

9:30am

Saint John's

5 Finch Street, East Malvern, Melbourne



150 Years...



This year marks the sesquicentenary of the Coming of the Light – when the first missionaries arrived with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Torres Strait Islands. Join us as we celebrate this significant anniversary in the life of the Anglican Church of Australia.

The guest preacher at the service will be the Rev Canon Victor Joseph, the Principal of Wontulp-Bi-Buya College, Cairns. The College is a partnership of the Anglican, Catholic, Lutheran and Uniting churches in Queensland. Fr Victor is an Anglican priest from the Torres Strait. He is also a member of the ABM Board. Of himself Fr Victor writes:



'I am originally from Thursday Island and lived at St Paul's Community in the latter part of my life for 15 years. I commenced working at Wontulp-Bi-Buya College in the capacity as 'Acting Principal' in 2008 and have continued in this position from 2009 and then as the College Principal. Twelve years later, I am still working and contributing to this College with my God-Given abilities, skills and strengths. I am from the Torres Strait however I acknowledge my Polynesian, Melanesian, Torres Strait, Malaysian and Aboriginal ancestry (Wuthathi). My totems are the coconut climbing crab, the Womer (frigate bird), Galbol (whale), Serar (pigeon), Tabo (snake) and Yama (diamond stingray).'

Hear first-hand about the significance of the Coming of the Light to Torres Strait Islanders and what it means for the broader Anglican Church of Australia today.

The Archbishop of Melbourne, the Most Rev Dr Philip Freier, will also be in attendance.

Following the service there will be a festive lunch.

To register for the lunch please email secretary@saintjohns.org.au

