



The Christ Church Chronicle

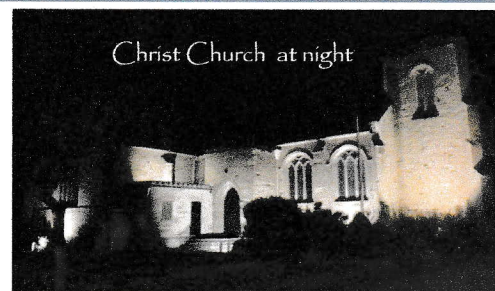
Christ Church seeks to be a centre for the worship of Almighty God, providing strength and assistance for all who enter, and enabling God's Love in Christ to reach out to the community and world in which we live

Dear friends in Christ,

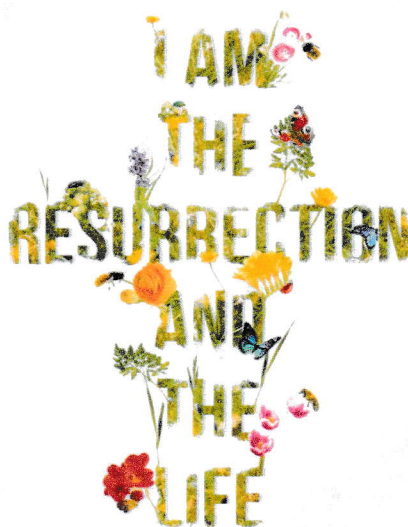
Thank you to everyone who assisted with our Easter services this year; they went very well. Special thanks to Reverends John Howells, Barry Smith and Andrew Constance, to Laurie Christian, Jamie Haywood, Kathy, Bill, Mandy and Meredith, to our organist Winton Barry and our choir. We had great numbers and were blessed once again to journey with Christ and his disciples through Holy Week and enter into those activities of the Lord that exist in eternal time.

Observing such festivals is one of the most important and beneficial processes of devotional service we can render. By remembering and celebrating what the Lord has done for us we increase the intimacy of our relationship with him, to our eternal benefit. By associating with the Lord in this way we are purified from things that impede our growing in love for God, and our capacity to love the Lord increases.

The purifying effect of remembering God is that we will spontaneously see the Lord present in our own hearts as well as in the hearts of others. We will come to see everyone and everything as part of the Lord. We will understand that whatever we see as separate from God is our illusion. This vision will stop us from scheming and mistreating



others because we will know that to offend others is to offend God. These are the fruits of remembering the Lord who is eternally perfect and the reservoir of all good qualities.




It is in this light that we seek to conduct our activities so that whoever we come in contact with will appreciate that we genuinely respect them. This applies to everyone - poor or rich. Our Meals Program that is doing fabulously is run on the basis that all who attend are not just clients but our guests. Our volunteers are also be seen as most

important, and without them the Program would not go on. Our parishioners also must be respected and appreciated for their support and valued for their interest in seeking God. It is a rare thing in this day and age for people to be interested in God; it is mainly fanatics who misrepresent God. I am proud that at Christ Church Geelong we have a wonderful collection of broad- minded sincere God seekers. Thanks to every person for their contributions and support.

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Christ Church and its congregation acknowledge the Wauthaurong people of the Kulin nation as the traditional custodians of the lands on which Christ Church and its buildings now stand

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Thanks to Ruth Christian and her team for their efforts in holding the Winter Woolies Market. This community event is a huge success and a great fund raiser. Also thanks to the Footy Parking Team for their efforts on Cats home games. Thanks to Jan, Les, Bonnie, Jenny and Dawn who assist with the film nights - another great community event and fund raiser. Also thanks to all our staff, volunteers, Parish Councillors and Wardens who work hard to enable us to serve God together.

On Sunday July 14th our bishop **Kate Prowd** is attending our 9.30am service and then the following evening the Bishop will attend her first Meals Thanksgiving service. That is something we look forward to; it is always a delight to celebrate the Meals Program with members of the community, volunteers and guests. Bishop Kate attended our Start of the Legal Year service and was impressed with the respect the legal community had for our parish, a respect that has grown from the awareness of our outreach through the Meals Program and food parcels. I'm certain the Meals Thanksgiving Service will be no less impressive for her.

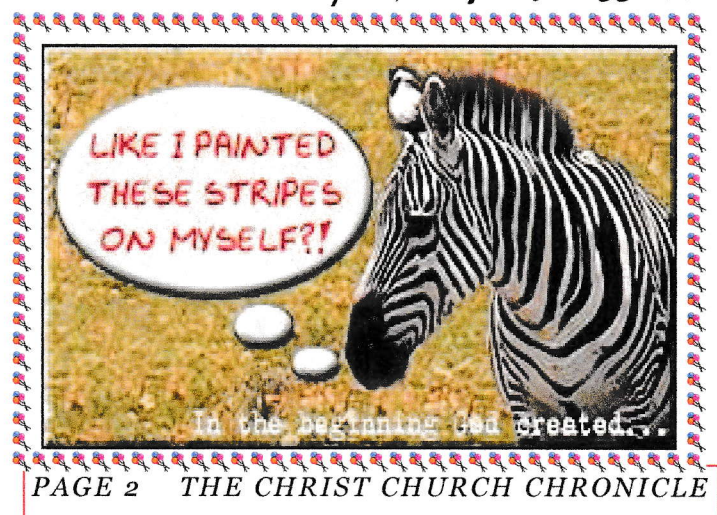
Now we are half way through the year and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve God here. May God continue to bless us and send us souls who are ready to receive His grace.

The Lord be with you , *Fr Russell*



THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

GALATIANS 5:22-23





*Waiting in the
darkness for the light
to come*

Arise!

Lift up your head,

lift up your eyes.

Do you not see?

I don't yet hold the prize

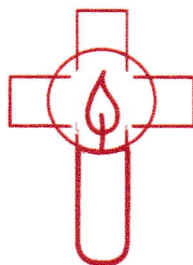
but as hope's dawning tints

the darkened skies

and I press on,

Eventually

I will take hold of that for which He took hold
of me.



By Helen Brocklehurst

from the Parish Registers...

March to May 2019

Baptisms at Christ Church

6th April 2019 - Evelyn **Chrzanowski**,

daughter of Paige and Luke

27th April 2019 - George Kent **Howarth**,

son of Andrew and Nicole Howarth

15th May 2019 - Alison **Hawkins**

(adult baptism)

Marriages at Christ Church

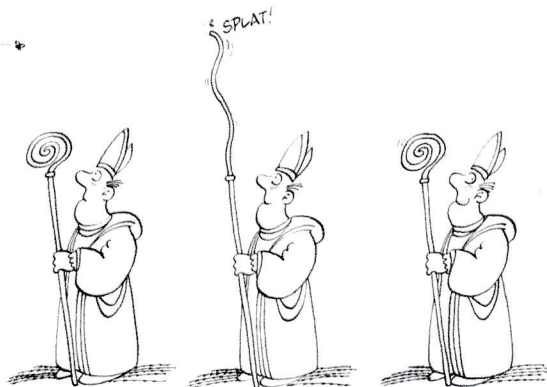


9th March 2019 - Gavan and Barbara **Costin**

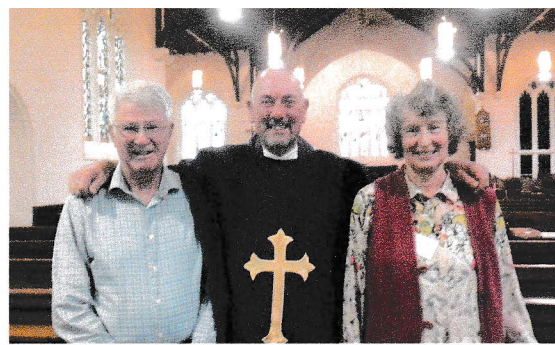
13th April 2019 - Jessie & Jonathon **Wilson**

Funerals from Christ Church

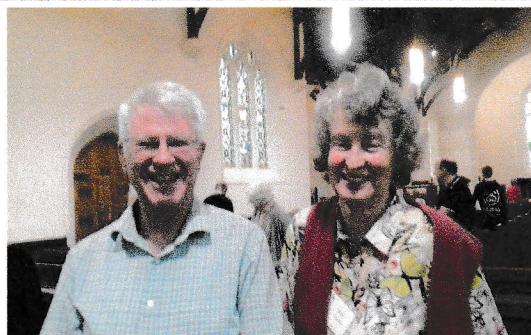
18th April 2019 - Edward Elsom



Congratulations!



*Presentation of licences to lay ministers
Laurie Christian and Judy Munro, 10th
March 2019*



A new arrival!! On 8th May 2019 Mai
and Chris Swain

-Tran welcomed

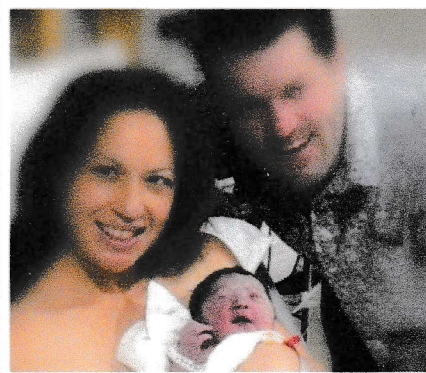
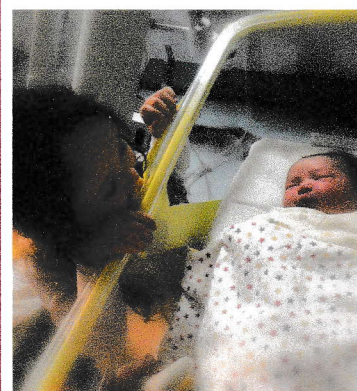
the safe arrival of

Alexander, a little

brother for

Isabella (4 years

old) ...



... and Jack and Sue Wong have a new grand-
daughter! Zoe and Simon Gannon welcomed
Lucy May Gannon on 19th May, a sister for
Henry (4 years) and Eloise (2 years old).



Keep watching the Parish Press for further details of the films scheduled for the **Film Nites in 2019.**

Films are being shown on the **SECOND MONDAY** of each Month until November, in the St Mary's Theatrette, commencing at 7.30pm for each film. Tickets are just **\$15 pp** and this includes a yummy supper afterwards!



Films scheduled for the remainder of 2019 (subject to availability) include -

10 June—the Green Book

8 July—Hunt for the Wilderpeople

12 August—the Last Cab to Darwin

9 September—12 Years a Slave

14 October—The Light between Oceans

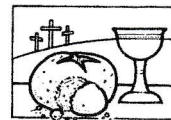
11 November—Call me by your Name
(to be confirmed)

...see Jan, David or Barbara if you have suggestions for other films!!

Home Communion

The Parish Clergy are always very happy to bring Holy Communion at home to those unable to come to church for services.

Please speak with Fr Russell or one of the Clergy team to arrange this....



Situations

Vacant

There are always volunteer opportunities around our church

- **Church sitting** - weekdays 12-2pm
- **Sides persons & welcomers** for all services
- **Readers & Intercessors**
- Assisting with **flower arranging** in Church
- help with **maintenance & working bees.**
- collating the weekly **Parish Press**
- **Help the Community Meals Program**
(see p.14)
- **Assistance with Footy Parking** (see p10)

..talk to the Parish Clergy or a Council member if any of the above interest you...



Regular Services at Christ Church

Eucharist - Sundays at 8am, 9.30 am (sung) & 5.15pm

and during the week— **Eucharist on Wednesdays at 10am.**

Meditation every Tuesday from 7-8 pm and Wednesday at 8am (in the Side Chapel) **

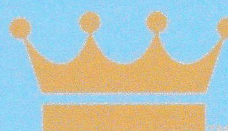
Morning Prayer - Tuesday mornings at 8.30am and Thursday mornings at 8am **



Healing Services - 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month, at 7.30pm **

Children's & Families Service (CAFS) - EVERY Sunday at 9.30am, except during January.

** February to December



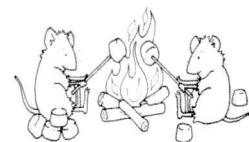
As with previous years, the Parish is again selling **Entertainment Books for 2019-2010.** The cost is unchanged at \$60, of which \$12 comes back to Christ Church funds. The Entertainment Books are available **NOW** at the 8am and 9.30am services, or via the Parish Office, or you can also contact Gai Scully to organise delivery.

... and remember... you only need to dine out a couple of times in a **WHOLE YEAR** to recoup the costs of the Book!

Morning tea!!

After every 9.30am **Sunday Service** there is morning tea in the North Transept Coffee area...

Come and catch up with parishioners from across the Sunday services!



Water the Root of a Tree

When we water a plant or tree we water at the root of the tree and not just its leaves; similarly in life if we put our attention away from God and try to live life as though God doesn't exist we will never be satisfied. We will dry up like the plant whose leaves have been watered but not the roots. God is the basis of all being; we may never be truly happy without trying to satisfy God.

Another example is where a bird is kept in a cage and great attention is given to maintaining the cage, by keeping it clean and in good repair, but never feeding the bird. The bird won't be able to survive. In society today people avoid God and are generally indifferent to religion. Sometimes we hear that people prefer being spiritual, but I don't honestly see that. I believe people have put so much faith in technology that they feel they can get by without God.

If it was correct that technology and material advancement could replace God there would not be so much unhappiness in the world. Stress and depression have replaced the common cold as the most prominent disease in human society. There is more mental illness in society than ever before. The fact is without God we are incomplete. The problems in human society are spiritual and no material solution will properly solve them. Only joining our lives to the life of God will make us feel peaceful at heart. Without peace there is no question of happiness.

Jesus said those who hunger and thirst after righteousness shall be satisfied. Righteousness in this context means being right with God, and to be right with God is only possible by joining our heart with God's heart. Knowing that the Lord is the root of our own life will help us see that the Lord is the basis of all life. Then we may be peaceful



and learn to depend on the Lord in all circumstances. Then we will be watering the root of our own being and our lives will reflect that perfect situation, and we will be happy from the inside despite our outer situation.

The Lord be with you, *Fr Russell*

s. d. The P.M.: "Seven days' imprisonment."

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Bad Language Near Church

I heard very filthy language being used in the grounds of Christ Church," said Constable Sumpter, giving evidence in a case at the Geelong City Court yesterday. William Alexander Robertson pleaded not guilty to a charge of having, on August 7, used indecent language in Moorabool Street. Constable Sumpter said that an "evening" was being held at the church hall when the language was used. Robertson said that he had been with the Geelong Second Eighteen to play St. Kilda. When he came back someone gave him some whisky and he did not remember what happened after that. He was not in the habit of drinking or using bad language. Mr. D. W. O'Grady, P.M.: "You have a handy facility for getting bad language at the moment, judging by the sample handed to the Bench. It is atrocious language, and it is not often that such a vile sample is handed to us." Robertson said that he was aged 29 and lived at Geelong. He was fined 15, in default a month in gaol.

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... and let that be a lesson to you!
Geelong Advertiser, 25th Aug 1926

Diary dates

...coming Cats home games are -
Fri 28th June
Sat 13th July
Sat 10th August and
Fri-Sun 23-25 August (details tba)

Sunday 14th July—Bp Kate Prowd will at-
tend and preach at the 9.30am service
Monday 15th July - **Meals Programme**
Thanksgiving Service (with Bp Kate Prowd)

NOTICES



THE 5C APPEAL

Keep saving those annoying 5c pieces! The Parish is continuing to collect them and in the last half year raised \$530 for ABM just from these coins! Bring your 5c coins along to church - a collection tin is at the main Church entry.



Parking at Christ Church

Most parking spots in the Church grounds are leased out during the week....
...so although a few spaces are usually kept free near the Schoolroom, car spaces will be limited, and please display a recent Parish Press or Chronicle in your car.



(left)
The Sanctuary
Flowers on 10th
Feb 2019

Helping with flowers

If you would like to help with flowers why not -

- join the Flower Guild roster;
- Offer flowers from your garden for the Church;
- make a donation to purchase flowers for a special occasion, or for some other remembrance of a family member or other loved one....

...see **Jan McGowan** if you need more details!

BREKKY @ CHURCH

(from Jenny & Les Harrison, Dawn, & Laurie Christian)

Parishioner breakfasts continue on the third Sunday each month - a great chance to enjoy breakfast together - come after the 8am or before the 9.30am services !!

...it's a great way to catch up with fellow parishioners!!!



VARIOUS COLLECTIONS

Thank you to everyone who continues to bring along items for the various collections from Christ Church. There are baskets in the Children's Area for the following -

- * **STAMPS**—to support ABM;
- * **GLASSES & GLASSES CASES**—which are forwarded for use in Third World countries;
- * **CORKS**—to support research into MS;
- * **SHOE BOX GIFTS**—which are included in the boxes forwarded to **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** through **MISSION WITHOUT BORDERS**

.... and watch the weekly Parish Press for special items that are being sought.!!



Bookings Calendar

The Parish Office has a booking diary for the year covering **ALL** bookings of Parish Facilities (Hall, Schoolroom, grounds, & the Church), for Parish & outside functions. Please check with Fr Russell, the Wardens and Office **when** planning any activity!



St James the Least of All

Editor: Happily, in the parish of St James-the-Least, the elderly Anglo-Catholic vicar, Eustace, continues writing to Darren, his nephew, a recently ordained curate ...



The Rectory

St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren
My generous offer to take last week's marriage service for you in your church, so that you could attend your weekend plumbing course, proved most unwise. You may now be qualified to unblock church hall kitchen sinks, but I will not be taking another marriage ceremony for you again, no matter how much you have set your heart on that electrician's course next year, so that you can re-wire the vestry.

At first, I was delighted when the bride's mother called, inviting me to the reception. I assumed that somewhere called Charnley Hall would be a most fitting location, full of oak floors and waiters bearing sherry to guests. I did not realise until too late that it is only the rather dubious pub next door to your church.

At least I had been placed with the happy couple and both sets of parents. Then it slowly dawned on me: I was there to stop the bride's mother from attacking her newly-acquired son-in-law. My presence may have kept an uneasy peace at




our table, but it had no such effect on some of the others. Well before the speeches, bride's and groom's supporters were exchanging snide remarks and bitter looks. Then all hell broke loose: a bridesmaid slapped an usher and burst into tears. That was the starting signal for the liveliest wedding reception I have ever attended: chairs were knocked about, plates broken, wedding cake thrown, flowers snapped in two, and memorable insults exchanged. Of course, I could cope with all that, but then someone snatched the bottle of champagne that had been placed in front of me. They were going to waste it by breaking it on someone's head. I knew then that things had gone far enough. It took but an instant for me to leap to my feet, lean over the table, and grab my bottle back. Unfortunately, that was when the police arrived. Were our churchwarden, Lord Jelleby to have been on the bench that day, matters could have been settled quite amicably. It was not to be: you may enthusiastically pass the peace in your church; I am now bound over to keep it.

Your loving uncle, **Eustace**

Working Bees at Christ Church

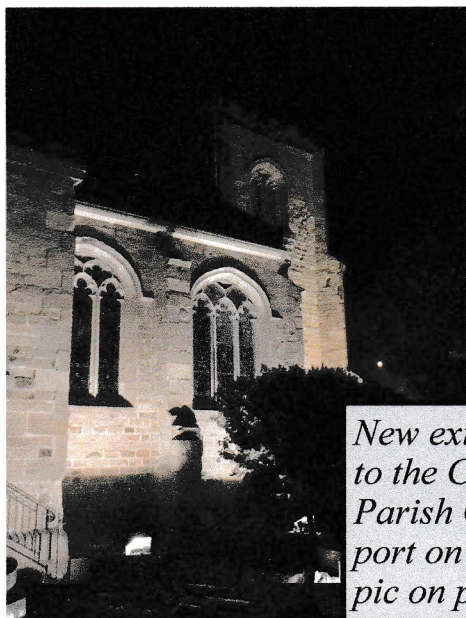
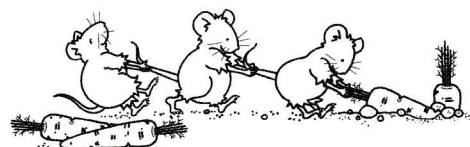
.... Are held on the **2nd SATURDAY** each month, and again on the **THURSDAY** 12 days later—from 9am on both days..... Come if you can, even if only for an hour or two, or only occasionally—there is **ALWAYS** something to do... and it's fun as well!




**GREAT
WORK
AND
WELL
DONE**



...and the working bees **ALWAYS** include morning tea!!!



New exterior lighting to the Church - see Parish Council report on p.11 and also pic on p.1



... the Meals Program is never far from the thoughts of Jan and Ruth!

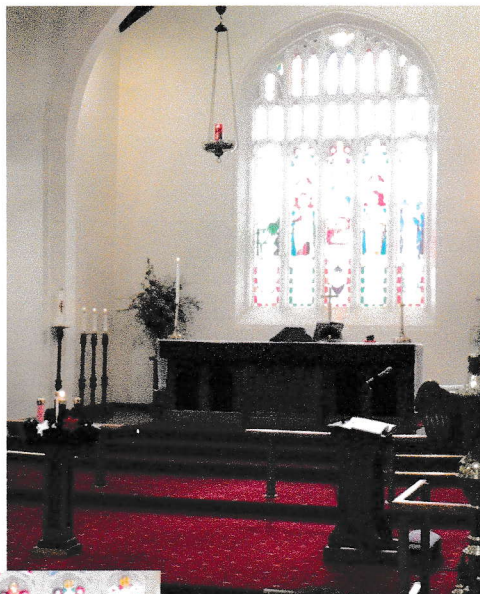
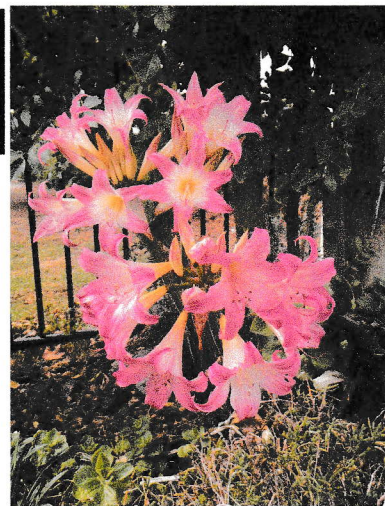


...around the Parish

*Belladonna Lilies
(Amaryllis Belladonna) -
in our Parish gardens*



*The Sanctuary and Pascal
Candle, May 2019*



Palm Sunday and Easter
at Christ Church (there
are more photos and audio
of Holy Week on the Parish
Web Page)



**Christ Church Saturday
Club**



Lunch at Basil's Farm 2nd March 2019



(at right) Guitarist
David Peek and
Flautist Russell
Edwards present
background medita-
tional music at 8am
Sunday services



Footy parking 2019



Well the 2019 footy season is well under way, and so far the Footy Parking Team has scored a lot of winners! In April at the match against the Giants over 120 cars were parked (a record for the past 5 years!) and as at the end of April the Team has raised over \$2250 for Parish Funds - so we are well on the way to exceeding last years' total raised (which was \$6205).



There are still several Cats home games to go - Friday 28th June (at 7.50pm, against Adelaide);

Geelong Cats



Saturday 13th July (at 7.25pm, against St Kilda); Saturday 10th August (at 7.25pm, against Nth Melbourne) and 24/25th August (against Carlton - match details tba).

Extra helpers are always welcome, and it's not hard to do - just a couple of hours before each home match, welcome footy fans with a smile, and help them to park their cars - it's easy! Why not put the remaining CATS home game dates into your diary now! (more information—contact Phillip on 0448118302)

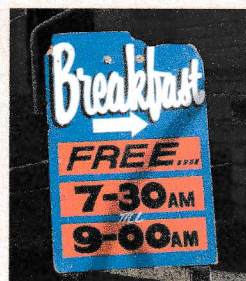
An Update from the Community Meals Program

We have been feeding increasing numbers from the beginning of this year, and are finding it usual to have high forties and into the fifties for breakfast. The evening meal numbers are remaining high as well.

We have been fortunate that Robbie from 'King of the Castle' has such a good Instagram following - due to his efforts we received 160 large tins of coffee, shelves full of Vegemite and peanut butter, a car full of Cornflakes and Weetbix, and a large bag full of salt and pepper. This helps the budget enormously and warms our hearts that people want to help.

We have just completed our order to SPC, for which the Kiwanis Club of Geelong generously pay half of the cost - another great saving to the program. We are expecting the parcel to arrive early in June.

Local churches, groups and individuals continue to drop in food items and money - such a great help.



We also received \$5000 from the Dimmick Charitable Trust, which we will spend wisely.

Julie Herd, from the Operations Committee, applied to the Geelong Community Foundation, and a grant to cover the cost of painting the kitchen and breakfast area has been awarded - well done Julie.

Please keep the **15th of July** free for the Annual Thanksgiving Service for Volunteers. This will be held at 7:30pm with Bp. Kate Prowd in attendance.

The Meals Committees

a reminder.....

... attendances vary at times through the year due to holidays, illnesses and for lots



of other reasons... but please ensure that stewardship envelopes stay up to date even if you are away, as Parish costs continue all year round,!!

The Bread of Life

Jesus said he was the bread of life, that those who come to him will neither hunger nor thirst. The example Jesus gave was taken from an ancient Hebrew concept that also forms the basis of our understanding of the Eucharist. Bread refers to everything that gives us nourishment including food, water, air and sunlight and of course Spirit. By saying he was the bread of life, Jesus indicated that he was a manifestation of God, the basis of being and the source of our lives and nourishment.

God may be compared with the sun without which no material variety or life would be possible; the sun is a physical manifestation of the Supreme and reflects the nature of the personality of Godhead as the spiritual sun that manifests and sustains infinite variety of eternal and relative life. All life emanates from God, just as the light of the sun emanates from it and enables life forms to exist in this universe. On a physical level the sun represents the eternal bread of life, the Lord himself.

When we approach the Eucharist we kneel at the altar and receive the body of Christ. We take the bread and wine knowing that the body of the Lord enters us and nourishes us with grace. We climb the steps of the chancel and come to the altar which is the foot of the cross, We take the sacrament in humility, with the astounding realization that we are also part of the body of Christ, receiving the Lord himself who willingly gives himself for us.

Knowing that we are the body of Christ we are forced to consider that all of our God brothers and sisters are also the body of Christ. We must bow to each other in humility and respect and love each other without mundane consideration, accepting that Christ comes to us from within, through the Eucharist and through each other. To be in communion with God we must remove all animosity based on

mundane considerations and surrender to unconditional love.

Christ is that unconditional love, and we have to allow that love to transform our being. In doing so we become Christ-like and live in this world as representatives of Christ. If our surrender to the Lord is sufficient we will be able to create and maintain a faith community that will never fail to attract souls to the lotus feet of the Lord. Then we will be perfect representatives of the bread of life.

The Lord be with you.

Fr Russell

News from your Parish Council



PARISH COUNCIL The Parish Treasurer (David Peek) has produced a six-month Financial Report for parishioners covering the period to 31st March, copies of which are available from David. The Report notes three recent major donations to the Parish, which together with Parish fund-raising efforts enabled completion of several projects, including installation of church external lighting, and of several protective window screens, refurbishment of the church organ, and installation of air conditioning in the Parish Hall. The Report notes, however, that planned income in the recent quarter (to March 2019) was down by 25% from what had been budgeted.

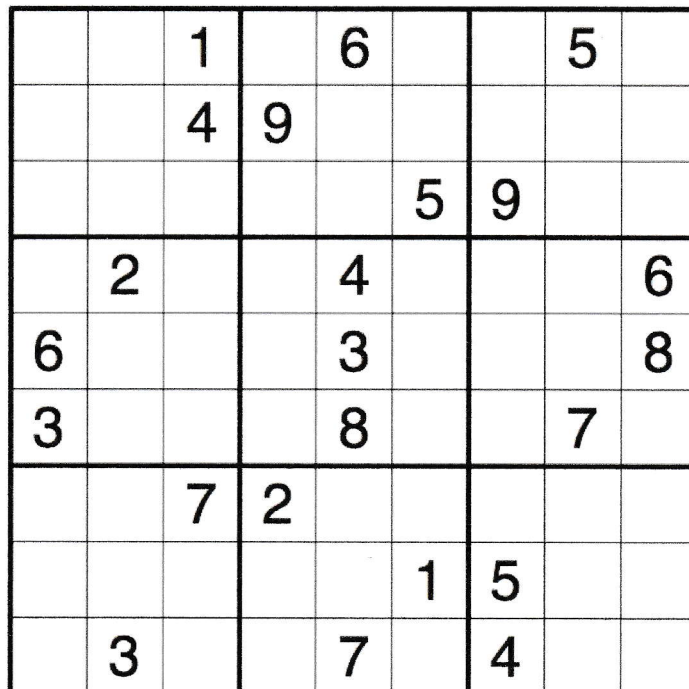
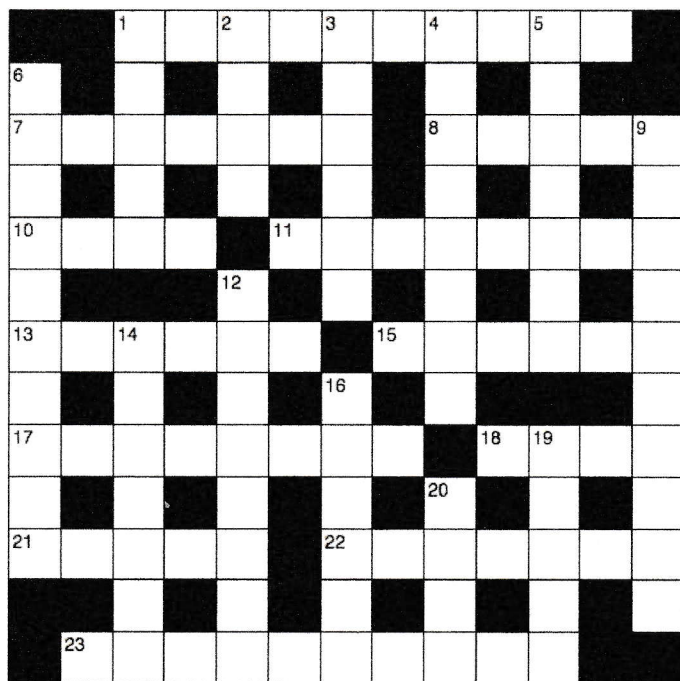
On behalf of Council, an updated inventory of the Church contents is being prepared by Kathy Tierney and colleagues; & Working Bees have completed landscaping around the church itself. Council is keen to make more use of the Hall and in so doing to raise additional funds, and has approved the installation of internal toilets for the Hall, for which Diocesan and Heritage Victoria approval is being sought.

Queries about these and other Parish matters?Please speak with the Wardens or Parish Council members.

This edition's puzzles !



Christ Church Sudoku



Across

- 1 'You are a chosen people, a royal — ' (1 Peter 2:9) (10)
 7 Exact copy (Joshua 22:28) (7)
 8 Jesus' first words to Jairus's daughter, 'My child, — — ' (Luke 8:54) (3,2)
 10 Idol made by the Israelites while Moses was on Mount Sinai (Exodus 32:4) (4)
 11 Role allotted to Joseph in Egypt (Genesis 42:6) (8)
 13 'Lord, when did we — — hungry and feed you?' (Matthew 25:37) (3,3)
 15 'Though seeing, they do — —; though hearing, they do not hear or understand' (Matthew 13:13) (3,3)
 17 Happening (1 Kings 21:1) (8)
 18 'Whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the — of Christ' (Philippians 3:7) (4)
 21 National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (1,1,1,1,1)
 22 Stamp on (Amos 2:7) (7)
 23 Liable to rot (1 Corinthians 15:42) (10)

Down

- 1 Of the pope (5)
 2 'The earth is the Lord's, and everything — — ' (Psalm 24:1) (2,2)
 3 Hebrew word for the kind of peace that Jesus promised (6)
 4 Member of a 16th-century Protestant reform movement in France (8)
 5 Sing out (anag.) (7)
 6 Ceremonial column of people on the move (1 Samuel 10:5) (10)
 9 One of the things love always does (1 Corinthians 13:7) (10)
 12 Esther's cousin who foiled a plot to assassinate King Xerxes (Esther 2:7, 22) (8)
 14 See cape (anag.) (7)
 16 'No one can — them out of my hand' (John 10:28) (6)
 19 Often mistakenly identified as the fruit that led to the first sin (Joel 1:12) (5)
 20 'He was led like a — to the slaughter' (Isaiah 53:7) (4)

PEACE  ON  EARTH





Coordinators: Jan/Barbara/David

Phone: 5221 4680

The Saturday Club meets usually on the first Saturday of each month, from February each year. Great activities are planned for 2019... but if you have an idea then contact Jan, Barbara or David (phone number above) and watch the Parish Press for further details.

date	venue	Meeting arrangements
8th June	My best holiday in 5 minutes	In the Schoolroom
13th July	Davidson Restaurant at the Gordon - mid winter meal	11.30am at the Gordon
3rd August	Other religions?	In the Schoolroom
7th September	The Christ Church Windows	Fr Barry Smith
5th October	Breakfast at the Peek's place	
2nd November	Winchelsea/Birregurra/Mt Moriac	Car pool and lunch!
30th November	Pre-Christmas meal - venue tba	

... & the total raised by late on 25th May is \$6778 ... and rising!

The WINTER WOOLIES & OTHER WONDERS MARKET (25th May 2019)

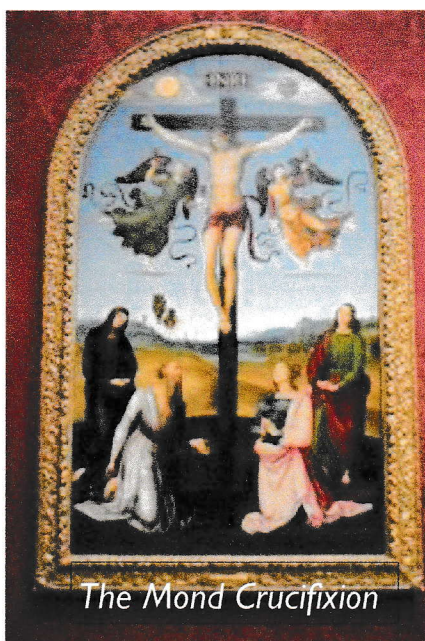


...the **2019 Winter Woolies Market** was a great success! Special thanks go to -



- ♦ Everyone who helped with setting up, and with the clean up afterwards;
- ♦ All those who baked, preserved, potted, knitted and did all things creative;
- ♦ Everyone who distributed flyers, and posted Market details on social media;
- ♦ Those who donated prizes (and \$\$) for the raffles and the mystery tins;
- ♦ **Winton Barry** and the wonderful **Palm Court Trio** who played non-stop from 9am onwards until the Market finished;
- ♦ Those who helped make and serve all the food, snacks and coffees;
- ♦ **Frances and Warwick Romanis** who counted takings all Saturday afternoon;
- ♦ All those who welcomed people, manned the stalls, and did all the many jobs required to make this event a success!
- ♦ **Ruth Christian** and all those involved in the months of planning and preparation which made the Market possible!





The Mond Crucifixion



How can God be One and Three at the same time? Perhaps the Father is like the sun in the sky – dazzling in majesty and glory, whose light, Jesus Christ, illuminates all mankind; and whose invisible warmth, the

Holy Spirit, brings us to life. Sun, light and warmth – eternally the same, but eternally different. .

Anon.



"Does anyone have a light, please?"

GOD IN THE ARTS

This edition's painting in the London National Gallery is known as the Mond Crucifixion (see photo left). It has an interesting history, because Ludwig Mond, the German born scientist and industrialist, offered to lend the painting to the London Gallery in 1892. The Gallery Trustees for some reason declined the offer. Ludwig Mond was undeterred and at his death in 1909 he bequeathed to the Gallery over 40 paintings. It was an amazingly generous gift, and included this Crucifixion by Raphael.

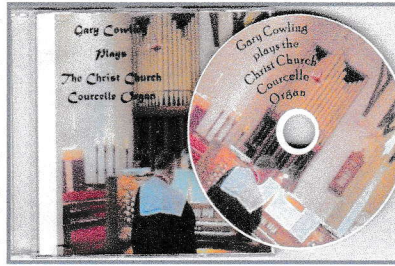
It belongs to the artist's early years and was painted when he was just 20, for a church altarpiece in Urbino in 1503. On Good Friday we hear those words from Lamentations, 'Is it nothing to you who pass by? – look and see.' We might look on the cross of Jesus and see a sign of agony and death. But here in the Mond Crucifixion, all seems serene and still. It is a far cry from the harshness and cruelty of the Gospel accounts. Look at the angels with their ribbons and feet resting on the clouds, the hands and feet of the four bystanders so delicately painted, and beyond, the softly lit Umbrian landscape with a river, trees and low hills stretching away into the distance.

It is as if Raphael has frozen this moment of death on his canvas to tell us that here is an enduring message of love and generosity for Mary, John, Mary Magdalene and Jerome gathered below. Our Lady and John look at us, inviting us to discover there the solemn beauty that moves their lives and that can move us.

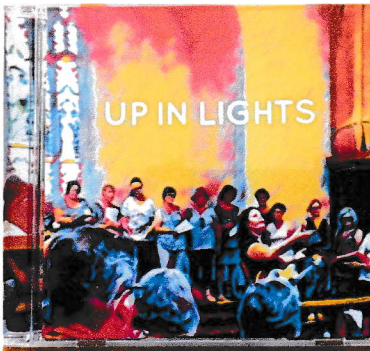
In worship especially on Good Friday we encounter this paradox of the cross – a sign of suffering and death, but a sign also of generosity. We can think of the generosity of Ludwig Mond, the generosity of Raphael sharing his gifts with us, but above all the generosity of our Prince of Glory. Here, in the words of Isaac Watts' hymn, we see how 'love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.'

Two Musical Treats!!

Those looking for a special gift might like the CD featuring the late **Gary Cowling** playing the **Christ Church Courcelle Organ**.



This 13 track CD includes Gary's own arrangements of Bizet's *Pearl Fisher's Duet* and Pachelbel's *Canon in D*, with all tracks professionally re-mastered for the best sound possible. It is a magnificent tribute to Gary's great musical talent and the fine organ at Christ Church. The CD costs **\$15** and is available from Trish Cowling (c/o the Parish Office) or Phillip Swain (0448118302) with **ALL CD sale proceeds** going towards organ maintenance...



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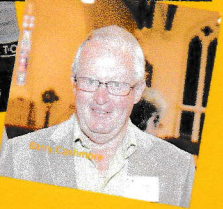
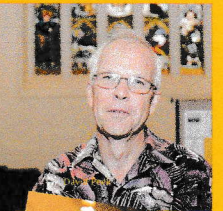
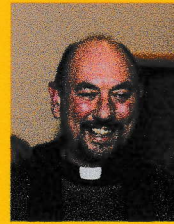
In late 2018 Christ Church was approached by local musician **Belinda McArdle** to use the Parish Hall and

the Church for rehearsing and recording a CD featuring *Acabellas* – a Geelong community choir that has been running for about 15 years. After discussion, in January Belinda and a choir of about 90 voices rehearsed over 4 nights and recorded a 6 track CD of original songs. Christ Church was used because of its wonderful acoustics, but more importantly because it is a beautiful and inspirational setting in which to sing.

The CD *Up in Lights* was launched at *Pako Festa*, and is available for purchase for **\$10** (see Phillip Swain or use the *Acabellas* web-site). The CD sleeve refers to Christ Church and the warm welcome the choir received.

...So for five January evenings some 90 men and women from across Geelong, most of

Your 2018-19 Parish Council



Wardens (from above) -
Don Patterson, David Peek & Barry Cashmore



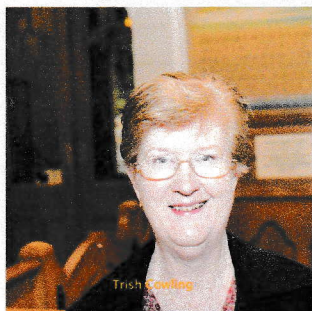
(clockwise from bottom L)
Prue Fidge, Kathy Tierney, Mandy Tannouri, Bruce Twaddell, Pat Peacock, & Jan McGowan

Assisting Clergy at Christ Church- Fr John Howells, Fr Barry Smith, & Fr Andrew Constance

Parish Incumbency Committee for 2018-19 - Judy Munro and Shurlee Swain (with Don Patterson as Warden)

Synod Lay Representatives 2018-19 - Richard White and John Aldridge (with Don Patterson as back-up)

whom had never been in Christ Church before, sang in six part harmony, in this inspirational space....where we have the privilege of worshipping each week. Who knows what seeds of interest from just being here, and from the welcome from Fr Russell and Jan McGowan, may lead to? *From little things big things grow*, as the Paul Kelly song so beautifully reminds us.....



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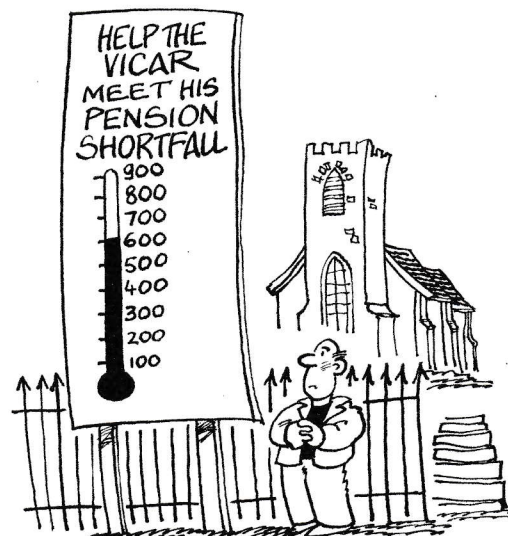
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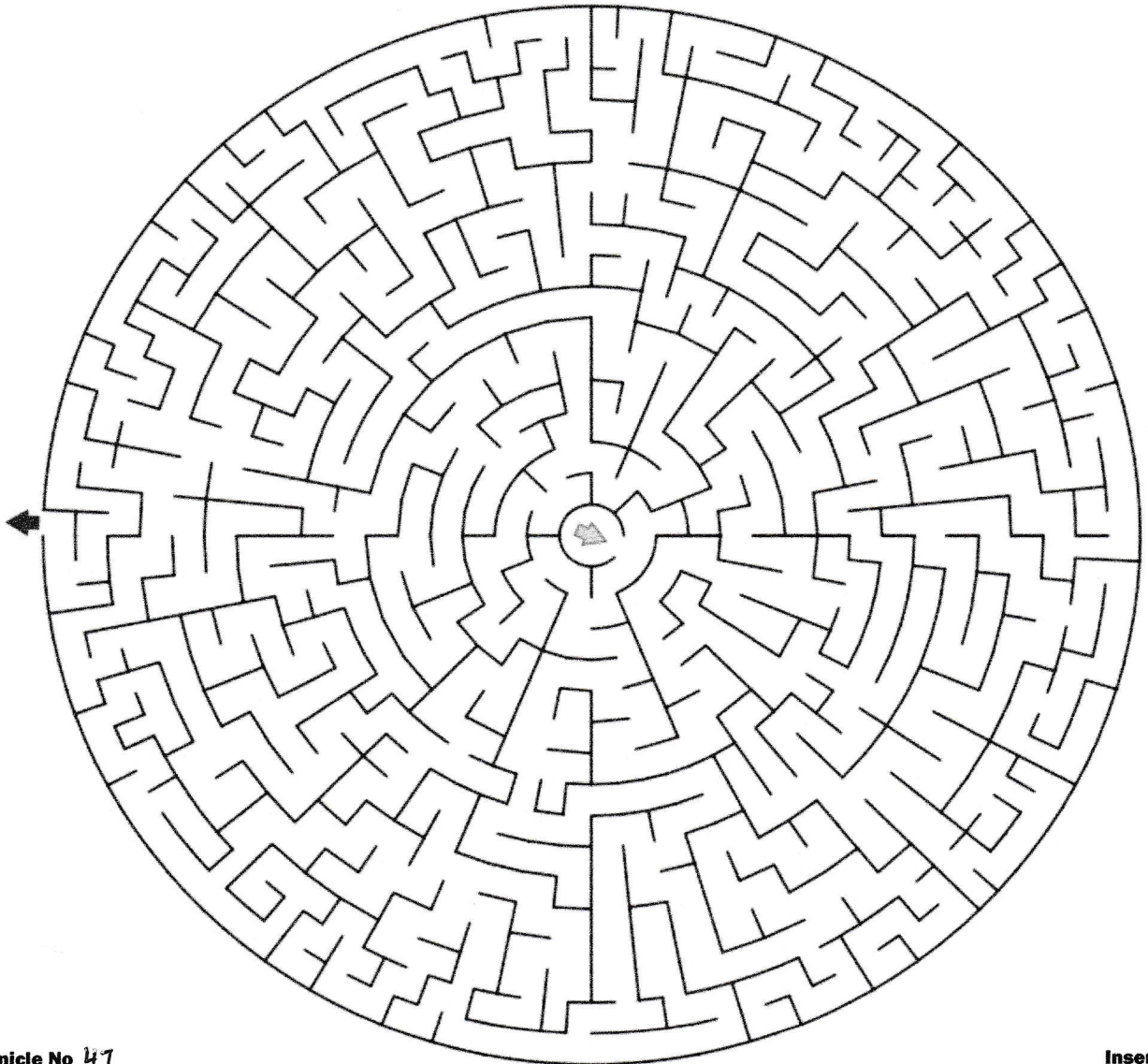
From Poems of the Western Highlanders

...(but always have a try first!

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Hosanna, Hosanna!



Mouse Makes... not just for kids!

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

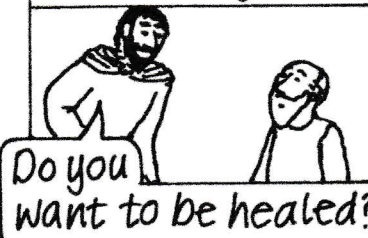
It can be read in the Bible in
John chapter 5 verses 1-18

Jesus was in Jerusalem for a festival, and he visited the pool of Bethesda. People said that an angel sometimes made the water ripple.

Sick people waited for the water to ripple, because they thought that the first person in would be healed.



Jesus went up to a man who had been sick for 38 years.

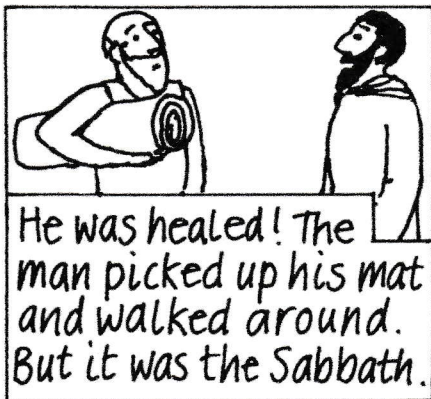


Do you want to be healed?

I've got no-one to put me in the pool, so I can never get in first.



Pick up your mat and walk!



He was healed! The man picked up his mat and walked around. But it was the Sabbath.

God had given the Law that the Sabbath day was a rest day (Ex 20: 8-11)... but to make sure it was kept, the Jewish leaders had made up rules, and then more rules so that anything that even might be work was banned.

The Jewish leaders saw the healed man.



It's the Sabbath! You can't carry a mat, that's 'work'!

The man who healed me told me to carry it.



Which man?

I don't know.

Later, Jesus found the man in the temple.



You are healed now, but don't sin any more, or something worse might happen to you.

Now the man knew who Jesus was...



he went straight back to the Jewish leaders to tell them.

and they went to Jesus



You were working on the Sabbath!

My father, God, doesn't stop working on the Sabbath so I keep on working as well

Not only does he disobey our Sabbath rules, but he says he is equal to God!



We definitely have to kill him.