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Puzzle Solutions

... (but always have a try first!)

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Signs outside Churches...

- It is unlikely there'll be a reduction in the wages of sin.
- If you don't like the way you were born, try being born again.
- Looking at the way some people live, they ought to obtain eternal fire insurance soon.
- This is a ch...ch What is missing? (U R)
- Forbidden fruit creates many jams.
- In the dark? Follow the Son.
- Running low on faith? Stop in for a fill-up.
- If you can't sleep, don't count sheep... Talk to the Shepherd.

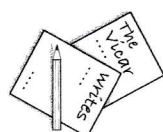
WORKING BEES AT CHRIST CHURCH



The Churchyard working party was never seen again.

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

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,
The parish of Christ Church Geelong is a wonderful example of Christian kindness to the community. At a time when people are cynical towards religion and religious institutions, we just try to get on with the job of promoting the value of living in God's love, as well as responding to the needs of others with compassion and care.

On July 14th and 15th Bishop Kate Prowd made her first official visit to Christ Church & attended our Meals Thanksgiving Service. Almost 100 people attended, guests from the program, parishioners, members of other parishes, service groups and sponsors (you can see some photos of Bp Kate's visit on the Parish Web Page). The service was full of joy and thanksgiving as its name suggests. Bishop Kate was very impressed, saying what a wonderful ministry we do here.



There is so much to be grateful for in the life of the church. Being a part of Christ Church Geelong brings with it so many opportunities to serve God and live in God's grace. I pray as always that the Lord blesses us all and keeps us in His service for ever.

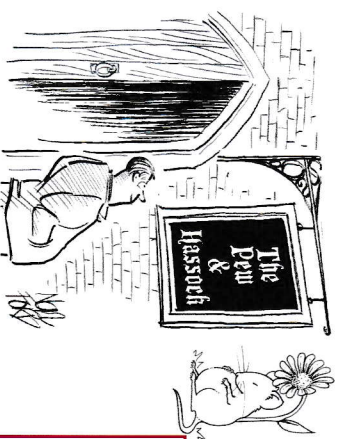
The Lord be with you,
Fr Russell



The Christ Church Chronicle

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH, GEELONG

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Changing the name from 'St Mark's Parish Church', resulted in a big increase in the number of men attending services

Some thoughts as winter passes....

September is the time of year when we get back to normal routine after winter passes. It's an opportunity to ask how God wants us to make the most of the time He gives us. Although we can't always choose how we use our time, we can control our attitude towards it. How can we use our time wisely?

Firstly, see time as a gift from God. Each

day is an opportunity to know God better and serve Him. Time isn't inexhaustible, as someday our time on earth will end. Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. (Psalm 90:12). The first thing we can do when we awake is thank God for the gift of another day.

Secondly, commit your time to God.

Time is not to be wasted, but to be used for God's glory. We are accountable to God for the way that we use our time. Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity' (Ephesians 5:15,16). We should ask God to help us organise our time more wisely, to reflect God's concerns.

(from Parish Press, UK)

Right Wright

(by Nigel Beeston)

A student called 'Wright', so they say
Wrote 'right' in a wrong kind of way.
His teacher, inflamed
Then loudly exclaimed
"Right Wright, write 'right' right, right away!"

Gary Cowling CD !!



As mentioned in the June Chronicle, the CD featuring the late Gary Cowling playing the Christ Church Courcelle Organ, is still available - a great present for someone special.!! This 13 track CD includes Gary's arrangements of Bizet's Pearl Fisher's Duet and Pachelbel's Canon in D, with all tracks professionally re-mastered. It is a magnificent tribute to Gary's great musical talent and our fine church organ. The CD is available for \$15 from Trish Cowling (c/o the Parish Office) or Phillip Swain (0448118302) with ALL proceeds towards organ maintenance costs.



In case you hadn't heard...

... news from David Wetherell -

.... The building of the new Presbyterian church in Geelong West, comprising a church and hall, starts in September. This will replace the 100 year old wooden structure burnt down some years ago, just before a similar conflagration destroyed the Geelong Mosque. Congratulations and best wishes to the minister, the Revd Luke McSevery, a former Sydney Anglican, and the 100-strong congregation, which has been meeting over the past four years at Ashby Primary School.

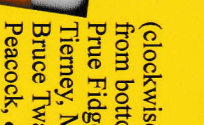
.... Revd Carlie Hannah was confirmed in her profession of the Single Consecrated Life by Bishop Kate Prowd at All Saints Newtown on Sunday 4 August.

.... Peg Powell has been convalescing at Bupa in Barrabool Road after a spell in hospital, but is expected to soon return to her home at Kalkee in Belmont.

Your 2018-19 Parish Council



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



Assisting Clergy at Christ Church-

Fr John Howells, Fr Barry Smith, & Fr Andrew Constance

Parish Incumbency

Committee 2018-19 - Judy Munro and Shurlee Swain (& Don Patterson as Warden)

Synod Lay Representatives 2018-19 -

Richard White and John Aldridge (with Don Patterson as back-up)

Childlike in simplicity

Forgive us, Lord, that as we grow to maturity, our faith is blighted with doubts, withered with worry, tainted with sophistication. We pray that you will make us like children again in faith – not childish, but childlike in the simplicity of a faith that is willing to trust you even though we cannot see what tomorrow will bring.

(Peter Marshall)



Coordinators: Jan/Barbara/David

Phone: 5221 4680

The Social Club meets usually on the first Saturday of each month, from February each year. The remaining 2019 dates are below, 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
7th September	The Christ Church Windows	Presented by Fr Barry
5th October	Breakfast at the Peek's place	Yum!!!
2nd November	Winchelsea/Birregurra/Mt Moriac	Car pool and lunch!
30th November	Pre-Christmas meal - venue tba	

Dear Vicar

- I know God loves everybody but then He never met my sister, Yours sincerely, Arnold, Age 8.
- Please say in your sermon that Peter Peterson has been a good boy all week. I am Peter Peterson. Sincerely, Pete, Age 9.
- My mother should be a minister. She gives me a sermon about something every day. Robert, aged 11.
- I hope to go to heaven someday, but later than sooner. Love, Ellen, Age 9.
- Please say a prayer for our school football team. We need God's help or a new full forward. Alexander, Age 10.
- My father says I should learn the Ten Commandments. But I don't want to because we have enough rules already in my house. Joshua, Age 10.
- I liked your sermon on Sunday. Especially when it was finished. Ralph, Age 11.
- How does God know the good people from the bad people? Do you tell Him or does He read about it in the newspapers? Sincerely, Marie, Age 9.
- Who does God pray to? Is there a God for God? Sincerely, Christopher, Age 9.

a reminder.....



... attendances vary at times through the year due to holidays, illnesses or other reasons... but please ensure that stewardship envelopes stay up to date even when away, as Parish costs continue all year round!!

News from your Parish Council

At services in July, Treasurer David Peek on behalf of Parish Council presented the Quarterly Report on Parish Finances (to 30th June 2019). The full report and graphs of Income and Expenditure are available from the Wardens or the Parish Office, but in brief summary -

- Overall, income for the year to date is at or above budget, for both Parish and Meals Program accounts, due to extra donations and fund raising efforts;
- Although income exceeds expenses planned giving, however, continues to be below budget by about \$2000 per month;
- The Parish financial records have successfully passed audit.

GREAT WORK AND WELL DONE

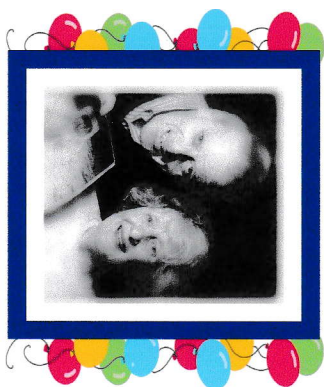
Completed projects include installation of Church external lighting; organ refurbishment; painting of Hall kitchen, breakfast room and passages, & installation of Hall air conditioning; and repair of Vicarage fascia. Work is continuing regarding Church window repairs and screen installation, and Church slate roof repairs, whilst under development now is a plan to install internal toilets in the Hall.

For more details, contact one of the Parish Council members.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Prue and Jim Fridge** who on 21st July 2019 celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary



and in July there were numerous birthdays, including *Ruth Christian, Jack Wong, Meredith Brennan, Evelyn Twaddell* and *Gai Scully* - congratulations one and all!!!

from the Parish Registers... May-June to August 2019

Baptisms

24th August - **Hudson & Carter Reardon** (parents - Kim and Jason)

Funerals across the Christ Church Community

31st May 2019 - Tony HART

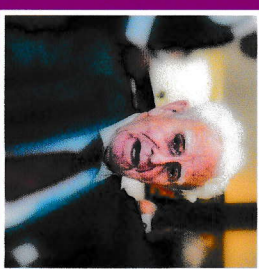
On 3rd June 2019 a memorial service was held in East Geelong for Stella KELLY (18/12/1938 - 24/5/2019, the wife of the late Mack KELLY) both of whom were for many years parishioners at Christ Church

23rd July 2019 - Clive William COCUM

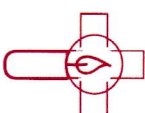
20th August 2019—Shelagh Ann COOK

Dairy dates

Sunday September 15th - the Reverend Doctor Bob Derrinbacker, Dean of Trinity Theological College, will be our Guest Preacher at the 9.30am service
6th October - Pet Service (bring along your pet dogs, cats, horses, sheep, mice, canaries and monkeys!)
October 13th - Foundation Festival
November 3rd - All Saints Day
November 24th - Christ the King (Patronal Festival)



*Bishop James Alexander Grant
30 August 1931 to 10th July 2019*



... and many parishioners will have been saddened to hear of the death of Bishop James (Jim) Grant AM, (see photo above) on 10th July, whose funeral service was held at St Paul's Cathedral in Melbourne on Friday 19th July 2019. Some parishioners may not be aware that Bishop Jim spent many years at Christ Church where he was an active member of the church community, along with Alan Howarth, the late Wray Salter and the late David McGowan (all of whom attended Geelong High School, Jan McGowan tells me)

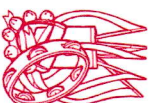
A detailed commemoration of Bishop Jim's life and service to the Anglican Church can be found in the Melbourne Anglican for August 2018.

**** & see also Alan Howarth's article on p 7.**

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

Eucharist - Sundays at 8am, 9.30 am
(sung) & 5.15pm
and during the week— **Eucharist** on
Wednesdays at 10am.

Morning Prayer - Tuesday
mornings at 8.30am and Thurs-
day 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

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....

Vacant



There are always volunteer opportunities around our church

- **Church sitting** - weekdays 12-2pm
- **Sides persons & welcomers** for all

- **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...**

As with previous years, the Parish is again selling Entertainment Books for 2019-2020. The cost is

unchanged at just **\$60**, of which \$12 comes back to Christ Church funds. The 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...

[illegible]

1 'I pray that out of his glorious — he may
strengthen you with power through his
Spirit in your inner being' (Ephesians 3:16)
(6)

- 4 'Saul's father Kish and — father Ner were sons of Abiel' (1 Samuel 14:5:1) (6)
- 7 'Praise the Lord, O my — ' (Psalm 103:1) (4)
- 8 See 5 Down
- 9 Laws (1 Kings 11:33) (8)
- 13 'Who of you by worrying can — a single hour to his life?' (Luke 12:25) (3)
- 16 Artistry (Exodus 31:5) (13)
- 17 'Your young men will see visions, your — men will dream dreams' (Acts 2:17) (3)
- 19 How David described his Lord (Psalm 19:14) (8)
- 24 'If this city is built and its — — restored, you will be left with nothing in Trans-Euphrates' (Ezra 4:16) (5,3)
- 25 'The holy Scriptures, which are able to make you — for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus' (2 Timothy 3:15) (4)
- 26 Intended destination of arrows (Lamentations 3:12) (6)
- 27 Eve hit (anag.) (6)

1 'For I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find — for your

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- 1 souls' (Matthew 11:29) (4)
- 2 Where Peter was when he denied Christ
three times (Luke 22:55) (9)
- 3 Remarkable early 20th-
century Indian evangelist, a convert from
Hinduism, — Sunder Singh (5)
- 4 'Now the king had put the officer on
whose — — leaned in charge of the gate' (2
Kings 7:17) (3,2)
- 5 and 8 Across The Lover describes
this facial feature of the Beloved thus:
'Your — is like the tower of Lebanon look-
ing towards — ' (Song of Songs 7:4) (4,8)
- 6 'Stand firm then, with the belt of truth
buckled — your waist' (Ephesians 6:14) (5)
- 10 Trout (anag.) (5)
- 11 Easily frightened (1 Thessalonians 5:14)
(5)
- 12 The ability to perceive (Ecclesiastes
10:3) (5)
- 13 One of the clans descended from Benja-
min (Numbers 26:38) (9)
- 14 "It is one of the Twelve," he replied,
"one who — bread into the bowl with
me" (Mark 14:20) (4)
- 15 Resound (Zephaniah 2:14) (4)
- 18 Traditional seat of the Dalai Lama (5)
- 20 Precise (John 4:53) (5)
- 21 Build (Ezekiel 4:2) (5)
- 22 Beut harshly (Acts 22:25) (4)
- 23 Darius, who succeeded Belshazzar as
king of the Babylonians, was one (Daniel
5:31) (4)



The Path of Love

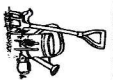
The path of love or devotion is the path of the soul, it is the path close to the heart. Everyone is looking for love and love is found in infinite quantity in devotion to God. It is easier to progress on the path of love than by any other path because God is love and may be found through love and not by dry speculation or difficult, painful austerities. If lovers of God have been austere or renounced it is only because they have found greater enjoyment in the love of God that has made them indifferent to sensual pleasures.

Love is something bigger than us all, it cannot be controlled. If we want to be controllers we will need to remain in hate, hate is smaller than us and so it may be controlled. If someone tries to control love it will be lost or become dead, impotent, because love is based on surrender, a giving in to the Supreme Lover. Divine love will come to a person who places themselves at the feet of the Lord with an open heart and says Lord I am yours, without you I can do nothing. This mood of devotional humility expands the heart and provides a suitable residence for the Supreme Lord to dwell or rather is the right mentality for receiving the revelation of God's grace.

As devotion grows by and by we move away from competition, from the violent struggle where everybody is against everybody, we move away from the ugliness of hatred and bigotry and find ourselves in the delightful joy of God's all-embracing love. Living in the love of God makes us lose interest in ideologies like fascism, socialism, communism, nationalism. These are all mundane ideologies of the head. Devotion to God is a matter of the heart, of the heart purified by the grace of God and cleansed of envy, hypocrisy and malice.

As the love of God grows within us we lose attachment to all abstractions. Even the idea of killing for Christianity or Islam becomes absurd. Abstract ideas are replaced by concreteness, we love God in a personal relationship and we love those God has given us to love. We love our partners, our family our friends, our community, our

A Garden Mystery



A garden is a mystery - it makes me question 'why?' the plants I nurture with such care, just shrivel up and die? While seeds that I don't know about all vigorously thrive and grow like fabled beanstalks from cracks within my drive!

(Nigel Beeton)

Peace to the End

The peace of God to dwell with you,
The peace of Christ to dwell with you,
The peace of Spirit dwell with you,
And peace dwell with your children too,
From the day we have here to-day
To the last day of your life's way,
Till come the day that ends your way.

(From Poems of the Western Highlanders)



We love these not at the expense of loving others but rather we see our family, nation, community etcetera represents all other friends, family and humanity. We know it pleases God if we love others and displeases God if we hate others, we love God and so seek to please Him by our thoughts and actions.

In the love of God the journey and the goal are the same. When we learn to live in God we begin to experience heaven. In the love of God we become awake to the beauty of the world, we love the seeking of God, the saints of God, the activities of God. We grow in trust knowing that the Lord is waiting at the door eager to invite us in to the eternal feast. Love is the secret key, it opens the door of the Divine and allows us access to the Lord's joy, laughter, aliveness and dance. We will be in tune with the song of God and that song is the song of love, the song of freedom, of eternal salvation.

(Fr Russell)

Hallowed be Thy Name

The name of the Lord is not different from the Lord and therefore should be glorified. God has infinite names that describe something of His personal attributes or activities. For example, the name *Emmanuel* indicates that God is always with us, *Christ* indicates the anointed one; the all attractive King of creation. The Lord is His name and so the Lord who resides at the center of our being may be experienced if we always venerate the names of God.

Hallowed be Thy name means let your name be glorified, it is all auspicious for the world if we glorify God's names and perform all our actions for the glory of God. The Holy name removes inauspiciousness, destroys ill omens, protects one from fear and degradation, it is almighty. By the grace of God's names anyone in any circumstance may grow in love for God and increase their capacity for serving God and also refine the purity of purpose in their life.

Jesus performed all of his actions for the glory of God's name. Though Christ was an incarnation of God Himself, he always went about in the mood of being God's Son and servant. He proclaimed the mercy and love of God wherever He travelled and to whom ever He met. Jesus proclaimed the eternal nature of the Kingdom of God and invited all souls to live in God's love, sheltered in God's name and thus return to that eternal kingdom.

The names of God are so powerful they have the ability to deliver all souls from ignorance and bring them into the wisdom of devotion and love that abides for ever. Sometimes I wonder how we may help people appreciate the benefit of living for God's name and glory, it seems so few people are interested in anything beyond survival and their own concerns. By the grace of God anything is possible, and I see at funerals in particular people are thirsting for spiritual knowledge. When our dear ones pass away we ask the questions that are rarely asked and yet are so important to get us out of the miseries of

temporary life.

Regular calling on the name of the Lord gives us perception of the soul, awakens us to God's guidance and helps us to ask the right questions that lead us on with confidence and enthusiasm toward the infinite goal. Let the names of God be our mantra and our purpose, to allow God to purify and transform our lives. God's names have the power to do that. Let our lives and the parish of Christ Church Geelong be a beacon that lights up the glory of God's name to everyone in Geelong. O Lord let Thy name be hallowed.

(Fr Russell)



Christ Church Social Club 2/8/79

(photo above by Bruce Twaddell)

Saturday Club 2nd August 2019

This evening was a great success in its presentation of different religions, though disappointing that not a lot of parishioners were able to come. It was very colourful with the speakers wearing national costumes. The speakers included four refugees from North Geelong Secondary College; a Muslim Afghani from Pakistan; two Karen Burmese girls who had lived in refugee camps in Thailand; one Buddhist and the other Christian; and a Jewish and a Hindu person. A Christian Congolese student who was born in Tanzania and spent time in Burundi and New Zealand, spoke of churches in Africa being noisy and exuberant before the services started and riotous once the minister arrived - a contrast to church services here! (Note: In relation to this, in February Chuck, who attends our services when in Geelong, showed us a video of his father's funeral in Nigeria where 2 men sported the coffin on their shoulders while dancing wildly and everybody else celebrating riotously! A delicious supper ended the night!

(Barbara Peek)

NOTICES



THE 5C APPEAL



Keep saving those annoying 5c pieces! The Parish is continuing to collect them also raise money for ABM! Bring your 5c coins along to church - there is a collection tin 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 free near the Schoolroom, car spaces are very limited, and if using one 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

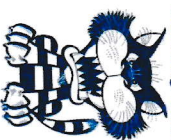
The Parish Office has a booking diary for the year covering **ALL** bookings of Parish Facilities (Hall, Schoolroom, grounds, & the Church), for Parish & outside functions. Please check first with Fr Russell, Wardens and Office when planning any activity!

Footy parking 2019

Well, the 2019 footy season is almost over!!!!

Thanks to everyone who helped with Footy Parking this year - who came along despite the occasional cold weather, and sometimes in the dark, to help park footy fans and by doing so to raise funds for our Parish. As at the date of printing Footy parking has raised over \$4500 - without counting the very last match on 24th August.... Now all that awaits is another Cats premiership!

Geelong Cats



To join in all you need is a couple of hours on days of the Cats home matches, and a smile... the fans do the rest! If you would like to join the Footy Parking team for the 2020 season, just watch the Parish Press - the team is recruiting and will be ready for action in February 2020!



the Community Meals Program Update - the Thanksgivng Service



Almost 100 people gathered in the church on a very cold winter's night to attend the annual Thanksgivng Service on July 15th. It was pleasing that so many of our guests, volunteers and supporters were able to join us for the evening.

We were delighted to welcome **Bp Kate Prowd** who was able to be with us for the service and presented an excellent address (which you can hear on the Parish Web Page), after attending the Meals Program to experience it first-hand.

We would like to thank our Organist Winton and members of the Choir for the part they played in the service, and also Amy Gillett and the GMHBA team who served the supper afterwards.

We took the opportunity to present a Certificate of Appreciation to St John of God Hospital to acknowledge the long term connection of the hospital with our program..

The service was a wonderful celebration of our Meals Program.

From Jan, Ruth & The Meals Team
** you can see photos from the Thanksgivng Service, and listen to Bp Kate's address, on the Parish Web Page.

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In the early hours, I heard steps on the same stairs and in their torchlight, saw it was someone who must have heard the rumours of treasure and decided to liberate some of it. He, too, tripped, fell and lost his torch and in the total darkness I heard him fumbling about at the other end of the crypt among the coffins.

Intending to be helpful, I called to him softly, saying that I'd been trying to get out of here myself for a long time and had never made it, so he may as well give up. But do you know, he found his way out in no time.

Your loving uncle,

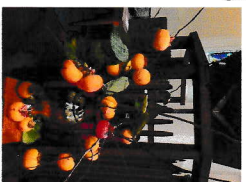
Eustace



...around the Parish in pictures



Farewell to Betty Tolhurst, (3rd June 2019) - Betty was farewelled by Christ Church friends prior to her move to live in Ballan (and, ever mindful, of the parlous state of the church roof, especially in heavy rain, Ruth Christian came prepared for the worst...)



Flowers and Perismons at Christ Church 2nd June 2019 (arranged by Barbara Peek)



(below) Isabella Swain-Tran (and Dad) telling the congregation



about CAFS (July 2019)

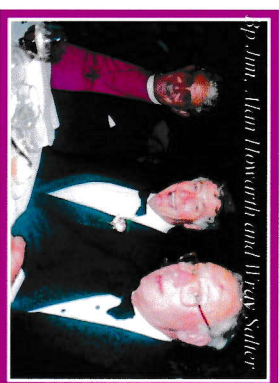
Over 100 friends & parishioners came together for the 2019 Tango High Tea...Tango demonstrations from Dancers Dianne Heywood-Smith and Bruce Groundwater, beautiful music, social dancing for all, display of glorious quilts, and a sumptuous High Tea. The Raffle of the beautiful Patchwork quilt, created by Anne Howarth, and the other prizes, were won by members of the Tango Dance community. Congratulations to all those involved in planning for and running a most successful occasion, and which raised over \$2300 for the Parish!

The Tango High Tea (17th Aug 2019)

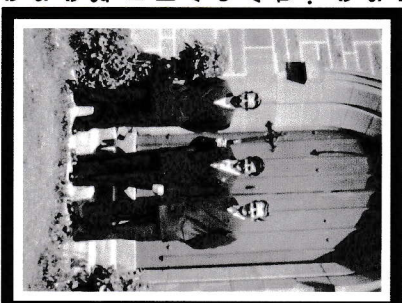


the Late Bishop James Alexander Grant - past parishioner of Christ Church -

Bishop James' affiliation with the Anglican Church began when he joined Christ Church, Geelong in 1947. Jim was living in Geelong with his Scottish mother, Australian father and sister. The family had recently returned from Scotland after moving there in 1939 to care for James' grandmother, and could not return to Australia until the Second World War ended. Jim's primary and the start of his secondary schooling was in Scotland, and the Scottish accent he acquired during those years never left him. When the family returned to their home in Boundary Road, East Geelong, Jim enrolled at the Geelong High School and attended a local Presbyterian Church. He excelled academically and was dux of the GHS in 1949. He achieved fame for his precise writing and grasp of history.



he attended religious education summer schools in Sale and Adelaide. Jim's faith and love of Anglican worship and tradition expanded under the teaching and guidance of the then Vicar Rev. W Clinch. As Rural Dean, Rev. Clinch preached at Evensong in churches in the Deanery annually, and Wray, Alan and Jim often accompanied him. While travelling (often on foot) to and from the Churches the Vicar talked about church history, theology, rites and rituals, adding to Jim's interest and deepening his involvement. One duty of the Rural Dean was to arrange for authorized people to take services in district churches when their vicars were unavailable. Wray was a licensed lay reader so occasionally Wray, Jim and Alan would take Evensong at one of the small churches on the outskirts of Geelong.



Two Christ Church parishioners, Wray Salter and Alan Howarth, also students at Geelong High, formed a close friendship with Jim, as he was known. Talk between the three mates frequently centered on life and activities at Christ Church. Jim's interest in our Parish grew and he accepted Wray's invitation to become a parishioner. He soon became deeply involved in Parish worship and activities, walking from Boundary Road to Moorabool Street twice on Sundays for worship, and on some week nights for various activities. With Wray and Alan

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...



On the discovery of a long-lost crypt

The Rectory
St. James the Least of All
My dear Nephew Darren,

Since your church is a former cinema, I suspect that were the floor to be removed, cigarette ash, sweet wrappings and tick-ets for the last Charlie Chaplin film would be revealed. Our marble flooring in the chancel was raised last week to try and find the rat that had died on an underfloor heating pipe. It made its presence so un-ignorable last winter that it gave me the excuse to use incense.

But we have made an exciting discovery: the long-lost crypt containing the tombs of the Lords Staveley. He flourished in this area, until a little domestic disagreement with Henry II made the family realise that life in Italy might be pleasant if they wished to retain their heads. The stone from their manor house soon became our lady chapel; an example of re-cycling as a euphemism for theft. Inevitably, as soon as we had made the discovery, rumours of vast treasure flew round the



parish. Long before anyone had descended into it, the treasure had the fortune earmarked for re-wiring the church, the organist decided it should be spent on enlarging the organ, and Mrs Millington had decided it should keep the flower arrangers in chicken wire until the next millennium-but-one. I confess that even I toyed with the idea of a conservatory with discreet drinks cabinet at the rectory.

Sadly, it was not to be. Our 'treasure' consisted of rows of coffins in various stages of decay, enough but droppings to keep our Verger's vegetable patch enriched for the coming year and long-lost peppermints dropped by generations of chor-isters sitting above, as they nunched their way through the sermons.

Later that evening, when the workmen had left, I decided to have one last look. Taking a torch, I descended the stone steps, but lost my footing. The now-broken torch went one way and I another. After floundering round in total darkness and unable to find the stairs to get out, I resigned myself to an uncomfortable night in the crypt until daybreak.

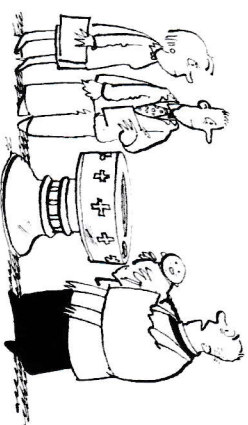
WHERE HAVE ALL THE COLLECTS GONE? LONG TIME NO HEAR.....

HRH The Prince of Wales in his foreword to "A Prayer For All Seasons" wrote that the language used by Thomas Cranmer was "not of an age, but for all time". Sadly others have thought differently. I miss some of these glorious words:

Put upon us the armour of light... Lover of concord... Ordered by thy governance... The perils and dangers of this night... Succour us with thy bountiful grace... Stir up we beseech thee... The mouths of babes and sucklings... We being regenerate... Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people... By the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright... Our doings without charity are nothing worth... Receive our supplications and prayers... The haven of malice and wickedness... The unruly wills and affections of the sinful... The protector of all that trust in Thee... The abundance of thy mercy... Continual pity to cleanse and defend thy church... Keep thy household the church in continual godliness... The attainment of everlasting salvation... Prevent us O Lord... The fountain of all wisdom... Compassion upon our infirmities...

The current Prayers of the Day seem to lack the beauty of language and I still enjoy singing "Without a city wall" and "All glory laud and honour".

(Jonathan Harvey)



'Baby, McBabyface' - are you really sure?

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Processional Cross donated to the Parish - and still used today in services).

Although a quiet and unassuming young man he was a source of great knowledge. An interest in architectural history led to Jim having definite opinions related to proposals for the fabric of Christ Church: an example was his dislike for the lantern type lights because they interfered with the line of vision down the nave to the chancel.

In 1950 Jim started study for a B.A (Hons) at Melbourne University. He lived in Melbourne during the week but came home at weekends and continued to worship at Christ Church. After graduating Jim taught history and English at Fitzroy High School for a year, before entering Trinity College to begin study for the priesthood, and so his time at Christ Church gradually waned. His next official connection was during his time as Bishop for the Western Region, which included Geelong.

On July 19th St. Paul's Cathedral was filled for a Choral Eucharist in thanksgiving for Jim's life and work. Rev. John Howells was one of the 57 robed priests; Bruce and Judy Munro, David Wetherall, Anne and Alan Howarth attended from Christ Church. (written by Alan Howarth)

fund-raising opportunities to watch for...

On Fathers' Day (Sunday September 1st) there will be a super raffle - with 10 great prizes to win in 10 raffles....if you're there at the draw you get to choose your prize; otherwise one is chosen for you!And looking ahead to Christmas there are lots of Christmassy tins left over from the Winter Woolies Market, and these will be used as part of the Christmas fun and fund raising - so watch e weekly Parish Press as Christmas gets closer....

(...it's not so far away!).