



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

The Vicar WRITES

Dear friends in the Lord,

It's Advent again; that season where we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas and also for his taking birth in our own hearts. The Lord takes birth in our hearts through the process of devotion. God is love and so love is the way to God - love is His way. Advent is a time when we may think about the love of Him who shared our human life that we may share in His divine life.

There are so many struggles that we endure in this world and sometimes it seems to be all too much. All we can do is our best and offer those struggles to the Lord. Ask for His help that we may face whatever joys and hardships with the Lord and not alone. Life can be so simple and sweet if we cultivate devotional love for God and live that by loving our neighbor as self.



"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord, "Who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."



We can all feel grateful that our parish offers us the opportunity to serve the Lord in so many ways. The church is a representation of the heavenly world when we engage in service and help facilitate the spreading of the good news of eternal life and the unconditional love of God. Christ is with us and within us. Christ is before us to lead us, and above us to bless us. With the Lord there is no such thing as failure. Every little offering to God is always a success. Every devotional act is a growing in Spirit. There is no loss.

As we journey to Christmas I pray our hearts grow in gratitude for what the Lord does for us. Let's not think of what we lack, but learn to value what we have. Above all value each other and assist each other to advance on the way to God's eternal kingdom. May all we do be done out of love; may the Lord help us to be kind and forgiving with one another that our parish can be known as a place of shelter from the distress of life in the

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Christ Church Parish Council

The 2017-18 Parish Council (as at Nov 2017)

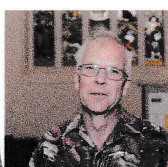
Wardens—David
Peek
& Barry
Cashmore



Fr Russell
Trickey



Don Patterson
Vicar's Warden



(clockwise from L)
Mandy Tannouri,
Prue Fidge, Jan
McGowan, Philip
Jones, & Bruce
Twadell



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

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material world, a place of peace.

May the Lord bless our parish and all our families.
May our Meals Program and all our volunteers be
blessed. May we have a safe and merry Christmas.

God bless you all and thank you for all the love and
support Syama and I receive.

The Lord be with you, *Fr Russell*



The vicar's alternative to traditional after-
service coffee was having a dramatic effect
on male church attendance

from the Parish Registers... August to November 2017

Funerals across the Christ Church Community

On 14th August 2017 Isobel Merle **COLLINS**
was buried from Christ Church.

Former parishioner Mack **KELLY** died on 11th
August 2017—together with his wife Stella, Mack
was a regular worshipper at Christ Church for
many years.

..... and many parishioners will have known Les
and Phyllis **GRAYLING**, both regulars at Christ

Church, though in recent years Phyllis was unable
to attend for health reasons. Les died on 31st
August 2017 aged 92 years, and his funeral service
was held at Torquay on 7/9/17. His wife Phyllis
survived him by only a few weeks—she died on
28th October at the age of 89 years, and was buried
from Christ Church on 3rd November.

Our thoughts and prayers go to the family and
loved ones of all these special people.



Some Diary dates and Reminders!!

PEACE  ON  EARTH

Christmas Services at Christ Church—see page 3!!!

Start Up Sunday—Sunday February 4th (after which the Sunday 5.15pm services, together with week-
day meditation, healing and CAFS services, all resume)

And on Saturday 2nd June—the **2018 Winter Woolies & Other Wonders Market** (9.30–am to
1.30pm)

* Watch the Parish Press for more details and news !!

We are never alone



The first time I ever attended a meditation group I experienced such a wonderful sense of joy and peace, by the grace of the Lord I felt like I had been given a taste of heaven. The object of my meditation was the Lord; I just let myself sink inwards into the Lord's embrace and lost myself for a time in His love. After that I walked home and everything felt so fresh and new. I saw the Lord's beauty in the flowers and the sky and the sea. I don't always have the grace to think that way but I remember how sweet it was to think that way then.

Since then I have seen the Lord as my friend and companion through the twists and turns of life. Sometimes I get distracted by useless things, but after a while I remember my Friend and hold tighter to His hand, then I no longer feel alone. In reality we are never alone; God has been with us throughout eternity and He will always be with us. It is not arrogant to think of God as our intimate friend because our soul really is God's child and God truly loves us. Like a loving Father, the Lord wants what is truly best for us and knows that our real home is where He is, in that place where there is no fear of death, old age or disease.

If we trust that we share our experiences with that Someone who is supremely kind, understanding and loving, we will enjoy life much more. The Lord knows our thoughts even before we think them and yet He never turns aside from us, even when we are wrong, as long as we turn to Him and seek what is right through Him. Everyone is seeking that kind of understanding love; it is not easily available from people in this world but it is always available in the Lord.

We are walking in the crowded lanes of life and occasionally we see some faces we know but one by one they slip away behind the veil of time. All souls are eternal; this life on earth is only a small part of our journey — this is not our real home. Unceasing devotion is necessary to have the path to that eternal home opened before us. We all have to seek the giver of all gifts. It is not difficult because the Lord is our eternal friend and will help us every step of the way. If we take one step towards the Lord He will take a thousand steps towards us. That is the nature of the Lord, full of kindness and tolerance. In this beautiful but tragic world it is such a great consolation to know we are never alone. *(Fr Russell)*

**Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.**

(John Wesley, 1703-1791)



FOOTY PARKING 2018

The Footy Parking Team arguably enjoyed a better season than the mighty Cats, and overall for 2018 raised over \$4000 for the Parish, over seven home games. This equates to about \$500 each time the Cats play at home—for a total outlay of \$0 as there are **no** advertising, preparation or other costs...
apart from a few hours of our time!



For 2018 the AFL in its wisdom have decided that Cats should play eight home games -

- ◆ Round 4—St Kilda—Sunday 15th April at 4.40pm
- ◆ Round 6—Sydney—Saturday 28th April at 1.45pm
- ◆ Round 7—GWS Giants—Friday 4th May at 7.50pm
- ◆ Round 10—Carlton—Saturday 26th May at 7.25pm
- ◆ Round 12—North Melbourne—Saturday 9th June at 1.45pm
- ◆ Round 18—Melbourne—Saturday 21st July at 7.25pm
- ◆ Round 19—Brisbane—Saturday 28th July at 2.10pm
- ◆ Round 22—Fremantle—Saturday 18th August at 2.10pm
- ◆ Round 23—Gold Coast—dates/times to be announced

Please put these dates into your diaries NOW! The Team can always use extra helpers - it's easy, and quite fun to do (though it's more fun if the Cats are winning!). If you'd like to join the team, speak to Phillip Swain or a member of Parish Council - you'd be very welcome!

Christmas at Christ Church



God in the Arts

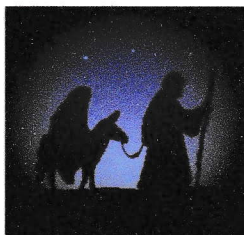
Sunday 17th December at 7pm - Service of Nine Lessons and Carols - sing some favourite carols, hear new ones and listen to the Christmas story through the scriptures

Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve (also Advent 4)

*8am and 9.30am—Holy Communion
5pm CAFS Christmas Service for children and families
10.30pm Midnight Mass*

Mon 25th December - Christmas Day

*8am Holy Communion
9.30am Sung Eucharist*



*(*** note there is NO 5pm service on Christmas Day)*

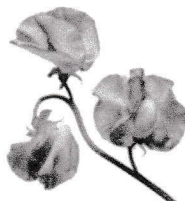
Sunday 31st December—will be the final 5.15pm service for 2017—the 5.15 service will recommence on Sunday 4th February (Start-Up Sunday). During January there will also be NO CAFS, Meditation or healing services until Start Up Sunday February 4th.

Helping with flowers

If you would like to help with the flowers why not think about -

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

*...speak to **Jan McGowan** if you would like more details! & see the photo of the recent All Saints/All Souls Day flowers on p11.*



Editor: the theme here is outstanding people in great stories of the Bible - as depicted in painting or sculpture. Revd Michael Burgess (Parish Pump, UK) considers the 'Adoration of the Shepherds' by Georges de la Tour.

'He gave us eyes to see them': 'Adoration of the Shepherds' by Georges de la Tour

8 you can see this beautiful painting at -

<https://fineartamerica.com/featured/adoration-of-the-shepherds-georges-de-la-tour.html>

There are a wealth of stories in scripture which are reflected in works of art. Here the year ends by looking at St Luke's Gospel, which is unique in containing the much-loved parables of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son, the Annunciation and the road to Emmaus – and, of course, the Christmas story of the birth of Jesus and the visit of the shepherds.

Shakespeare described this feast in 'Hamlet' as 'so hallowed and gracious' a time: blessed by God and a revelation of His life and love in the birth of our Saviour. The darkness draws back as light invades the scene at Bethlehem, as it does in this painting of Georges de la Tour in 1644, 'Adoration of the Shepherds.' De la Tour lived in Metz and was fascinated by the mysterious effect of light and shade – what is called *tenebrism*. It inspired many of his works, as it does here.

At first glance the painting is a homely, intimate scene. We see Joseph's left hand shielding the candle to ensure it is not extinguished, the lamb chewing an ear of corn, one of the shepherds bringing his flute to the Christ-Child, and a serving girl carrying a terrine. But that homeliness invites us into the light shining forth from the crib to contemplate the stillness and tranquility. It is a holy and gracious time, says the artist, when the light of a new birth shines out to bring hope and joy. That is why St Luke tells us that the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen.

This story and this painting call us to read and look, to ponder and find that there a light to guide us. For in that light we can find truth, and we pray that in the truth we may find God.

THY WILL BE DONE



When Jesus was praying in the garden of Gethsemane he prayed to The Father..." Remove this cup from me, but let Thy will be done, not mine". The will of Jesus is never opposed to the will of the Father because they are one, however Jesus prays in this way to teach us by example the mood of surrender. When we are in a surrendered mood we lay ourselves at the feet of God and leave everything to the Lord. At that time we understand our helpless condition that without God we can do nothing, our sense of divine dependence at least for a moment is all in all.

For an ordinary person it is not possible to be in such a spiritual state all the time; however coming to that point and practicing being with God each day enables the inner life of spirit to awaken more and more until we find that a feeling of surrender occurs with greater frequency and in a sweet spontaneous way. Putting aside that time for God, even a little every day, makes such a difference to our lives. We can see practically that regular spiritual practice makes us more joyful and our lives become increasingly auspicious.

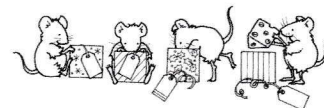
At those moments of surrender we go beyond the business type of relationship with God, asking for things. Instead we lose the sense of I, or our selfishness, even if just for that moment and we place ourselves into the hands of God. The depth of prayerfulness at that point helps us to understand by direct perception that we are a part of God, a mere part, nothing to brag about. God is the all in all, the unrivalled Supreme. Without God nothing can exist, without the Lord we can't even breathe and yet with the Lord, nothing is impossible.

Our normal condition in this world is to measure our worth against the worth of others, to be motivated by fear, to be jealous and angry. None of these feelings help us to be happy or free. The divine qualities that appear in our hearts by spending time with God each day replace those negative emotions with sweet ones arising from the love that God is. By associating with God, by remembering the Lord, hearing about Him, glorifying His name, praying and worshipping Him, the Lord's grace flows in us awakening the nature of the soul that is at present asleep.

As we awaken in Spirit we increase in intuition and joy. It is so simple, just make some time every day

to be with God. A deeper relationship with God makes us more sensitive, more in the heart, capable of feeling and response. New values arise and gradually we fall in love with love itself. God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them. Love is the fruit of practicing the presence of God and giving one's self into the hands of the Lord; surrender is the way to that love.
(Fr Russell)

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—gifts are included in the boxes forwarded to **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** through **MISSION WITHOUT BORDERS**

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



Shirley reminded them they were going out there to praise the Lord, not to kick ass

St James the Least of All



Editor: The Rev Dr Gary Bowness (Parish Pump, UK) continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace', Vicar of St James the Least of All, and his nephew....

On how to baffle the church committee

*The Rectory,
St. James the Least of All*

My dear Nephew Darren,

I was delighted to hear that you have been made chairman of the Missionary Sub-committee; it should help you to hone your skills in appearing to encourage committee members to contribute while ensuring that they only say the things you want to hear. It is a skill that needs not a little practice; democracy only works if all the important decisions have been made beforehand.

However, do remember that sub-committees are only formed in order either to kill an idea stone dead, or to give the chairman of the main committee some time to decide what he wants, since he isn't sure how to handle the issue at that particular moment. I formed a sub-committee in 1999 to discuss Miss Fothergill's suggestion of creating a "water feature" on the Rector's Glebe land, as a way of celebrating the Millennium.

I noted at the time that no one wanted the thing on their own land. It's significant that whenever people suggest some imposing edifice, they always think it will be most appropriate either in the Rector's garden, or in some public place,

well out of sight of their own homes.

While this particular group has been working away tirelessly, and endless masons and architects have been approached, a suitable design has yet to be presented. It looks as if a suggestion will eventually be considered by my hundredth successor as we enter the third Millennium. That is the customary rate of progress for St. James the Least, which I find entirely satisfactory.

The procedure for decision-making is always the same: after enormous effort, the sub-committee will produce a carefully worded report, which will be circulated round all members of the church council. At the next meeting, they will be thanked profusely for all their hard work and the matter will be discussed at great length. It will then be proposed that the final decision will be taken at the next meeting, after everyone has had time to consider the matter more thoroughly. Come the next meeting, the item will somehow fail to appear on the agenda, and when it is raised in Any Other Business, it will be pointed out that it is now far too late in the evening to tackle such an important issue. From then on, you can be assured, it will sink without trace.

Always remember the golden rule: a church committee meeting consists of a body of people waiting to go home.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

Some Observations on Religion in China, Taiwan & Korea



(David and Barbara Peek recently went to China, Taiwan and Korea, and here reflect on their visit).

China: Believe it or not, there are apparently 80 million Christians in China! We didn't see one Christian church. It took 60 years to destroy the entwined belief system of Confucianism, Daoism and Buddhism once communism took hold, but after Mao's death in 1976, belief in communism started to erode. President Xi now hints that he would like to see traditional/ancient beliefs revitalised and China can be saved! We visited many Buddhist temples and shrines in China (185 million people in China are Buddhist), most of which were rebuilt in the last 20 years, and there were queues of people waiting to pray, to show respect and offer flowers, fruit, money etc. Hands together to the forehead in the prayer position, holding a stick of incense (outside only) and bowing 3 times to the 4 points of the compass or to a revered Buddhist figure; quietness and reverence were evident. We stayed with friends in the city of Hangzhou (10 million people). Our friends had worshipped with us at Christ Church. They seem flexible in their beliefs. We heard that in 2012 Christians in Hangzhou were persecuted. China is changing fast. There is choice available to people now and it seems they are deciding how they want to live., even if at times this conflicts with the Party Line.

Taiwan: The government seems to exert less influence, less control, on its citizens than in China and therefore there seems to be flexibility to choose and embrace a variety of religions. We saw a Christian church. (By the way, the South China newspaper stated that China will retake Taiwan in 2020! Jack Wong, who went to secondary school in Taiwan, is concerned about this!)

Korea: Koreans get on with life. Some 33% of the people are Christian and we saw many Christian churches. Again, we visited many other religious buildings. One temple had prayer cushions everywhere. People knelt, or sat and prayed, often from prayer books. There was even a person giving what seemed like a sermon. Temples have the most beautiful gardens, better than we have seen anywhere which indicates how much these places are significant in their lives. We went to the border with North Korea but didn't see any churches!

(Barbara & David Peek)

Bookings Calendar

The Parish Office has a booking diary for the year covering **ALL** bookings of Parish Facilities (Hall, Schoolroom, grounds, & the Church itself), for both Parish functions and outside events. Please check with the Fr Russell, the Wardens and Office **before** you plan your activity, to make sure the space you need is available!



Working Bees at Christ Church

... working bees are usually on the **first Saturday** and the third **Thursday** each month from **9am until noon** on both days... and it doesn't matter if you're not free for all the time, or only on occasional days... come whenever you can! You will be welcome and there **WILL** always be something you can help with!!! ... and it's fun as well!!



THE 5c APPEAL !!

Keep saving those annoying 5c pieces! The Parish is continuing to collect them and they will go towards our mission giving. Bring your 5c collections along to church - there's a collection tin at the main entry to the Church.



Morning tea!!

After the **9.30am Sunday Service** there is morning tea in the North Transept Coffee area... Come and catch up with your fellow parishioners!



Christ Church Saturday Club 2018



Coordinators: Jan/Barbara/David Phone: 5221 4680

The Saturday Club meets usually on the first Saturday of the month, from February onwards. Plans are already underway for activities in 2018... but if you have an idea then contact Jan, Barbara or David (contact details above) and keep watching the Parish Press and the Chronicle for details of the 2018 Saturday Club program!! And keep watching to for the **2018 Film program**—we saw great films in 2017 and 2018 will be even better!!!



All parishioners & friends are welcome. *



... and there were shepherds ...

Luke's story of the birth of Jesus is brilliantly told – the angel's visit to Mary to tell her she would be mother of the long-promised Messiah, the old priest in the Temple told by another angel that his wife would have a son to be called 'John', who would prepare the people of Israel for that event, and then Mary and Joseph making the 60 mile journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, as required by the Roman census. When they got there, no room at the inn, and they settled instead for a convenient stable, where Mary gave birth to a boy child.

Suddenly, Luke changes the tone. 'And there were shepherds ...' – that's what he actually wrote, just like that. 'And there were shepherds', doing exactly what shepherds do, looking after their flocks by night. But this night was different: yet another angelic message – a call to abandon their sheep and go into Bethlehem to see the baby Messiah. They were given directions and a 'sign' to identify Him. He would be lying in a feeding trough. Well, at least they would recognise that.

And why the shepherds, in this glorious story of our salvation? Because the event needed witnesses, and the chosen witnesses would be this bunch of scruffy, smelly shepherds straight from the sheep-pen. Nothing could speak more eloquently of God's purpose than that. This was not a Saviour for the strong, rich and powerful, but for everybody. The carpenter and his wife guarded the Saviour of the world, and the very first witnesses were not kings or priests but a handful of shepherds.

(David Winter - Parish Pump, UK)

Regular Services at Christ Church

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

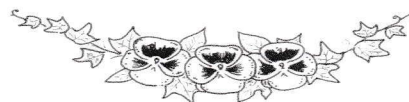
and during the week— **Eucharist** on **Wednesdays at 10am.**

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

Morning Prayer - Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8.30am

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

Children's & Families Service (CAFS) - first Sunday of each month at 9.30am, except in January - but see note on p4 regarding Christmas and January services.



BREKKY @ CHRIST CHURCH

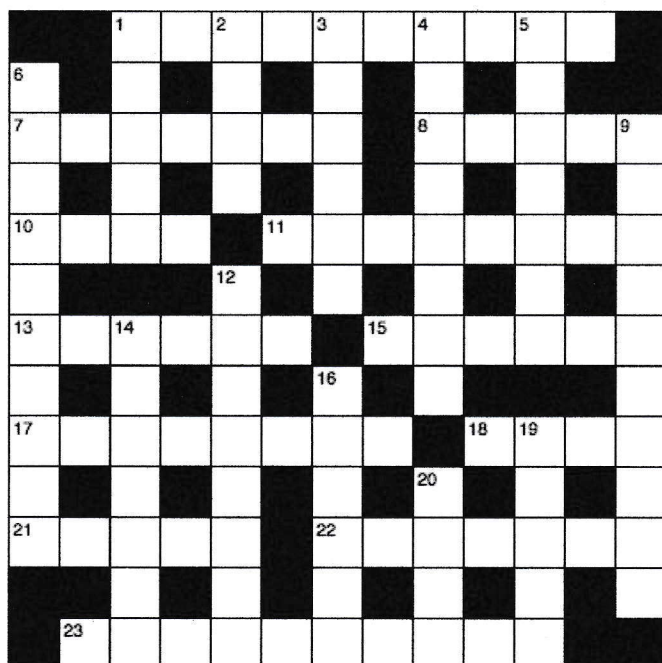
(from Jenny & Les Harrison, & Laurie Christian)

** Parishioner breakfasts continue monthly, with cereals and toast, fruit, coffee and tea - It's a great chance to get together and enjoy breakfast - come after the 8am or before the 9.30am service !!

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



This edition's puzzles !



Across

- 1 He was replaced as king of Judah by his uncle Mattaniah (2 Kings 24:17) (10)
- 7 'Let us fix our eyes on Jesus... who for the joy set before him — the cross' (Hebrews 12:2) (7)
- 8 Relieved (5)
- 10 Impetuous (Acts 19:36) (4)
- 11 Surprised and alarmed (Luke 24:37) (8)
- 13 'It is — for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for the rich to enter the kingdom of God' (Mark 10:25) (6)
- 15 Directions for the conduct of a church service (6)
- 17 One of the acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19) (8)
- 18 and 20 Down 'She began to wet his — with her tears. Then she wiped them with her — ' (Luke 7:38) (4,4)
- 21 'We will all be changed, in a flash, in the twinkling of an — , — the last trumpet' (1 Corinthians 15:51-52) (3,2)
- 22 'But he replied, "Lord, I am — — go with you to prison and to death"' (Luke 22:33) (5,2)
- 23 Third person of the Trinity (2 Corinthians 13:14) (4,6)

Down

- 1 He betrayed Jesus (Matthew 27:3) (5)
- 2 Paul's assurance to the Philippian jailer: 'Don't — yourself! We are all here!' (Acts 16:28) (4)
- 3 'Fear God and keep his commandments, for this — the whole — of man' (Ecclesiastes 12:13) (2,4)
- 4 The sort of giver God loves (2 Corinthians 9:7) (8)
- 5 Sun rail (anag.) (7)

6 Naboth, the ill-fated vineyard owner, was one (1 Kings 21:1) (10)

9 Paul said of young widows, 'When their sensual desires overcome their — to Christ, they want to marry' (1 Timothy 5:11) (10)

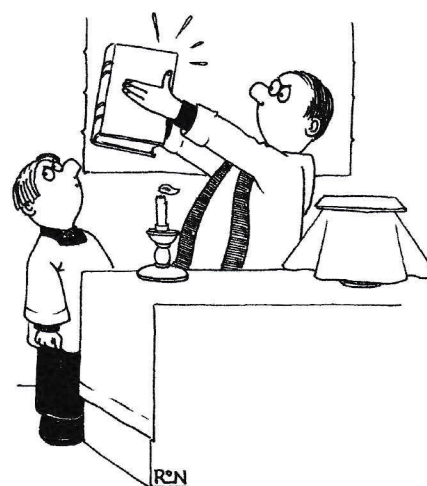
12 This was how Joseph of Arimathea practised his discipleship 'because he feared the Jews' (John 19:38) (8)

14 Mop ruse (anag.) (7)

16 Foment (Philippians 1:17) (4,2)

19 Where Joseph and Mary escaped to with the baby Jesus (Matthew 2:14) (5)

20 See 18 Across



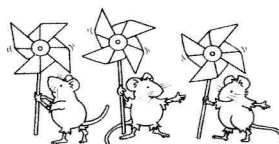
*Fortunately it was a perfect mosquito,
without spot or blemish*

Christ Church Sudoku

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CAFS at Christ Church



(and see the pull-out activity pages in the centre of this edition!)

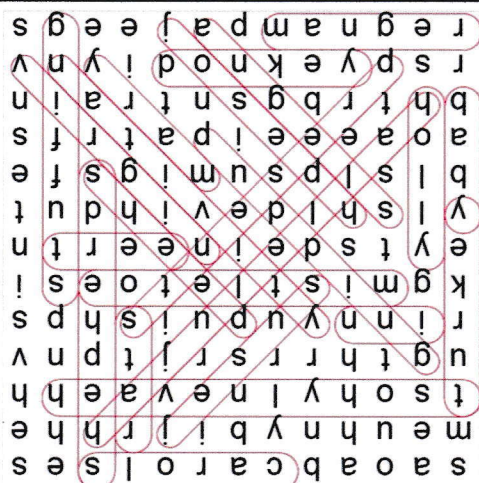
The 2017 CAFS services at Christ Church, held on the first Sunday of each month, finish this year with the Advent and Christmas season. Bring your children (or grandchildren!) along to -

December CAFS—Sunday 3rd December - Preparing for Christmas

December 24 - Christmas Eve CAFS Christingle service (at 5pm)

Join us for these special services... and stay tuned for details of the 2018 CAFS program, which begins on **Sunday February 4th 2018!!**

Word Search Solution (see inset pages!)



Situations Vacant

here's some great volunteer opportunities around Christ Church ...

- **Church sitting** - weekdays 12-2pm
- **Sides persons and welcome** for all services
- **Readers/Intercessors** (Lessons & Intercessions)
- **Assisting with flower arranging** in Church
- **help with maintenance or working bees.**
- **collating the weekly Parish Press**
- **Helping with the Community Meals Program** (breakfast/evening meals)



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

... and Council is also seeking a suitable person to undertake the important role of **coordination & management Hall and facilities bookings for the Parish**—Talk to Fr Russell or one of the Wardens if you feel you could undertake this or any other of these roles for the Parish!

A Prayer at Christmas

Father of all good gifts,

Thank you for the greatest gift of all – your precious Son, Jesus. Thank you that He chose to live with us so that all who trust Him will one day live with you in peace and wholeness.

Help us Father, this Christmas, to keep you at the centre of our celebrations and, in the midst of all the busy-ness and rush, to know your presence and the peace that only you can give. And Lord, may we reflect your love to those who don't yet know that you are real and alive and able to help, whatever their situation. In Jesus' name, *Amen*.



Parish Annual Meeting, November 2017

The Parish AGM was held after the 9.30am Service on Sunday 19th November 2017. The new Parish Council and Wardens were presented (see page 2), and reports were tabled from by the Vicar, the Wardens, The Parish Council, the Community Meals Program, the Resource Centre and Parish Archives, the Parish Stewardship Committee, and the Parish Auditor. A financial statement for the 2016-17 year was also presented to parishioners.

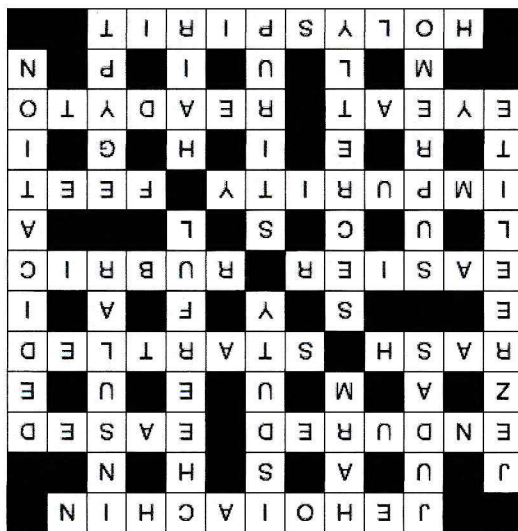
Copies of all the AGM reports are available from the Parish Office. A summary of the key matters presented to the AGM will be sought for a coming Chronicle.

a reminder.....



Throughout the year attendances vary due to holidays, illnesses and myriad other reasons... but please ensure that your pledges remain up to date even if you have been away. The Parish costs continue all year round!

Puzzle Solutions ...(but have a try before you look here!

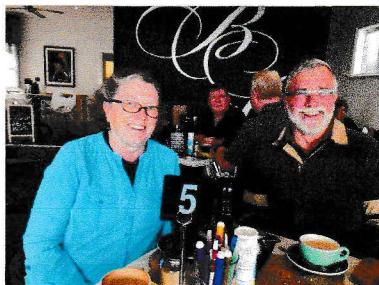


"I'm sorry Michael – even if you HAVE changed your ring-tone to 'Away In-A-Manger', it's still ALL mobiles OFF!"

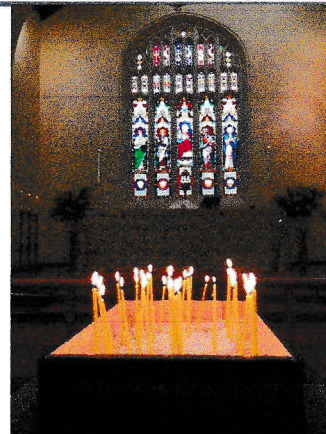
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Travelling with Peter and Sonya

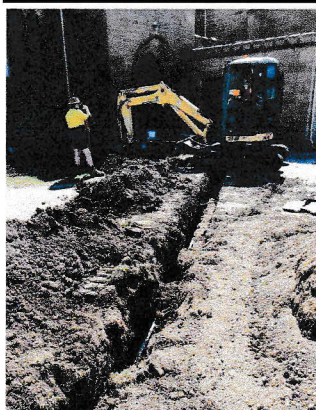
Our dear friends Peter and Sonya Dohnt continue to traverse the continent since they left us in late May (more updates to follow!), but here's a pic of them during a recent flying visit back to Geelong -



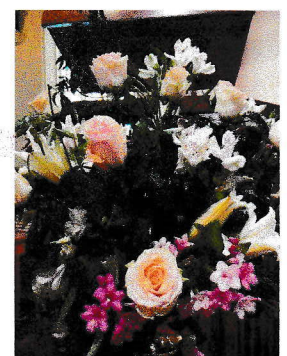
(...you can see that they are only barely coping with the distress of travel and seeing Australia...)



Fr Barry led our worship and preached on All Saints/All Souls Day (Sunday 5th November 2017)



Work is underway installing channels for power cabling to allow external lighting to be installed in the future... and then in the new Year the car parking areas will be re-surfaced!



Memorial flowers for All Souls Day

**THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF CHRIST
CHURCH, GEELONG**

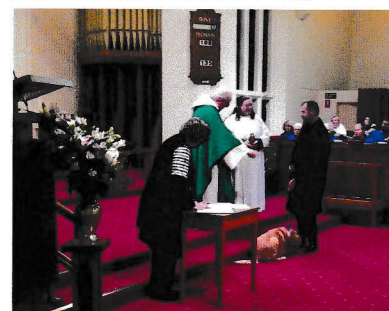
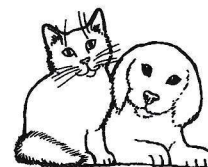


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... and more Christ Church pix



**THE
WEB**



**PARISH
PAGE**

...Have a look at the Parish Web Page!
You'll find lots of details about what's
happening in the Parish - services,
celebrations, parish events, photos... and
lots more!

**Do you use email? We need your
e-address for parish records!**

...another Christ Church!

...of course across the various dioceses around Australia
there are quite a few parishes which are designated as
"Christ Church"... and here's another in an occasional
series....

Christ Church, Echuca

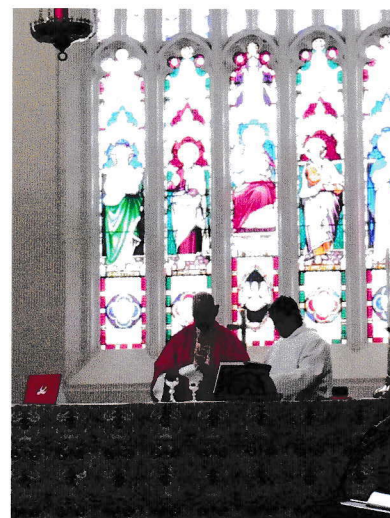


Part of the Anglican
Diocese of Bendigo, and
situated in the middle of
Echuca near the old Port

area, this vibrant Parish is led by Vicar Rev George Hemmings.

You can find out more about our sister Parish at -
<https://christchurchechuca.org/>

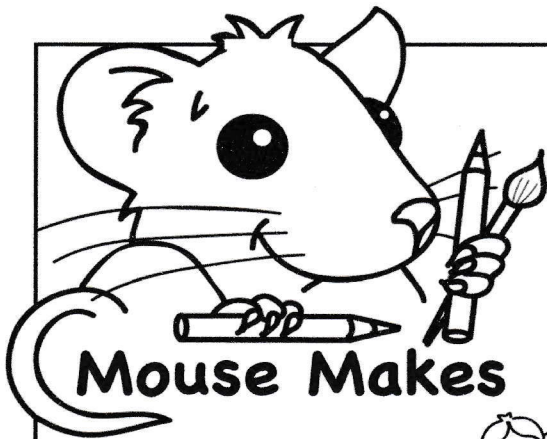
Blessing of the Pets, Sunday 1st October 2017



... and in early November we
welcomed back Fr Russell and
Syama from holidays in Italy



Mouse Makes—December 2017

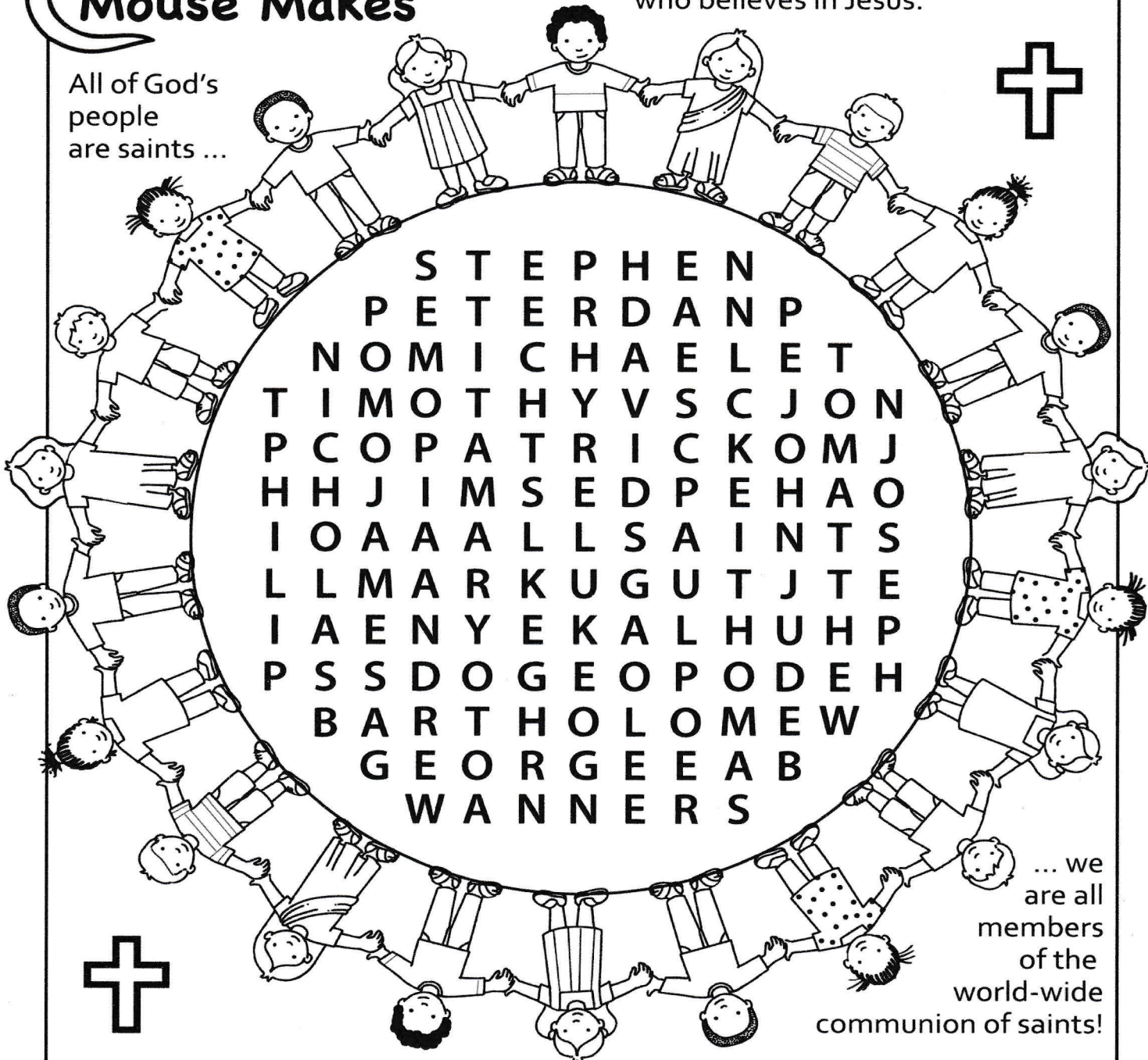
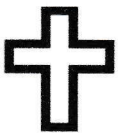


*"To those who are made holy in Christ Jesus, and called to be **saints**, with all those in every place who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours".*

from 1 Corinthians 1:2

The Bible tells us that a SAINT is not just a Christian that we think of as special but *anyone* who believes in Jesus.

All of God's people are saints ...



... we are all members of the world-wide communion of saints!

Can you find these saints names in the word search above?

GEORGE • ANDREW • DAVID • PATRICK • MARY • JOSEPH • MATTHEW • MARK • LUKE
JOHN • PETER • THOMAS • JAMES • JUDE • BARTHOLOMEW • PAUL
TIMOTHY • PHILIP • STEPHEN • NICHOLAS • MICHAEL • ANNE • ALL SAINTS

Mouse Makes -

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Genesis chapters 41:46 - 45:28

Joseph: sold by his brothers, taken to Egypt,
now in charge of the stored food as famine
spreads through Egypt, and beyond...

Joseph's father sent 10 of Joseph's
brothers to Egypt to buy food.



Joseph saw they did not recognise him.
He wanted to see his little brother Benjamin.

To prove you are
not spies, you must
bring your other
brother to me...



They needed more
food so they had
to take Benjamin
to Egypt.



Joseph gave them food...



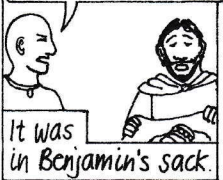
but to test them he
had his cup put in Benjamin's sack.

Then as they
went home...



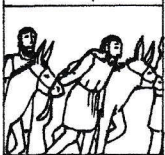
Stop!

You have stolen my
master's special cup.



It was
in Benjamin's sack.

The servant
took them back
to Joseph.



You are a thief and
must stay as a
slave.



But Judah said



It would break our
father's heart. Let
me take his place.

Joseph saw that his brothers had
changed.



I am your brother Joseph. You
sold me but God sent me to Egypt.

I can look after you.
Come and live with me.



So all of Joseph's
family moved
to Egypt.



FIND ALL THE ↓ WORDS!!!

s a o a b c a r o l s e s
m e u h n y b i j r h h e
t s o h y l n e v a e h h
u g t h r r s r j t p n v
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We're in the countdown to Christmas! Christmas cards, shopping, school nativity plays, carol concerts, ordering the turkey, wrapping presents, bringing home the Christmas tree.... all in preparation for the big day itself! How many Christmas related words can you find?

baby tree Jesus nativity shepherds
angels donkey sheep inn Mary
virgin joseph manger Star hallelujah
heavenly host turkey holly presents
Mistletoe stuffing pudding carols

Can't find them all? There's a solution on p10!

COLOUR ME IN!!!

