

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

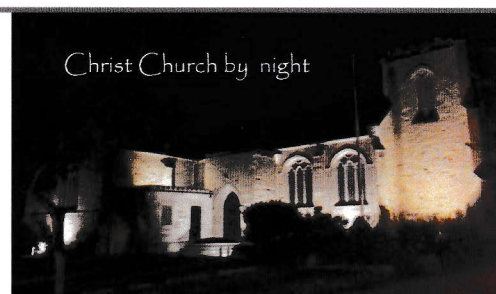
The Vicar
WRITES

Celebrating
175
YEARS

Dear friends in Christ.

We have arrived at another Advent—that holy season meant for preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ. We celebrate and give thanks for Christ's incarnation over 2000 years ago, we look for his coming again and especially for his manifesting in our own hearts. Loving devotion attracts the Lord and real devotion begins with humility. Humility allows us to be grateful for what God has given us, and allows us to be respectful to others. Saint Francis praised the Lord by saying that the Son of God descended from heaven's heights into our misery to teach us by word and example what humility is.

We may look back over the year and consider all the things we could be grateful for. How have we grown in love for God and each other? What might we have done better? Have we struggled to find forgiveness in our hearts for ourselves and others, and have we become more embittered with others? Advent is a time where we may be encouraged to ask ourselves these questions and be honest with our answers. We can trust that the Lord is very forgiving and tolerant, and won't hold it against us if we admit we are not without fault. Indeed, the Lord is very pleased if we are honest and self-aware. Guilt is not a helpful feeling and may have negative effects on us if we allow our minds to dwell on a sense of guilt too much. It is important to expect the Lord's mercy and forgiveness, though we are weak; at the same time we should strive to treat others well and remember that God dwells in the heart of everyone as the Supreme friend and guide. With this in mind let us love the Lord God with all our hearts, souls, minds and strength, with fortitude and wisdom and



Christ Church by night

Christmas at Christ Church



Sun. 16th December

7pm—Carol Service—Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve 24th December

5pm Families and Children's Service

10.30 pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

8am & 9.30am Eucharist

compassion.

Advent is also a time for looking forward to Christmas and to relishing the birth of the Christ Child in the humble manger, entering the story and becoming a part of it.... imagining the wonder of the shepherds who saw the angelic host. The Lord's activities are spiritual and exist in eternal time, so when we remember them and meditate upon them we enter into those very scenes and deepen our understanding of them. The happiness of devotional life is not limited; it is ever new joy everlasting, no saint will ever exhaust the ever-new bliss of the love of God. The happiness one may derive from God's love is the greatest wealth, the pearl of great price and the best gift you could bestow on yourself and others.

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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

At Christ Church Geelong we have a wonderful balance of seeking to love and worship God and to then serve others in our community through the Meals Program and food parcels. The outreach efforts of our many volunteers are tireless distributing compassionate gifts every day of the year. We have a lot to be thankful for—a beautiful church, a great Meals Program and a wonderful group of dedicated individuals to (by God's grace) keep it all going.

I pray we all have a rewarding Advent and a safe and happy Christmas for all our families and loved ones. May the Lord of all being bless us in every way with His unconditional love.

Fr Russell

The Christmas Bowl

Envelopes will be given out during Advent and available at Christmas services.

We are asked to set aside what we would spend on Christmas dinner as a gift to the needy in the world - and there are many!



Advent



WINTER WOOLLIES & OTHER WONDERS MARKET

is on **SATURDAY**
25TH MAY 2019
9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

The Market has a number of benefits -

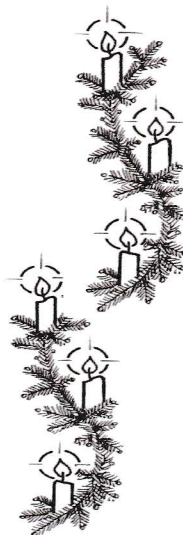
- It makes money for the Parish
- It utilizes the gifts of the many talented people across the Parish
- It is an opportunity for Parish community
- ...and, very importantly, it allows Christ Church to showcase itself to the wider community.

How can you help? We need -

- * **Raffle prizes** * **Small glass jars**
- * Attractive tins for the 'BOTTLE STALL'
- * **Items to go into the tins**
- * **Surplus craft items**, including wool
- * **Cash donations for any paid advertising**
- * and lots of good ideas!!!!!!

...and this is just before the actual day!! If you can assist with any of the above please speak to Ruth - 0425 785 694

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from the Parish Registers...
September to November 2018

Baptisms at Christ Church

10th November 2018 - Charlotte Johnson (parents Mel and Glen— see photo on p11)

Marriages at Christ Church

1st October—Joanne HOVINGTON and Jamie SCOTT

Funerals from Christ Church

11th September 2018—Bruce HINCKFUSS



Reason, Feeling & Intuition

Pure reason and pure feeling have an intuitive quality; most people have developed intuition to some extent but we need to learn how to trust our gut feelings and learn to follow them. As we develop our power of reason that also becomes more intuitive. Reason and feeling both come from the Spirit of God within us; everyone can learn to more keenly listen to the still small voice of calm that is the guidance of God.

When we allow moods or emotions to upset us we lose our sense of intuition; we become less creative and our joy may disappear. Its very easy to get caught up in anger or jealousy and hatred, and when we do we burn out our nervous system and lose our calm. Usually it means we have let situations or people get our goat. We need to learn to take a step back and let our anger or destructive mood subside before we speak harmful words or try to retaliate against whatever it is that has upset us.

Sometimes we do something wrong or offend someone else and we drown out our intuition by feelings of guilt. Saying you are sorry and being willing to admit we are wrong can quickly cure the guilt that we feel. It is important to keep lines of communication open and not focus on personalities. If we see fault in others it usually means we have the same fault in ourselves. That's why Jesus said remove the log from your own eye before you try to remove the splinter from someone else's eye. God forgives us but we also need to forgive. Blessed are the merciful for they shall receive mercy.

Confession to God is part of our daily walk with the Lord, and it is impossible to deceive God. We must be honest with the Lord and ask for the power to forgive, offer all our hurt at His feet, and pray to be healed. Remember the words of Jesus from the cross - *Father forgive them for they know not what they do*. If we appeal to the Lord and meditate on His tenderness and love, that love will flow into our hearts and we will be able to feel that we are a child of the Lord.

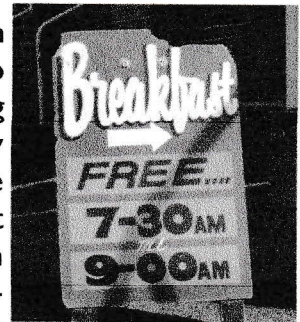
The Lord can give us wisdom to deal with any situation and that will come as intuition. The Lord will direct us in such a way that we may develop our power of reason and stay calm even in difficult situations. Most of all we must pray that our love for the Lord and for all God's children increases. That will lead to pure reason and pure feeling that will never leave us and will transform our hearts so they become truly Christ like.

(Fr Russell)

the Christ Church Community Meals Program— an Update

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the Parish for the corporate support of the Meals Program. Most recently this has been by supporting the *Give Where You Live Brown Paper Bag Appeal* (raising \$344). We are very keen to support *Give Where You Live* as our program has already been the recipient of a \$5000 grant to provide fresh fruit for breakfast, and more recently we were awarded a grant of \$4160 to cover the cost of milk for a year.

Another area in which you have helped so much has been providing items for the emergency food cupboard – these are placed in the basket near the front door each Sunday. Some parishioners have opted to very generously provide money so we can purchase when items are on special – this all helps so much.



As you are all aware the Meals Program operates totally on donations and with the sole assistance of volunteers (from the church and the wider community) so support from the community is so important – we even had the pleasure of receiving \$1000 from the Geelong Orchid and Indoor Plant Club– one of our Hall hirers!!

We have just completed a 'catch-up' session run by Barwon Health on *Mental Health First Aid* and funded by the Melbourne Anglican Benevolent Foundation – this has proved so valuable in helping the smooth running of the program.

Like other similar organisations we are finding costs are increasing and donations are not so readily available - so each contribution is more precious than ever.

On average we provide over 1000 breakfasts each month and almost 1000 evening meals, with onsite volunteers together working around 400 hours per month. (Jan McGowan)



In case you haven't
heard....

In mid September Alan Howarth
celebrated his 87th birthday!



... and 75 years ago, at the 100th
Anniversary of Christ Church in
October 1943, Stan Hannam was
confirmed at Christ Church by
Bishop Donald Baker. At that

time, Rev Peatt was the Christ Church Vicar!

...whilst in September Shurlee Swain
AM attended Government House in
Melbourne where she was presented
with the Order of Australia (Member
in the General Division—AM) by the
Governor Linda Dessau. Shurlee's citation reads
"For significant service to education, particularly
through comparative social history, as an academic,
author, and researcher, and to the community."



Congratulations



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....**



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) * **February to December**

Morning Prayer - Tuesday and Thursday mornings
at 8.30am * **February to December**

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

**Children's & Families Service (CAFS) - first Sun-
day of each month at 9.30am, except during January.**



PEACE ON EARTH

Psalm 23

(Suggested by Judy Munro)

By Revd. Ron Williams (1940-2003) Indigenous Bush
Pastor

My big fella boss up in the sky is like the father Emu.
He will always look after me and take me to green
grass,
and lead me to where the water holes are full and
fresh all the time.

He leads me away from the thick scrub and helps me
keep safe from the hunters, dingoes and eagles.

At night time when I am very lonely and sad, I will not
be afraid, for my Father covers me with his feathers in
the middle of my enemies.

In hot times he makes me sit down in a cool shade and
rest.

He gives me plenty of love and care all of my life
through.

Then I will live with my big fella boss like a father emu
that cares for his chicks in good country, full of peace
and safety,

For evermore and evermore.

Amen

.... and a more contemporary suggestion by Naomi
Wolfe, Indigenous researcher and teacher at ACU....

A Thanksgiving for Australia

A prayer by the Revd Lenore Parker, Indigenous
Anglican priest

God of holy dreaming, Great Creator Spirit,
From the dawn of creation you have given your
children the good things of Mother Earth.
You spoke and the gum tree grew.

In vast deserts and dense forest, and in cities at the
water's edge, creation sings your praise.

Your presence endures as the rock at the heart of our
Land.

When Jesus hung on the tree you heard the cries of
your people, and became one with your wounded
ones: the convicts, the hunted, and the dispossessed.
The sunrise of your Son coloured the earth anew,
and bathed it in glorious hope.

In Jesus we have been reconciled to you, to each
other and to your whole creation.

Lead us on, Great Spirit,

as we gather from the four corners of the earth;

Enable us to walk together in trust, from the hurt and
shame of the past into the full day which has dawned
in Jesus Christ.

Amen.



Remembrance Day 2018

This year marked 100 years since Armistice Day, the end of World War I. As the chaplain for the Geelong RSL and the Nashos I am asked to say a prayer, the *Lord's Prayer* and read the poem *Flanders Fields* every Anzac Day, Remembrance Day and any other day that commemorates something honoured by the RSL. I willingly offer my service because I admire the people involved with the services, and also because I believe it is the ethos of Christ Church Geelong to reach out to the community and be an integral part of it.

At the service I sat in the podium with politicians, the RSL MC, a choir and this year Denis Walter who sang "We are Australian" and "Advance Australia Fair". I met Denis and his wife and I was very impressed with his strong baritone voice and his gentle nature. It was a great community event and the Cashmores, Kennedys and Freijahs were among those from Christ Church Geelong who attended. Many people thanked me for my prayers wherein I always pray for our servicemen and women past and present, our police, fire fighters and ambulance workers, who sacrifice so much to keep us safe.

The next day amongst my visiting I went to see Merle Hamilton at White Haven Nursing Home. She was sitting at a table with a group of other women, enjoying a game of UNO (cards). I mentioned my attending the Remembrance Day service at Johnston Park and all of the women present had very interesting stories relating to World War I. None of them were alive during the First War but they had fathers, uncles or other relatives who had taken part in that war, or female relatives who helped back home to run farms, tend to the poor, nurture widows and basically kept the community running despite the absence of men. It was so interesting and it struck me how special and wonderful these women were who also played their own part in the Second World War.

Each woman had her own story, war time medals handed down and a sense of pride at what had been achieved in Australia by the women who had been left behind, often widowed and yet committed to not only keep the nation on track but to build it as well. Here they were in a nursing home gathered together to have a little fun, and so happy to share their experiences that have contributed to their sense of who they were. No one is unimportant or insignificant. We



Diary dates

NOTICES

Sunday 3rd February 2019— Start Up Sunday (and the 5.15pm Eucharist on Sundays, and Meditation, Healing Services and CAFS resume)

Sat 30 March 2019— first Cats home game

Friday 19th April—Good Friday

Sat 21st April—Easter Day

Sat 25th May 2019—Winter Woolies and Other Wonders Market !!!! **see P.2 for more details!

....put these dates in your diaries now!

...and don't forget the 2019 Social Club activities, and the 2019 Film Nites—watch the Parish Press for details!!



Post Christmas Festivals

Sunday 26th December - St Stephen's Day

Sunday 5th January - the Feast of the Epiphany

Sunday 2nd February - the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (*Candlemas*)



are not this material body, and our body growing old or infirm does not make us less of a person than when we were young. We are not what we do; we are beings and always loved by God. To be united with God we must understand the truth of the integrity of every individual, completely independent from what we do - rather, eternal beings, made in the image of God.

According to our capacity we carry out our duty to serve others, but there comes a time in our lives where we are unable to perform as we once could, but that doesn't make us less of a person. Meeting these sincere and wonderful women at the nursing home reminded me of the integrity of these women who are all mothers, grand mothers and great grand mothers, who sometimes may feel a little forgotten or insignificant because they too may evaluate their worth on what they do or what they are no longer able to do. The pastoral care extended from our Parish is very important and this Remembrance Day reminded me that it is a vital part of our outreach into the wider community.

(Fr Russell)

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 ...

On two wise men, one three-legged sheep and a tipsy tree

*The Rectory
St James the Least*



My dear Nephew Darren,

It really is time to get some new figures for the crib. After a series of accidents over the years, we are now down to two wise men, only two shepherds, and one three-legged sheep that only remains upright if it is leaning against a shepherd.

Joseph, having been obliged to stand outside the shelter of the stable for the last four decades, is now comprehensively veneered with bat droppings. In a rather desperate effort to enlarge this rather frugal cast, Miss Timmins hit on the idea of introducing characters from the children's Easter garden. This would have all been very well if both sets of figures had been to the same scale, but we now have the shepherds apparently being threatened by two ten feet rabbits.

One of our local farmers - I am sure very kindly meant - donated far more straw for the stable than was necessary. Our decorators, refusing to let his generosity go to waste, used the lot. The result is that Mary and Joseph stand up to their waists, looking as if they are being engulfed by a straw snow drift. The crib, along with baby Jesus, has disappeared entirely. The latter is not entirely to be regretted, since no one can now see that Jesus has no nose and only one arm, the result of

one of our children dropping Him on the floor at last year's Crib Service.

I am sure your ecologically appropriate Christmas tree made of re-cycled dustbin liners will be much appreciated by your congregation, knowing that they are saving the planet for future generations. We however remain traditional, with a tree always donated by the local squire from his estate, even if it is at the cost of adding another degree to global warming. Not only does it look more fitting, but it gives the cleaners something to do on twelfth night, as they sweeps up several hundredweight of pine needles.

I sometimes wonder if it is entire coincidence that the tree is always delivered by the estate staff on a day when there has been torrential rain in the area. Carrying it into church up the aisle makes it look as if the parting of the Red Sea has unsuccessfully taken place inside St. James'. The major problem every year is getting the wretched thing to stand upright in the sanctuary. It takes so long that I sometimes feel it would be quicker to re-align all the church pillars to the same angle as the tree itself.

Last year's decision to have tree lights which flashed in succession was not a success. Those members who stared at them for too long while singing carols tended to fall over - although I suspect that Major Crump's inability to remain upright at the midnight Service was for rather different reasons. Not using flashing lights this year, the Major will have to find a different excuse.

Your loving uncle, Eustace



Marvellous words from Dom Gregory Dix on the Holy Eucharist

Fr Barry Smith quoted from the words below in one of his sermons in August, and Judy Munro thought parishioners might like to read the words again....

"THROUGHOUT ALL AGES, WORLD WITHOUT END -

Was ever another command so obeyed? For century after century, spreading slowly to every continent and country and among every race on earth, this action has been done, in every conceivable human circumstance, for every conceivable human need from infancy and before it to extreme old age and after it, from the pinnacle of earthly greatness to the refuge of fugitives in the caves and dens of the earth. Men have found no better thing than this to do for kings at their crowning and for criminals going to the scaffold; for armies in triumph or for a bride and bridegroom in a little country church; for the proclamation of a dogma or for a good crop of wheat; for the wisdom of the Parliament of a mighty nation or for a sick old woman afraid to die; for a schoolboy sitting an examination or for Columbus setting out to discover America; for the famine of whole provinces or for the soul of a dead lover; in thankfulness because my father did not die of pneumonia; for a village headman much tempted to return to fetich because the yams had failed; because the Turk was at the gates of Vienna; for the repentance of Margaret; for the settlement of a strike; for a son for a barren woman; for Captain so -and-so wounded and prisoner of war; while the lions roared in the nearby amphitheatre; on the beach at Dunkirk; while the hiss of scythes in the thick June grass came faintly through the windows of the church; tremulously, by an old monk on the fiftieth anniversary of his vows; furtively, by an exiled bishop who had hewn timber all day in a prison camp near Murmansk; gorgeously, for the canonisation of S. Joan of Arc—one could fill many pages with the reasons why men have done this, and not tell a hundredth part of them. And best of all, week by week and month by month, on a hundred thousand successive Sundays, faithfully, unfailingly, across all the parishes of Christendom, the pastors have done this just to make the plebs sancta Dei—the holy common people of God."

...see also <http://ltxanglican.blogspot.com/2005/05/marvellous-words-from-dom-gregory-dix.html>

MEDITATION— HELP & HELP

I'm going to write about two things - HELP & HELP.

First, if we want to grow in wisdom and love and understanding we must recognise that we **MUST** be dependent on GOD. We cannot go it alone. We must surrender control. We must acknowledge that we could never be in control. No matter how much we may not like it. We must realise that we **NEED** God's help. We are like children. We need to acknowledge that we always, always need GOD'S help. Ideally we wouldn't blow our noses without seeking GOD'S HELP.



Now.... THE OTHER HELP I WANT TO WRITE ABOUT....

God stands at our door knocking, waiting and hoping that we will listen and invite Him in. It is an extraordinary thing that the most powerful being in our universe of billions of stars in each of billions of galaxies does not impose herself on us. God waits and she waits for us to open the door. That opened door allows God to reveal awesome power.

That help that we desperately need flows freely from God's perfect beautiful LOVE. All we need to do is listen for the knock and open the door for that love to flow. Of course we need God's help to do this.

MEDITATION helps us to listen for the knocking and helps us to open the door for divine love to flow into us. That divine LOVE has the power to remake us, to transform us into the Children of God.

An After thought:

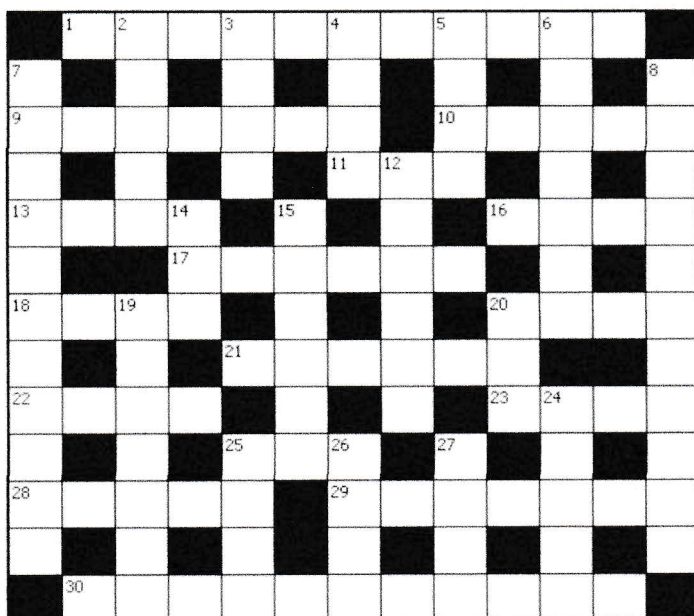
I was brought up to believe I needed to stand on my own two feet. I must be in control of my own destiny, my own life, myself, be self reliant! Be a man! I now know that for a Christian that is foolishness. We may obtain power, position, wealth, prestige in the world but in the scheme of things beside the power of God they are not worth even a can of beans.

(Richard White)

Morning tea!!



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



Across

1 and 20 Down Lord of all ..., Lord of all..., whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy (11,3)

9 Moses' question to a fighting Hebrew labourer: Why are you ... your fellow Hebrew? (Exodus 2:13) (7)

10 Acclaimed cellist who contracted multiple sclerosis at the height of her fame, Jacqueline ... (2,3)

11 At even ... the sun was set, the sick, O Lord, around thee lay (3)

13 A descendant of Gad (Numbers 26:16) (4)

16 Do not leave Jerusalem, but ... for the gift my Father promised (Acts 1:4) (4)

17 Clambers (Jeremiah 48:44) (6)

18 Peter's response to the Sanhedrin questioning: We must ... God rather than men! (Acts 5:29) (4)

20 Christian paraplegic author, artist and campaigner, ... Eareckson Tada (4)

21 Bird partial to the nests of other birds (6)

22 Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat ... (Matthew 13:2) (2,2)

23 Infectious tropical disease (4)

25 Tree (3)

28 No fear of me should ... you, nor should my hand be heavy upon you (Job 33:7) (5)

29 For example, to Titus, Timothy, Philemon? (7)

30 Week beginning with Pentecost Sunday, according to the Church's calendar (11)

This edition's puzzles !



Christ Church Sudoku

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Down

2 O Jerusalem, how ... I have longed to gather your children together (Matthew 23:37) (5)

3 Way out (4)

4 Exhort (Romans 12:1) (4)

5 Done (anag.) (4)

6 Highest of the four voice-parts in a choir (7)

7 Concerning the study of God (11)

8 Uniquely, it has Abbey, Cathedral and Chapel (11)

12 Admonish (Matthew 16:22) (6)

14 Frozen (3)

15 Established form of religious ceremony (6)

19 Inscription often found on gravestones (7)

20 See 1 Across

24 Behaved (Joshua 7:1) (5)

25 Time (anag.) (4)

26 Lists choice of meals (4)

27 For the wages of sin is death, but the ... of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus (Romans 6:23) (4)

Bookings Calendar

The Parish

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

Footy Parking News



As reported to the AGM, Footy Parking in 2018 raised \$6,205 for no effort beyond greeting footy fans for a couple of hours before each home game – it's easy! In 2019 the Cats have 9 home matches, and the Footy Parking Team can always use a few extra members... why not join the team if you have a couple of hours spare before one of the Home Games? You'll be very welcome!

Christ Church Social Club 2019



Coordinators: Jan/Barbara/David Phone: 5221 4680



The Saturday Club meets usually on the first Saturday of the month, from February onwards each year. Many great activities have been planned for 2019... but if you have an idea then contact Jan, Barbara or David (phone number above) and keep watching the Parish Press for further details of the plans for 2019!! and don't forget to watch for news of the **2019 Film program!!!**



Situations Vacant



There are always great 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.3)
- **Assistance with Footy Parking** (see p.8)

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

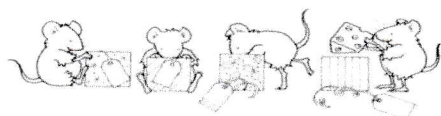
a reminder.....



... attendances vary at times through the year due to holidays, illnesses and lots of other reasons... but please ensure that stewardship envelopes stay up to date even if you are away. Parish costs continue all year round, whether we see you on Sundays or not!

Working Bees at Christ Church

..working bees are held on the **second Saturday** and the **Thursday 12 days later**, each month, from **9am until noon** on both days... and it doesn't matter if you're free for only part of this time, or only occasionally... come when you can! You will be welcome and there **WILL** always be something to do!! ... and it's fun as well!!



News from your Parish Council, & the APM



.... The reports presented to the Annual Parish Meeting ("APM") on Sunday 18th November are available at the Parish Office. Of particular note from the items mentioned at the APM are -

- ♦ Major organ refurbishment has been completed (approx. \$32,000) - see article on p.10 and photos on p.11;
- ♦ asphaltting of car parking area around the church completed;
- ♦ church external lighting installed;
- ♦ Window restoration and protection is under-way - south transept window is under repair, after which focus moves to the north transept window, followed by minor works on others, & installation of poly-carbonate screens to replace the wire screens (on the lower main lancets, not the upper lunettes);
- ♦ Full financial statements are available from the Parish Office;
- ♦ Planned giving through the envelope system and the Anglican Development Fund has fallen over the past year, resulting in a \$6000 shortfall in anticipated income to the Parish, but through extensive fund raising and several donations the financial position of the Parish is sound;
- ♦ In 2018 to date there has been only one wedding, but two are due in December;
- ♦ There are 129 members on the Parish Roll as presented to the APM (but 174 individuals/families are on the Parish Mailing List);
- ♦ A *Music Report* was presented to the APM by Winton Barry, and one on the *Resource Centre* by Jonathan Harvey.
- ♦ Judy Staples will take over the CAFS Coordinator role in 2019, as Darryl Patterson begins training for the Police Force.

Please speak with one of the Wardens or Parish Council members if you have any questions about any Parish matters. **The members of the 2018-19 Parish Council are shown on p.11.**

Puzzle Solutions

...(but have a try first!)

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Keep watching the Parish Press for details of films to be shown at **Film Nites** next year



...see Jan, David or Barbara if you have suggestions More great films will be scheduled in 2019!!

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 5c coins! Bring your 5c coins along to church - a collection tin is at the main Church entry.

Report on the 2018 Organ Rebuild

This year is a landmark one in the history of the Christ Church pipe organ, with the first major restoration since the rebuild of 1962 being accomplished through September/October by Australian Pipe Organs of Melbourne. The 1962 rebuild cost £8,418, and the current rebuild \$32,150 – money well spent as the organ was very run-down, but it is a fine example of 19th Century organ building, enhanced by the very high quality work of Hill, Norman and Beard in 1962, and so well worth preserving to continue providing the Christ Church congregation and visitors with beautiful sounds, well into the future.

I personally observed some of the work being done on site, including the removal and return of the large timber pedal pipes and the electro-pneumatic motor which operates the swell-shutters. which had to be taken to Melbourne for restoration and repair. This latter motor has barely functioned in my 6 years at Christ Church, but now can provide the full “swell” of sound needed at the end of powerful hymn verses, final verses, and in loud pieces of music.

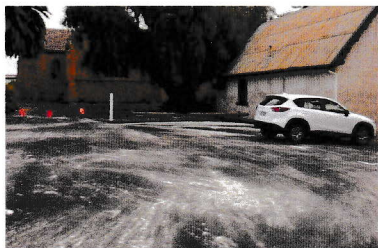
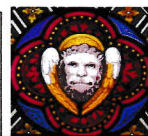
Previous urgent restoration during my time here has included the restoration of the pedal board (the keys played with the feet), which was completely worn down with use. This was done in 2014 at a cost of \$3,800. The two manuals have now also been refurbished, as the white keys were badly worn, and noisy – but new felts have fixed this.

The current refurbishment has also included complete emptying out of the organ chamber to remove decades of dust and grit from all pipes and from the chamber itself, the “voicing” of all pipes (many were not sounding properly), and the making and installation of a large dust cover over the Great Pipes – the Swell Pipes are enclosed in a chamber with shutters, keeping them relatively dust free. The new dust cover will also act as a soundboard, and so enlarges the volume of the Great Pipes. In addition, the noise made when the Tremulant was operated has been fixed.

There is still an important job outstanding – the bellows which maintain the airflow to the pipes are rather badly split, but the builders have patched them and say they will last for about 10 years more, and fortunately we have a very good electric blower which is still in good condition. Both St Paul’s and All Saints churches in Geelong have recently rebuilt their organs, and in both cases have had to replace the organ blower.

I have expressed my desire for a Solo Trumpet stop, to enable trumpet solos to be played with the proper sound; at present I have to make up a substitute sound for this type of music using every loud stop on the Great. According to the organ builders there is room in the Chamber, and they have a good Trumpet Rank by Hill, Norman and Beard in their workshops. The costs of installation would be about \$15,000; this would be a very effective addition to the organ if funds become available. However, as a result of the rebuild to date all parishioners and listeners should notice a clearer, more even sound, particularly on solo stops, and should notice more power when needed (for instance, at the Christmas services) – and the organ is certainly more satisfying to play. *Winton Barry (Organist) 15 Nov 2018*

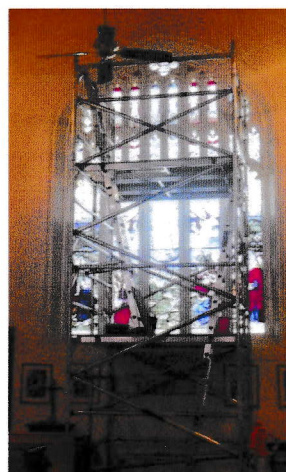
...some exciting recent changes ... new exterior lighting... re-asphalted car parking areas... window repairs... & organ restoration



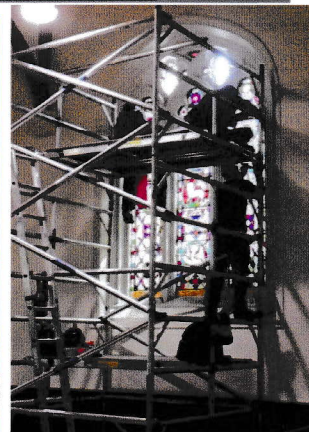
Re-surfacing of the car parking and paths from the McKillop entry to the Parish Hall,



Charlotte Johnson—
baptised at
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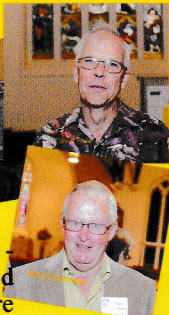
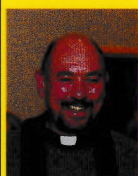
Cleaning and repairs to several of the stained glass windows



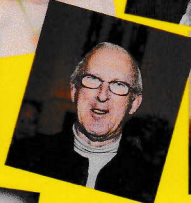
New exterior lighting to the Church—see also pic on P.1



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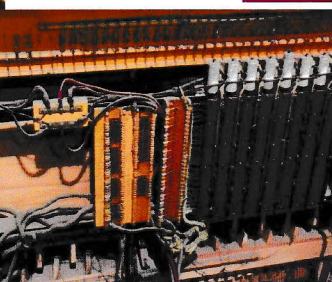
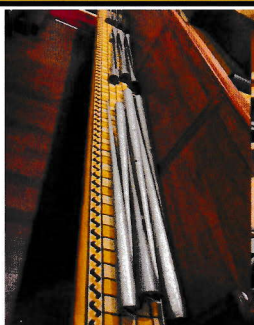
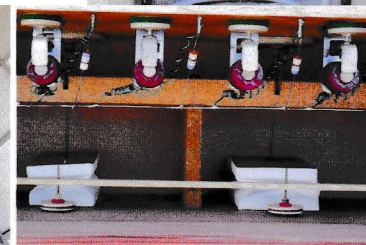
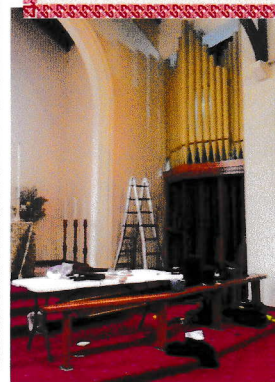
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Prue Fidge, Kathy Tierney,
Mandy Tannouri, Pat
Peacock, Jan McGowan &
Bruce Twaddell



THE ORGAN REPAIRS, OCT-NOV 2018 (and see Winton's article on p10 at left)



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The Parish Web Page

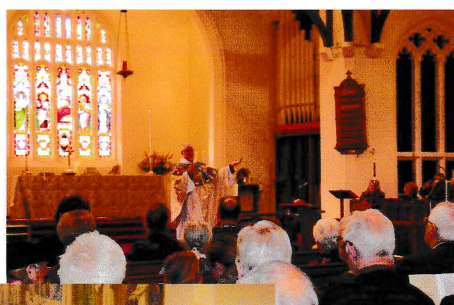
...Have a look at the Parish Web Page! You'll
find it at—

<https://christchurchgeelong.org>

...lots of details about what's happening across
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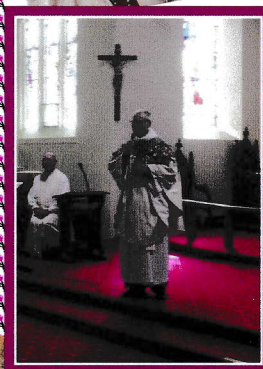
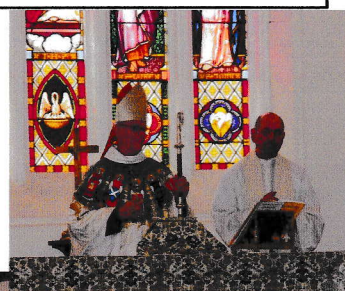
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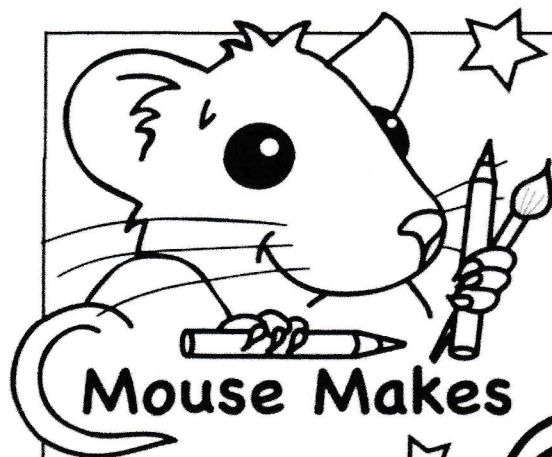
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Celebrating
Christ Church
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YEARS



... more Christ Church pix

**Celebration Service for the 195th Anniversary of
the Laying of the Foundation Stone
7th October 2018**





Mouse Makes

HAPPY
CHRISTMAS!

Read the Christmas
story in Luke 1:1 - 2:21

When Mary gave birth to Jesus she wrapped him in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger. There were shepherds in a field nearby looking after their sheep. An angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them and they were terrified. The angel said, *"Do not be afraid! Listen carefully, I bring you good news! Today your Saviour has been born, He is Christ the Lord."*

Then an army of angels appeared praising God. When the angels left the shepherds hurried to Bethlehem, found Joseph and Mary and saw the baby lying in a manger.



A picture to colour for Christmas

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Mouse Makes... and not just for kids!

