

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 Christ,

It is wonderful to be able to address you as your vicar here at Christ Church Geelong. I feel very fortunate to be able to serve alongside such sincere servants of the Lord. Our wardens, parish councilors and volunteers do a fantastic job, put in a lot of time and effort to meet the many demands of the parish. Support them please, in any way you can, and you will reap eternal blessings from the Lord. There is no servant more dear than the one that is attentive to serve the needs of those dedicated to the service of God.

A faith community may thrive if those in it have a deep understanding of the life of faith and devotion. We serve the Lord directly by hearing about Him, glorifying Him, remembering God, offering the Lord prayers, worshiping Him and serving those

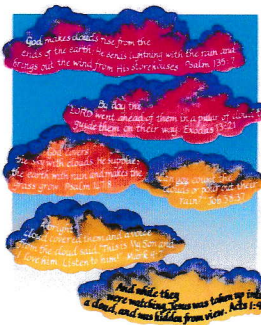
who have dedicated their lives to the Lord. Even if one is unable to render service personally, by supporting the Lord's servants with offerings, or even to think well of the servants of God, will bring spiritual benefit. Jesus said those who receive a prophet receive a prophet's reward, & those who receive a saint receive a saint's reward.

On the other hand we display resentment to God if we resent those dedicated to God. Appreciating devotion itself and practicing devotion enables one to appreciate those who possess devotion. Those who oppose servants of the Lord oppose the Lord, as Christ said if they hated you it's because they hated me first and He who

sent me. The most intimate servant of God then, is one who is the servant of God's servants. Such a person who is friend to those of faith has reached the level of being God's personal intimate friend.

Our parish is strong and alive because we have many members who take service to the parish and the people of

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Christ Church Parish Council

The 2017-18 Parish Council (as at May 2018)



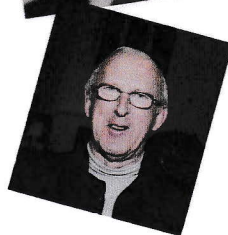
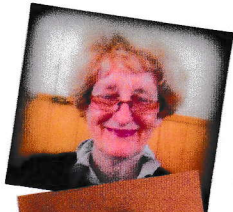
Fr Russell Trickey



Don Patterson (Vicar's Warden)



Wardens—David Peek & Barry Cashmore



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

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

faith in it very seriously. In the eternal world God is like a king surrounded by His courtiers, ministers, secretaries, and friends. When the Lord came here He performed His ministry in the company of others who grew in love and intimacy with Him. A parish directly represents the Kingdom of God and those in it have the opportunity to grow into and live the eternal life. We experience the Lord here as we gather around His table, worship him and serve one another, nourished by God's love.



It's winter again, a time when many people find it hard to come to our earlier services. I pray the Lord protects the vulnerable among us. Let us be attentive to those who become ill and extend a caring hand to them. Thanks to everyone who helps or attends and supports our parish. We can't even imagine the eternal benefit we receive by growing in the love of God; it is inconceivable. Whatever we can do to help each other to grow in the love of God will be accepted by the Lord as the most intimate service, and will please the Lord.

May God bless all of us forever.

from the Parish Registers...
March 2018 to May 2018

Funerals across the Christ Church Community

William (Bill) HEHIR—7 March 2018

Gregory Wayne ELLIS—13 March 2018

Betty FLANDERS—3 April 2018

Helen SYKES—buried 19 April 2018

Jan CONSTANCE (wife of Fr Andrew) died 11th May and was buried from Christ Church on 21st May.



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 a day and time.....



a reminder.....

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



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 **before** you plan your activity!



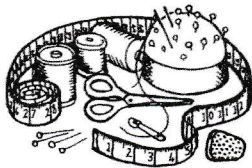
Seek the recognition of God

Some Diary dates & Reminders!!

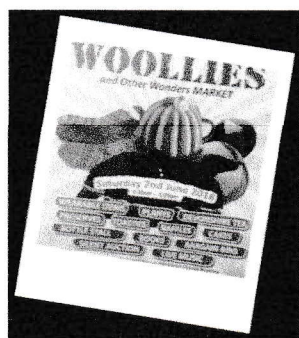
....put these in your diaries now!

Christ Church Social Club - see the 2018 details on p.8 and watch the Parish Press for details.

... but don't miss the Social Club on Saturday 9th June when Rev Rosemary Maries will speak on her recent work in Cambodia (and see article on p5)



....and the Film Nites are continuing! The next is on Monday 18 June when another great film will be shown in the St Mary's Theatrette (cost \$15 including supper). See Jan for tickets (and watch the Parish Press for details of coming movies on for July to December 2018)



.....and on Saturday 2nd June—the 2018 Winter Wool-
lies & Other Wonders Market
(9.30-am to 1.30pm)

* Watch the Parish Press for more details and news—but tell everyone you know !!

Meals Thanksgiving Service Tuesday July 10, 7pm

On Sunday 15th July the Savoy Singers will present an Afternoon Concert at Christ Church—watch the Parish Press for details, but come along and bring your friends!

Confirmation Service with Bishop Philip Huggins
Sunday July 22nd at 9.30am. ... the confirmees are
Nigel and Gabriel Leek.

...and on Sunday 7th October the parish celebrates its 75th Anniversary - with ABp Philip Freier,
Celebrant & Preacher at the 9.30am Service.

In this world it is natural to want to be liked; no one wants to be despised by others. Yet unfortunately many people have made bad decisions in their lives that have alienated them from family and loved ones. This often happens when young people want to fit in and be accepted by their peers. If the peers are a bad influence a good child may become entangled in bad activities just to be accepted. It is so important for young people to develop a positive sense of self and be strong enough to resist peer pressure.

For adults there is also strong pressure through the media to conform to many things our hearts may not sit comfortably with. Many of the suppositions in today's world are based on atheistic notions and seek instant gratification, with no view to the life beyond this one or how actions might affect us in the next life. Life devoid of a concept of God only seeks utilitarian principles at best and relies on the survival of the fittest... bad luck if you're not in the dominant category.

Life is not a competition if one seeks a spiritual way, but the way of non-devotional life is very much a competition, a dog eat dog existence. The spiritual way is to seek the recognition of God and be loyal to that which is truthful. If we are loyal to the truth we may not always be in line with the general consensus of modern life, but we will be at ease with our conscience. With God.

We are what we are in the sight of the Lord and no more, said Saint Francis, and our devotional life will benefit from us being honest enough with ourselves to recognize that we need to be with God enough that the Lord may purify our hearts. That is the main reason why regular spiritual or religious practice is necessary; we need to be purified. Jesus said to Peter..."unless you allow me to cleanse you, you may have no part in me". To be purified means to be attuned to Spirit and this is possible by the Lord's grace. Just being with God allows the Lord to purify us,

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because God is supremely pure
and is quite capable of cleansing us and transform-
ing us into His own likeness.

Although the Lord is unlimited He is conquered by sincere loving devotion. The Lord's burden is light and God is very kind and tolerant. Even a little effort can please the Lord very much, and so there is great hope in a life of faith. Devotion is the one offering that tempts God. The Lord is not moved by all the rich gifts of the world because everything belongs to Him anyway, and yet the Lord is pleased by any simple offering that is made with a loving heart. Love is the key and God is the infinite reservoir of love. Come close to God and God will always stay close to you.

Therefore it is much more important to seek the recognition of God and please the Lord with sincere devotion, than to rely on the approval of others who may have no sense of the divine at all.

(Fr Russell)

Heritage Month 2018

*As Parishioners may be aware, Christ Church was open to the public on four consecutive Sundays in May, as part of Heritage Month in Victoria. On the final Sunday (20th May) more than 50 parishioners and visitors were entertained by music presented by **Winton Barry** (organ) and **Lucy Saunt** (violin), and joined in singing favourite hymns.*

Helping with flowers

If you would like to help with 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....

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



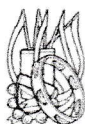
Regular Services at Christ Church

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

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

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

Morning Prayer - Tuesday and Thursday mornings
at 8.30am **Healing Services** - 2nd & 4th Wednes-
day of each month, at 7.30pm



News from your Parish Council



.... Parish developments that
parishioners might be interested
in -

Church Windows— The Wardens and Parish Council are progressing the repairs and cleaning of the stained glass windows of the Church. A sum of \$35,000 is being used for this purpose. Once restoration of the Newton Window in the Nave is completed, attention will turn to the next window for repair. The restored windows will also be protected with external screens.

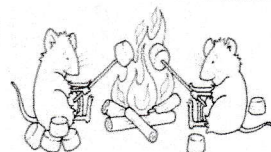
Asphalting of the car parking areas— The contractor has at long last given 29th May as the proposed date for commencement of the sealing work for the car parking areas, with the usual caveat "Weather permitting". It is hoped that this time we will see the work go ahead to completion. The plan is to re-asphalt all the parking areas on the McKillop street side and around the rear of the church, and alongside the Schoolroom as far as the Parish Hall.

External lighting. All of the cabling and posts are in place for the installation of a number of lights around the Church building. Installation of the lighting will be undertaken after the asphalting of parking areas and paths has been completed.

Memorial Garden. A formal proposal to establish a Memorial Garden is being prepared and will be sent to the Diocese for approval. If approved the Garden will be situated on the North-East side of the church.

Please speak with one of the Wardens or Parish Council members (see p2 for the Council membership) if you have any questions about these or other matters concerning the Parish.

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!

When the roses bloom.....



There is an old Franciscan legend that tells how one day when St Clare and St Francis were walking from Spello to Assisi, they had great unrest in their hearts, for on the way they entered a house where they had been given a little bread and water. While they were there they had drawn looks of malice from the people, and were forced to endure all sorts of whispering, with jokes and veiled insinuation. So they went on their way in silence. It was winter and very cold; all the land around was covered in snow. Soon it became dark and Francis asked Clare..."Did you understand what the people were saying about us?"

Clare gave no answer; she felt pained at heart and was close to tears. "It's time to part," Francis said finally. Clare then fell on her knees in the middle of the road, then got up and with her head lowered left Francis. The road led through the forest and leaving Francis behind left Clare feeling deep pangs of separation. There is such great comfort in being near a saint whose intimate connection to God fills their being with divine presence. Francis also appreciated the great love for God possessed by Clare, and so he also felt sorry to not have her saintly association.

Clare prayed from the depth of her heart to Francis - "when will we see each other again? In the summer when the roses bloom?" Then something wonderful happened. Suddenly there appeared countless roses all around, on the branches of the juniper bushes and on the frost covered hedges. Recovering from her astonishment Clare rushed up and plucked a bunch of roses. She ran back to Francis and placed them with devotion into his hands. Such is the love between those who have matured in their love for God. A person with devotion to God loves devotion itself and loves those who possess such devotion.

A lover of God not only sees God as their friend but also feels a keen connection with saints both past and present. A lover of God will relish hearing about the activities of saints and will know that God works many miracles through the saints. When we come closer to the Lord we will see our whole life filled with the miracles of grace.

The Lord be with you.

(Fr Russell)

Chum Reap Sour

(Greeting of respect)

- Rosemary Maries



My sincere and heartfelt thanks to all from Christ Church who supported the work of the Australian Collaboration Cambodia team in January this year, both in the form of very generous sponsorship and in prayer and good wishes. We were in Cambodia from January 2nd till 17th. At the invitation of the Cambodian people we worked in several very poor villages. Some of the work included three days shifting clay for the foundations of a new school, two days treating around 400 children for head lice, as well as offering hygiene education, a 'gift bag' containing such items as shampoo, soap, nail clippers and nail brush, toothbrush and toothpaste, and new polo tops. We worked for three days painting the church that is attached to UNACAS Orphanage as well as offering other assistance at the orphanage, where some members of the team have been visiting for 16 years. We also spent two days with the NGO Tabitha and built six houses. Each house costs \$2000 and those who have bought them are asked if possible to save up \$25 through the community saving scheme. However those who can't do this and can only save \$5 are not denied a house. I was one of a team of 14 on the ground in Cambodia, but always aware of being part of a bigger team including the people of Christ Church; many others who donated to the work; and many international teams who continue to offer assistance year round to the poor of Cambodia who have suffered so much in their lifetimes. Many still suffer from post-traumatic stress syndrome as a result of the atrocities of the Pol Pot regime and abject poverty since then, having lost everything. It was a delight to be there working alongside these people, who despite their situation can teach us much in the way of the 'wealth of community', kindness and generosity. Orkun Cherun (Thank you very much).

I will be speaking more extensively, with pictures, at the Christ Church Saturday Club on Saturday 9th June.
(...and see photo on page 12)

Special birthdays in May...



Stan Hannam turned 90 years young on **Friday May 11th**, and **Elizabeth Munro** turned 40 on **May 15th**

Congratulations Stan and Elizabeth!

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 church towers, rock cakes, scaffolding and the merits of confirming bats

My dear Nephew Darren,

We are finally about to start repairing our old church tower. Would that we still paid medieval prices for having it done; there would be a degree of satisfaction in giving the builders a barrel of ale and 10 sheep once the work was completed. I would even be prepared to throw in an Indulgence, sparing them 100 days in purgatory (the architect probably would claim 15% of them for himself).

After several endless jumble sales, coffee mornings - where we were obliged to eat Mrs Jarvis's rock cakes (many of us would have been happier to make a substantial donation to the fund provided we didn't have to eat them) - sponsored events (Mr Peat has yet to return, five years late, from his sponsored cycle ride across the Sahara - but we had his sponsor money collected before he departed) and a substantial loan from the bank that makes the National Debt seem trivial (and has the same probability of being repaid), we are now able to begin. The only sponsored event I regretted not having was paying to have Lady Trotter remain silent for a month - sponsoring her to keep quiet for half an hour would have been pleasant.

We received a substantial donation from a local manufacturer. It was suggested that we advertise their products from the top of the tower - until it was gently pointed

out that they produce nuclear weapons. I would have had no objection; knowing council members possessed such weapons would make discussion at meetings rather brisker.

Scaffolding has now been erected around the tower, with the first 20 feet covered in sheet metal to deter the Young Farmers, after refreshing themselves at their Tuesday meetings in the pub, from trying to see who could be the first to reach the top. Personally, I suspect it is to stop the more athletic members of the Ladies' Guild from attempting the same feat. Some 80-year-olds these days have fearsome energy and determination. Given safety regulations, there is now a security cordon around the tower of about 10 square miles - "Lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone"? These days, a dashed foot would involve court proceedings and damages of several million whatsits.

Inside the church, the organ has been covered in polythene sheeting to protect it. Parish relations were somewhat strained last week when our deputy organist, Mrs Ffrench, during Evensong overheard me refer to the large bag on the organ and got quite the wrong impression.

The greatest inconvenience will be caused to our population of bats, but if it dissuades them from flying into church so much the better. The only other possibility is to get them all confirmed; we will then never see them inside church again.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

WHAT IS YOUR MANTRA?



Lots of people when asked: what is your Mantra would answer - "Do unto others as you would have them do to you".

This is one of the two great guiding principles of Christian life but it is not what I mean when I ask the question: what is your Mantra? What I am asking is — what is the phrase you would repeat in meditation as you try to be more conscious of God?

When I first started mediation Father Russell suggested lots of different words we could use as a mantra - "my God my all", "Maranatha", "come Lord Jesus" are but a few, but none of these is the mantra I now use.

I owe my understanding of God to my grandson Tyler. He was born three and a half weeks premature. He didn't do much at that time. But when I first held him I was hooked! I felt an overwhelming love for him. Being retired and having more time to think I was amazed at this love. Why did I love him so much? He didn't do anything! He didn't do anything for me. He wasn't a friend I could talk to. He couldn't listen to my troubles or offer advice. He couldn't share my sorrows or my joys. He didn't have an intellect I could admire. He didn't say anything profound or funny and yet I felt this overwhelming love. To hold him was - is - a joy.

I wondered where this love came from. Then the thought came to me that we are "made" in the image of God. So I was "made" to love my grandson.

If this is so, then God loves us profoundly. But, where I get tired God is never too tired. Where I need to divide my time, God does not. He always has all the time in the world for each and every one of us. Where my love is imperfect God's love is perfect. But God's love goes further. ... God's love has no hidden agenda. It does not seek to manipulate. It is not conditional. It flows in a never ending stream.

This brings me to the point of why I have a mantra. God wants a close personal relationship with each of us. I have come to believe it is only in that close relationship that I could ever be the person I want to be. Time and time again in my life I have failed. When I was younger I used to think "God's patience with me is going to run out. I can't keep turning up week after week promising

to sin no more and yet come to God the next week with lots to be sorry for."

Now I know that if my imperfections are great, God's love is infinitely GREATER. One thing I did learn early though was that keeping God in your thought helped you. But how could you do that when sometimes on Sunday I was only just outside the Church grounds when once again I fell short.

Then Fr Russell came and introduced us to meditation. In meditation we can be more aware of God's love for us and God's love is very beautiful.

To meditate you do not have to be very clever or intelligent or even patient. You don't need to be "saintly" (after all I meditate!) It may require some persistence, but even here God will help you. Anyone who wants to know God more, have more joy in their life, can meditate. This brings me to why I use a mantra, and why this particular mantra.



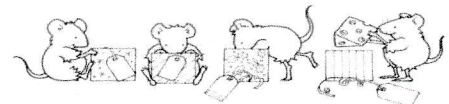
In meditation when I get side-tracked, when my thoughts stray into the mundane, then as soon as I am aware of it I go back to the mantra. I do not waste time condemning myself for straying but remembering the mantra -

"JESUS PERFECT LOVE"

takes my thoughts back to God and reminds me of why I want to be close to God. Then I can know joy and I am happy!

(Richard White)

Working Bees at Christ Church



..working bees are held 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 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!!



Christ Church Social Club 2018



Coordinators: Jan/Barbara/David Phone: 5221 4680



The Saturday Club meets usually on the first Saturday of the month, from February onwards. Many great activities are planned for 2018... but if you have an idea then contact Jan, Barbara or David (contact details above) and keep watching the Parish Press for further details of the events below!! and don't forget the **2018 Film program!!!**

VENUE/ACTIVITY

9-Jun	Presentation by Rosemary Maries on her recent work in Cambodia—in the School-room at 7.30pm ** and see Rosemary's article on p.5 **
7-Jul	Mid-Winter meal at Curlewis (car pool @ church @ 11.30am—contact Bruce/Evelyn)
4-Aug	TBA China/Taiwan/Korea or Pivotonian Film (contact—David/Barbara)
1-Sep	TBA Church windows explained or Refugee Show & Tell
6-Oct	9.00am Breakfast in Eastern Park (or at the Peeks' if weather bad) (contact—Barbara/David)
3-Nov	Raven's Creek Produce Market, Moriac—inc. lunch (Car pool at Church 11am)
24-Nov	Pre-Christmas meal at Brunenzo's Pizzeria (Next to Peninsula Hotel)
1-Dec	Berry Picking @ Penny Royal (Car pool at Church 11am—contact Barbara/David)

*** All parishioners & friends are welcome. ***

MAERSK/MOLLER SHIPPING

.... a true story.



One of the world's largest shipping companies is Maersk/Moller line. Svitzer tugs in Geelong are part of this company.

Captain Peter Maersk Moller was on an ocean voyage with his wife on the SS *Laura* in 1886. She became desperately ill and was thought to be dying. One evening he went out of the bridge of the ship to pray for his wife's life. He asked God for a sign. Looking toward a cloudy sky there appeared a small break in the clouds. A star with six points shone brightly for a short time. Soon after his wife Anna's condition seemed to change and she completely recovered.

Today a star is still painted on every Maersk/ Moller ship's funnel as a reminder of God's love shown to the Captain and his wife, to whom he later wrote saying [he had been] "asking for a sign that I might see in the grey overcast sky, a reminder that the Lord hears Prayers."

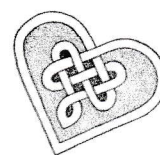
.... another reminder that God does hear our prayers, and answers them according to His will.

....From the history of the company's line and sourced from the "Daily Astoria" edited by Elleda Wilson (submitted by Bill Barber)



...I wonder if I could have a quick word with the flower arrangers at the end of this service...

VARIOUS COLLECTIONS



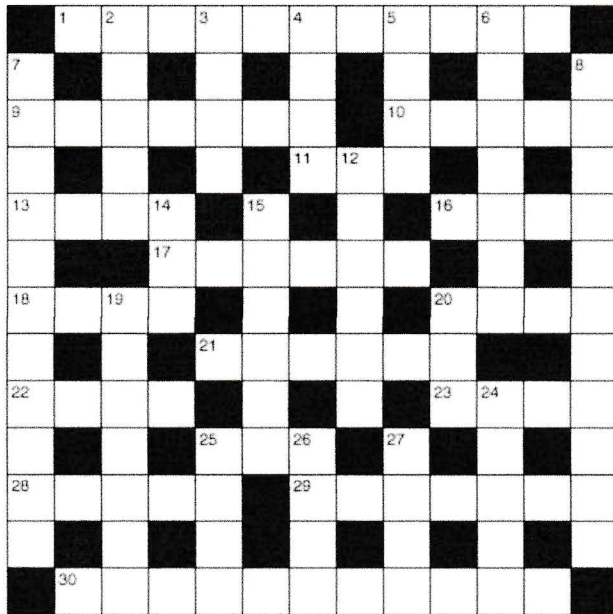
Thank you to everyone who continues to bring along items for the various collections from Christ Church. There are baskets in the Children's Area for the following -

- * **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 watch the weekly Parish Press for special items that are being sought.



This edition's puzzles !



Across

- 1 Overpowered (Deuteronomy 11:4) (11)
 9 'The — are mantled with corn' (Psalm 65:13) (7)
 10 'Each man—a sword to his side' (Exodus 32:27) (5)
 11 On the death of Jesus the curtain in the temple was torn from— to bottom (Matthew 27:51) (3)
 13 Stagger (Isaiah 28:7) (4)
 16 'Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought—and doesn't do it, sins' (James 4:17) (2,2)
 17 Stir up or provoke (Acts 13:50) (6)
 18 Burden (Luke 11:46) (4)
 20 'As far as the east is from the—, so far has he removed our transgressions from us' (Psalm 103:12) (4)
 21 Sign (Luke 23:38) (6)
 22 'After that, Jesus poured water into a basin and began to—his disciples' feet' (John 13:5) (4)
 23 The nature of the seven ears of corn which swallowed up the good ears in Pharaoh's dream (Genesis 41:23) (4)
 25 Has (anag.) (3)
 28 'This is the account of Shem, Ham and Japheth,— sons' (Genesis 10:1) (5)
 29 'I will...make them drunk, so that they...sleep for—and— awake' (Jeremiah 51:39) (4,3)
 30 Paul said of him, 'he often refreshes me and is not ashamed of my chains' (2 Timothy 1:16) (11)

Down

- 2 Worth (Matthew 13:46) (5)
 3 'A bruised — he will not break' (Matthew 12:20) (4)
 4 'Suddenly a great company of the heavenly — appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (4)
 5 Slip (anag.) (4)
 6 'Take an awl and push it through his — into the door, and he will become your servant for life' (Deuteronomy 15:17) (3,4)
 7 Bountiful (2 Corinthians 8:2) (11)
 8 'Therefore, as we have —, let us do good to all people' (Galatians 6:10) (11)
 12 Acquire (2 Timothy 2:10) (6)
 14 Container cover (Numbers 19:15) (3)
 15 'He...became obedient to death, even death on—' (Philippians 2:8) (1,5)
 19 Refrain (1 Peter 2:1) (7)

- 20 'She began to—his feet with her tears' (Luke 7:38) (3)
 24 One who worships Brahma, Vishnu or Shiva (5)
 25 'Give to everyone who—you' (Luke 6:30) (4)
 26 'I lift up my eyes to the hills; where does my—come from?' (Psalm 121:1) (4)
 27 One of those whom the Lord said would be taken from Jerusalem and Judah as judgment on them (Isaiah 3:2) (4)

FOOTY PARKING 2018

The AFL men's season is well under way, and the Footy Parking team is achieving great results even if the Cats aren't always winning on the field! Footy Parking is easy, takes very little time, is a bit of fun, and raises easy funds for the parish... the Parish wins from every home game!



For 2018 the remaining home games are -

- ♦ 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— **Friday 24 to Sunday 26th August**—details of dates/times to be announced

The Team can always use extra helpers - if you'd like to join the team, speak to Phillip Swain or a member of Parish Council - you'll be welcome!

Christ Church Sudoku

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9				3	8		
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8		1	5			9	

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REMEMBERING WW1 AT CHRIST CHURCH

In 1914 Christ Church Geelong was 71 years old, a well established parish, described by Bp James Grant as liberal evangelical. The new Parish Hall had been completed in 1912, and Geelong Grammar School had just left the parish for new grounds at Corio. Over the next five years 187 men would depart the Parish to serve King and Country overseas.

Much has been heard about the appalling loss of life from this parish, and a number of items in the church commemorate these men. Sometimes it is not easy to read the inscriptions, so they are copied here. (*and see photos at RIGHT—on the next page).

The **Bebbington Prayer Desk** in the Children's Chapel near the west door – the inscription says it all—

"IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY HUSBAND / PRIVATE H. BEBBINGTON / WHO GAVE HIS LIFE FOR ME AND HIS COUNTRY / IN THE GREAT EUROPEAN WAR / FEBRUARY 16TH 1917. / THIS DESK IS PRESENTED TO CHRISTCHURCH [sic] GEELONG, / BY NELLIE BEBBINGTON. MAY 1917"

The **Hymn Board** tells a happier story—

"To the Glory of God / And in thankfulness for a safe return from the / GREAT EU(RO)PEAN (sic) WAR OF 1914 / this HYMN BOARD is presented to / CHRIST CHURCH GEELONG / by the Relatives of / Private C.G.HOBDAY, 46th Battalion / Wounded at Bullecourt. April 11th 1917."

The **Altar Cross** in the Chapel in memory of two Botteril brothers was given by their younger brothers. They were cousins of Helen Botteril of All Saints Parish and she has told me that both died of pneumonia, one within days of arriving in Europe, and the other a few days after the signing of the Armistice.

"TO THE GLORY OF GOD / AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF / J.B.B. AND C.R. BOTTERILL, / WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE GREAT WAR. / 14.11.18, 12.5.16"

The marble **Chapel Altar** in the Chapel was rather unusual for its time. Praying for the dead happened in High Church places; others believed that if you had died in the faith you were with God. Other churches usually had a wooden communion table. A stone altar suggests sacrifice, and that is perhaps how the loss of life was seen—the loss of so many young men left such a hole in the lives of those left



behind they felt the need to pray for them. The quotation on the Honour Board in the Chapel reads—

"+ / THIS ALTAR / IS DONATED TO / THE GLORY OF GOD / AND / IN MEMORY OF / WILLIAM ANSTEE / HARRY BEBBINGTON / JOSEPH B. BURGESS / ERIC BURGESS / GEORGE P. DOUGLASS / HARVEY FREEMAN / LEONARD PARKER / STANLEY R. PEARSON / ALFRED PILLEY / NORMAN B. POWELL / RAYMOND WALTERS / WILLIAM WATT / WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES / IN THE GREAT WAR / 1914 – 1918 / "FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH."

The Chapel was set up as a War Memorial Chapel, and today is known as the 'Chapel of All Souls' where servicemen and women and others are remembered. The **Honour Board** is on the wall there, with the Union Jack and the Australian Red Ensign flanking the flags of Allies: Netherlands, Italy, France, Russia, Belgium and Japan. The Board was started in 1915 with names of those who had signed up; more names were added as the war dragged on, so names had to be written in the margins.

"ROLL OF HONOR [sic] / PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH / GEELONG / European War / "BRETHREN PRAY FOR US"/ I THESS. V. 25. 1914-1915." The Inner Section lists 59 names, and the Outer Section 128 names. Some names are annotated "KILLED IN ACTION" (but possibly more died than those annotated here.)

As the Great War drew to a close the Allied and German generals met to decide a date to formally end it and settled on 11 November, being the feast day of the soldier Saint Martin. (Judy Munro)

Keep watching the Parish Press for details of films to be shown at **Film Nites** this year... some being considered are the *Mountain between Us... the King's Choice... Dunkirk... Last Cab to Darwin... The Post... Call me by Your Name....* and more!!!! ...



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.



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



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A Pentecost poem

bird

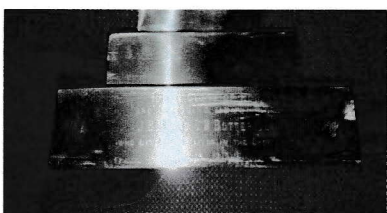
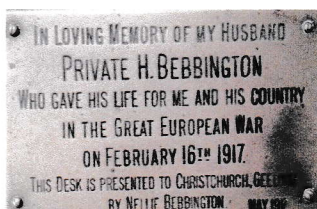
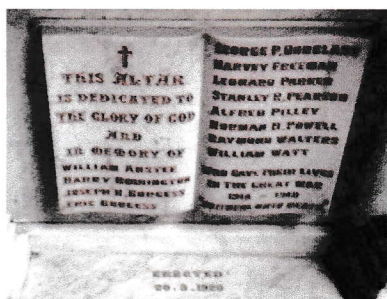
after bird after bird
white and slow

skims with outspread
wings
its own broad arc
around the sky

scything air
like wheat.

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1	6	5	4	8	9	3	7	2
4	8	3	7	2	1	5	9	6
5	7	2	9	6	4	8	3	1
9	4	6	8	1	3	2	5	7
8	3	1	5	7	2	9	6	4
3	1	9	2	4	7	6	8	5
7	2	8	3	5	6	4	1	9
6	5	4	1	9	8	7	2	3



(above) WWI memorial plaques—see article at LEFT



Situations Vacant



There's still some great volunteer opportunities around Christ 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
- Helping Community Meals Program
- (breakfast/evening meals)
- Assistance with Footy Parking (see p.9)

..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 Hall management & facilities bookings for the Parish. Talk to Fr Russell or one of the Wardens if you feel you could undertake any of these roles for the Parish!

TWO VERY SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS !!!!



(above) Norma and Stan Paley celebrated their **60th** Wedding Anniversary on 14th June 2018—they were married at Christ Church on 14/6/1958.



... and on 9th March 2018 Barbara and 'David' Peek (above) celebrated **50** years of married life together! They were married at St Mary's, Blenheim (NZ) on 9/3/1968.

Parking at Christ Church

Most parking spots in the Church grounds are leased out during the week....

...so car spaces will be limited, and please display - a **recent 2017 Parish Press or Chronicle**



BREKKY @ CHRIST CHURCH



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

** Parishioner breakfasts continue on the third Sunday each month, with cereals, toast, fruit, coffee & tea - a great chance to enjoy breakfast together - come after the 8am or before the 9.30am service !!

...a great way to catch up with fellow parishioners!

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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 the Parish - services, celebrations, parish events, photos... and lots more!

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



"Looks like they've introduced contactless payments for their collections."



(Left) Rosemary Maries with family members at the Morning House in Cambodia (see Rosemary's story on p5)



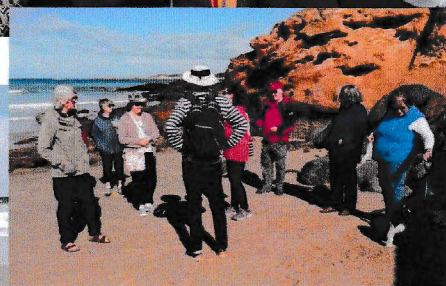
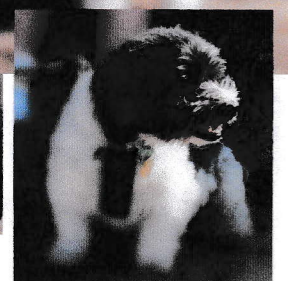
Congratulations

Benjamin Colin Pawlak (right) was born at St John Of God Hospital on 21st February 2018... Mum Jacqui, Dad Paul, and Grandparents Pam & Col Hastings are over the moon with this special new arrival!



.....AND.....

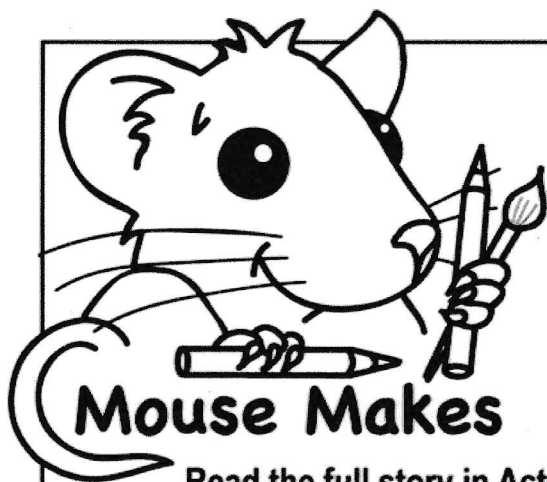
In May 2018 Sarah Peek and Andrew Hawkins, a farmer from Berrigan, NSW, announced their engagement! Congratulations Sarah and Andrew!



Saturday Club outing to Anglesea, May 2018



They had been promised a Celebrity Guest Preacher



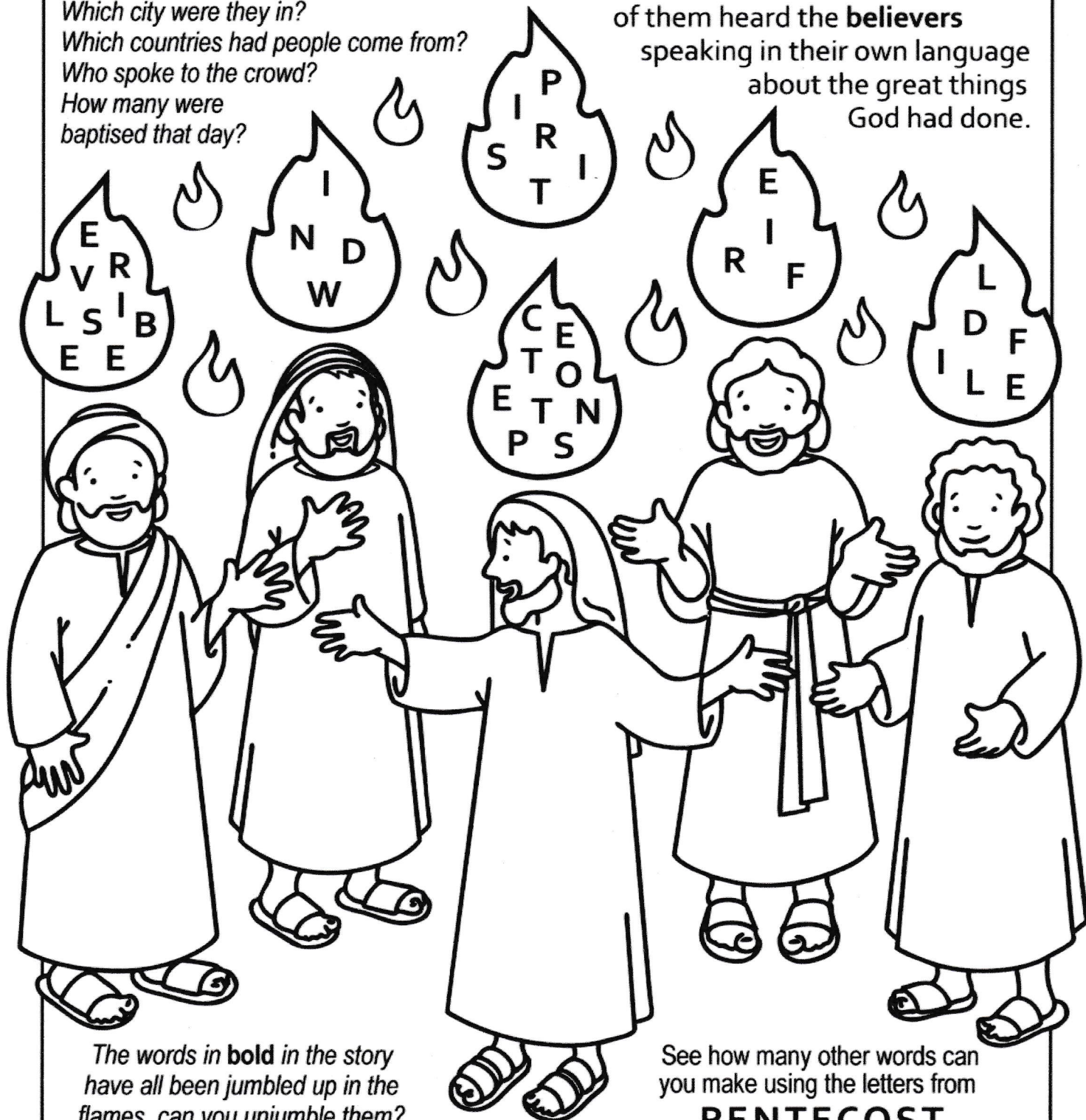
Mouse Makes

Read the full story in Acts 2

Which city were they in?
Which countries had people come from?
Who spoke to the crowd?
How many were
baptised that day?

It was the festival of **Pentecost** and the Apostles and other believers were all together in one place, when they heard a sound like a strong **wind** and saw what looked like flames of **fire** which spread out and touched each person. They were all **filled** with the Holy **Spirit** and began to talk in other languages as the Spirit enabled them.

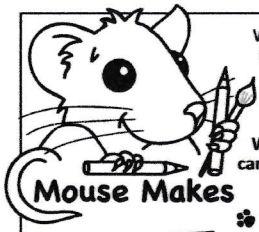
A crowd gathered outside, they were excited and confused because each of them heard the **believers** speaking in their own language about the great things God had done.



The words in **bold** in the story have all been jumbled up in the flames, can you unjumble them?

See how many other words can you make using the letters from **PENTECOST**

Mouse Makes



Which animal did Noah let out of the ark first?

Genesis 8:7

What plague of animals came out of the River Nile?

Exodus 8:6

What insects did John eat in the wilderness?

Matthew 3:4

Which animal can we learn from?

Proverbs 6:6

Which bird did the Holy Spirit appear as?

Luke 3:22

Which animal did Jesus ride on?

Matthew 21:7

DID YOU KNOW?



Four of the miracles Jesus performed were to do with fish.

1. Feeding of the 5000
Matthew 14:15-21

2. The coin in the fish's mouth
Matthew 17:24-27

3. When Jesus called His first disciples
Luke 5:4-11

4. At the Sea of Galilee after Jesus' resurrection
John 21:4-11



DID YOU KNOW?

There are four animals that are small but the Bible says are extremely wise... the ANT, the HYRAX, the LOCUST and the LIZARD.

Look up

Proverbs 30:24-28 to find out why.



Which animal goes with which bible character?

LAMB HOLY SPIRIT
LIONS BALAAM
LOCUSTS JESUS
DOVE JONAH
RAVENS PAUL
BIG FISH SOLOMON
DONKEY DANIEL
BEES ELIJAH
SNAKE JOHN
PEACOCK SAMSON

DOG CAMEL LAMB GOAT
PLIZARD DOVE QNN
FQPEACOCK GOAT
IURAVENUSXDTF
SABULLKSHEEPR
HISNAKETEOEIO
LIONHYRAXRGG

Find the animals in the word search

SHEEP - GOAT - LION - LAMB
DONKEY - RAVEN
SNAKE - DOVE
LOCUST - QUAIL - HYRAX
CAMEL - DEER - FISH - FROG
GNAT - PEACOCK
ANT - OX - LIZARD
DOG - PIG - BULL

COLOUR ME IN!!!



The story of
PENTECOST
Acts chapter 2

FIND ALL THE WORDS!!!

p	e	o	p	l	e	s	i	n	a	i	c
p	r	o	t	e	c	t	a	n	g	r	y
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c	e	o	j	i	b	h	t	m	e	b	r
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forgave
stone
angry
worship
Moses
people
back
slabs

promise
gold
talked
climbed
mountain
Egypt
contract
Aaron

statue
Hebrew
Sinai
protect
fault
God
make
rules

