



*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 at Christ Church.

As you read this Syama and I are almost back from annual leave. Visiting Italy is always a joy for me (apart from the flight) because there is so much to see and so many places connected to the Apostles and Saints. In Padova where Syama is from there is a beautiful Basilica of Saint Anthony. The tomb of the saint is there and the church has a strong spiritual atmosphere.

Padova also has an observatory established by Galileo and one of the oldest university's in Europe. One of my favorite places in Padova is Pedrochi, one of the oldest cafes in Italy. From the outside it looks almost like a small church. Inside it has marble and brass, beautiful furniture and of course many different types of delicious coffee and hot chocolate!

Its always nice to return home and meet again with familiar faces and places. Its easy to be proud of Christ Church Geelong and its prominent place in the Geelong community. That is in no small way due to the dedicated efforts of the parishioners here to provide valuable services to the local community through our worship, the meals program, our food cupboards and our having the church open to the public during the week.

The serviceful attitude of the people at Christ Church reveals their expanded hearts that allows them to share their happiness with

others through compassionate generosity. This is a spiritual quality that counters selfishness and is true mission, expanding the fragrance of the love of God in Christ. It is preaching in action that is rooted in a deep faith in Christ who is always generous and kind.



It is encouraging to think that all over the world there are sincere servants of the Lord who do their best to be instruments of His peace. In our humble way we contribute to the mission of Christ by serving our families, our faith community and the wider community of Geelong. We should never doubt that our

efforts are greatly appreciated by the Lord.

I look forward to serving among you again and benefiting from your love and enthusiasm and generosity of spirit.

May God bless us and keep us.

*Fr Russell*



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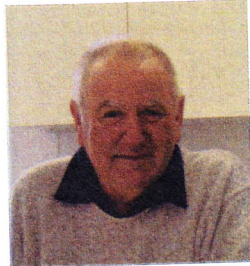
*We at Christ Church acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and in particular the Wathaurong people, as the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which Christ Church and its buildings now stand; and we acknowledge our gratitude that we share this land today, our sorrow for the costs of that sharing, and our hope that we can move to a place of justice and partnership together.*



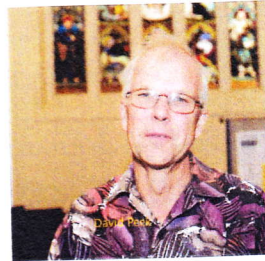


## Who are our Council Members?

The 2015-16 Parish Council (as elected/nominated at the 2015 Parish AGM) is -



**Col Hastings**  
Vicar's Warden



**David Peek**  
(Warden)



**David Osborne**  
(Warden)



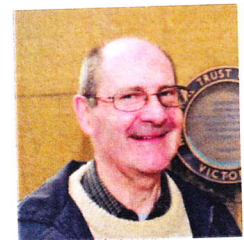
**Evelyn Twaddell**  
(Council Secretary)



**Peter Dohnt**



**Pat Peacock**



**Don Patterson**



**Sue Wong**



**Prue Fidge**



**Joy Baxter**



**Jan McGowan**

## Celebrations and festivals... ... and some diary dates & reminders...

Monday 20th June Parish Film nite - *The Chef* - starring Scarlett Johansson, Dustin Hoffman and Robert Downey Jr, Come and join parishioners and friends, at the St Mary's Theatrette, from 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets \$15 including a yummy supper! ..... and watch the Parish Press or see Jan McGowan for details of later film showings in 2016, and to get your tickets!



Monday 11th July 7.30pm - Thanksgiving Service to acknowledge the work of volunteers, supporters and donors to the Christ Church Community Meals Program

Saturday 16th July - Christ Church Winter Cabaret and Dinner - in the Parish Hall, with Ron Sudden as the principal entertainer. Watch the parish press for more details and ticketing arrangements - but mark your diaries now!

..and see the Social Clubs plans and dates listed on p7!!!!  
.....and watch the Parish Press for details of other celebrations and Parish events!





## SAY A PRAYER #1

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away. "Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer." said his mother. "I don't need to," the boy replied. "Of course, you do." his mother insisted. "We always say a prayer before eating at our house." "That's at our house." Johnny explained. "But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook!"

## The Bible in 50 words

God made	David peaked
Adam bit	Prophets warned
Noah arked	Jesus born
Abraham split	God walked
Joseph ruled	Love talked
Jacob fooled	Anger crucified
Bush talked	Hope died
Moses balked	Love rose
Pharaoh plagued	Spirit flamed
People walked	Word spread
Sea divided	God remained.
Tablets guided	
Promise landed	
Saul freaked	

- anon



## Prayer for peace in Syria (and elsewhere)

How long, oh Lord? How long?  
 We have been crying to you for peace in Syria;  
 for an end to killing and despair, an end to  
 hostilities on all sides. We thank you for the  
 current cessation of hostilities and pray it may  
 turn into a long lasting peace.  
 We cry to you for humanitarian aid to reach  
 those most in need.  
 We beseech you for the rebuilding of ruined  
 homes, businesses and communities.  
 We long for the repairing of the breach and  
 the restoration of streets where your children  
 may dwell in harmony.  
 We cry out that justice, truth and love may  
 prevail for all the people of Syria.  
 We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace,  
 Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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The Parish Office is open on **Thursday**  
 mornings from 9-12 noon.

We are especially blessed at Christ Church that, during the absence of our Vicar Fr Russell (who in May-June took some annual leave to travel to Italy with Syama), our worship and congregational life is led so enthusiastically and well by Rev Jenny Dunn, Rev Barry Smith, Rev Rosemary Maries and Rev Roger Wood - **thank you so much Jenny, Barry, Rosemary and Roger!**



## 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! !!



## 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 8am & 10am.**

**Meditation** every Tuesday from 7-8 pm (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, commencing at 9.30am (in the Parish Hall), **NOTE** - these CAFS services are NOT held in January each year.





## Have you heard....????

Our congratulations and prayers are with **Mandy Tannouri**, who in March 2016 received her Licence from the Bishop to be-a Licensed Lay Worker in our Parish (see photo on p12)

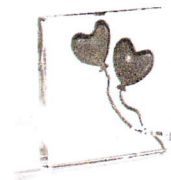
... some of you may have missed the announcement in the February edition of the *Melbourne Anglican* - but **Rev Judy Pollard** - a former parishioner with her family, at Christ Church - was appointed Archdeacon of La Trobe whilst continuing her appointment as Priest In Charge at Westmeadows/Bulla.

... on 26th March **Rae and Jim Medlock** celebrated their 56th Wedding Anniversary, having been married in East Perth in 1960, whilst on Easter Day this year (27th March) **Jenny and Les Harrison** celebrated their 45th Wedding Anniversary ("Sapphire") - congratulations Rae and Jim, and Jenny and Les, and may there be many more anniversaries still to come!

On 16th April **Natalie Brennan** celebrated her 21st! Congratulations Natalie!

May was a special month for **Ruth and Laurie Christian** as on 1st May their son-in-law **Rev. Colin Oakley** (husband of Anthea) was inducted as Priest in Charge at the Parish of Western Port in East Gippsland. The Parish has 3 locations - Koo Wee Rup, Lang Lang (where the vicarage is) and Corinella - with the sites shared with the Uniting Church. Rev Colin attends at two of these locations each week, throughout the year.

May was also a special month for several parish families - on 11th May **Jenny Harrison** celebrated her 66th birthday, and on the same day **Stan Hannam** turned 88 years young! Congratulations Jenny and Stan!



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

## THE 5c APPEAL !!

Keep saving those annoying 5c pieces! The Parish is continuing to collect them - and this is now part of our Advent Appeal. Bring your 5c collections along to church - there's a collection tin at the main entry to the Church.



"See you back here again for her wedding?"

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



.... from the Parish Registers and across our worship community  
- March 2016 to May 2016

### Baptisms

Connor Totton - 1st May 2016 (parents Melissa and Adam)

### Confirmations (on 10th April 2016 - Bp Philip)

Zahla and Jhiah Barker, Claire Cowland and Daniel Lavelle

### Marriages

16 April 2016 - Fiona and Troy



### Funerals

**Ruth Baglin** died 19th April 2016 and her service was held at Crawfords' Chapel on Friday April 29th.

**Brenda Upfill**, wife of parishioner Frank Upfill, died on 22 February 2016, and her funeral was at St Cuthbert's Grovedale on February 19th.





## God is the source of all beauty

What are your favorite places to visit? Think of the things you consider to be the most beautiful and inspiring and imagine how beautiful the author of those things is. I love the Great Ocean Road; it contains some of the most beautiful coastline I have ever seen. To look out at the horizon where the ocean meets the sky is to get a glimpse of the infinite. This is especially true when you approach Apollo Bay from the Forest side. As you come down the hill the sea looks so high and at times its hard to tell what is sky and what is sea.

The times when I have really connected with God allowed me to experience such great joy and a sense of wonder and beauty that is hard to describe. The Lord is so infinitely pure but not in a nasty moralistic way. In meditation there have been times when I haven't felt too much and other times when I have received wonderful grace from the Lord. Anyone may experience this because our soul and the Spirit of God commingle together in this body temple, the Lord is in us and we are in the Lord. Spirit is never divided and yet we are individuals, a unique expression of God.

You can get this sense by sitting and resting in the Lord who is the very life within us. The reward is so great. It takes a little patience and certainly it takes practice to be still but it is not that difficult and becomes easy in a short time. I remember as a kid in school we had to sit quietly before assemblies every day and in chapel there was no way we could talk freely. We had to be still and quiet. It was a great discipline and I am grateful that we had the chance to learn that. I don't know if schools still practice these things but it would be a shame if they don't.

One of the great gifts we get from spending silent time with God is our worry and anxiety decrease. We become more in control of our emotions and experience an increase in calmness. Time with God in stillness helps us to see our way out of troubles and to think more clearly that we might see the actual cause of our worry and root it out. When the mind is calm the sense of God's presence may be felt and the Lord can lead us through whatever difficulty presents itself.

Our contact with God leads us to see the Lord as the beautiful reality. The Lord is beautiful and His plan for us is beautiful. We may see the Lord in all things and within the hearts of all people if only they could stop for a moment and be alert to God's loving presence.

God is the source of all beauty and the greatest

treasure, the pearl of great price. God is love and love is perceived as joy. An openness to God's love allows us to see God's beauty. This tasting of the beauty of God is ever new and ever fresh; it increases for ever and never becomes stale. Once on the path of the love of God we never get off it. The Lord will lovingly guide us into all wisdom and the eternal realms.

Fr Russell



## BREKKY @ CHRIST CHURCH

(from Jenny & Les Harrison, & Laurie Christian)

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

In most months brekky is on the **3rd Sunday**, but watch the Parish Press for details of dates!



## Parking at Christ Church

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

...so although there will **usually** be a **small** number of spaces available for parishioners coming to Parish activities on weekdays, the spaces will be limited, and please display -

**a copy of a recent 2015/16 Parish Press or Chronicle**

## Helping with our 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....

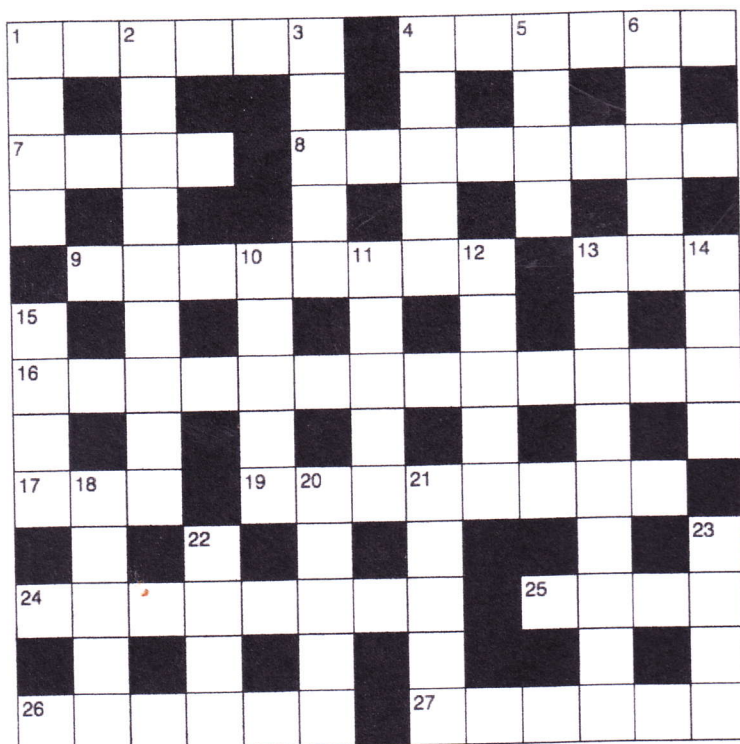
...speak to **Jan McGowan** if you would like more details!







# Biblical Crossword... see how you go !!!



## Across

- 1 One who owes money, goods or services (Isaiah 24:2) (6)
- 4 'A good measure, pressed down, — together and running over' (Luke 6:38) (6)
- 7 Continuous dull pain (Proverbs 14:13) (4)
- 8 This bread contains yeast (Amos 4:5) (8)
- 9 'But take heart! I have — the world' (John 16:33) (8)
- 13 And the rest (abbrev.) (3)
- 16 What Paul was accused of by Tertullus, the high priest's lawyer, in his trial before Felix (Acts 24:5) (13)
- 17 Rap (anag.) (3)
- 19 Founder of the Jesuits in 1534 (8)
- 24 'For where your — is, there your heart will be also' (Luke 12:34) (8)
- 25 The first word written on the wall during King Belshazzar's great banquet (Daniel 5:25) (4)
- 26 'We all, like sheep, have gone —' (Isaiah 53:6) (6)
- 27 One was given in honour of Jesus in Bethany (John 12:2) (6)

## Down

- 1 'The blind receive sight, the lame walk, the — hear, the dead are raised' (Luke 7:22) (4)
- 2 Conduct (Colossians 1:21) (9)
- 3 In the Catholic and Orthodox traditions, the body of a saint or his belongings, venerated as holy (5)
- 4 'Like a — of locusts men pounce on it' (Isaiah 33:4) (5)
- 5 Very old (Genesis 44:20) (4)
- 6 In Calvinist theology, one who is predestined by God to receive salvation (5)
- 10 How Nicodemus addressed Jesus when he visited

him one night (John 3:2) (5)

11 Sea (Psalm 148:7) (5)

12 'I will — you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever' (Psalm 145:1) (5)

13 One of the groups of philosophers that Paul met in Athens, who disagreed with his teaching about the resurrection (Acts 17:18) (9)

14 Barred enclosure (Ezekiel 19:9) (4)

15 'Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in — with the Spirit' (Galatians 5:25) (4)

18 Cares (anag.) (5)

20 Garish (Ezekiel 16:16) (5)

21 'So God said to Noah, "I am going to put — to all people"' (Genesis 6:13) (2,3)

22 Just (2 Corinthians 6:13) (4)

23 'The — of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge' (Proverbs 1:7) (4)

## THE PARISH WEB 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!

## Christ Church Sudoku!

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

## 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 Office **before** you plan your activity, to make sure the space you need is available!





## CHRIST CHURCH SOCIAL CLUB - Proposed 2016 Program


**Coordinators:** Jan/Barbara/David

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and keep watching the Parish

**Meetings:** Nominally on the first Saturday of each month

Press for more details & updates!

DATE	Time/venue	activity	Event organisers
2 July	School Room -7.30pm	Old-fashioned games night	Bruce Twaddell
6 August	7-00 pm Merle's home	Singalong, Port & Pudding	David Peek 5221 4680 Bring your voices, desserts
3 September	School Room -7.30pm	Show & Tell Your Favourite Thing/Top 10 photos	
1 October	9.00am 399 Myers St East Geelong	Breakfast at the Peeks'	Barbara & David Peek Ph 5221 4680 Offers of help with catering
5 November	School Room -7.30pm	Rosemary Maries - Hospital Chaplaincy	
25 November	Davidson Restaurant?	Christmas Dinner	
3 December	Teesdale	Berry Picking	

## You only have to be you

Recently I spoke with a boy who was diagnosed as Aspergers when he was a young child and the label has haunted and taunted him ever since. Its very sad because he is such a nice person but his whole sense of self has been damaged by this label and it has undermined his confidence. The boy lamented "I just want to be normal". I told him never mind what people have told you or what they say you are. Everyone is an individual and equally dear to God. You only have to be you, not what others want you to be.

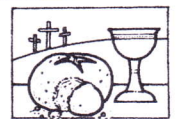
The dignity of every person is so important. Sometimes in extreme forms of religion or politics there can be such a false puritanical sense of the ideal that it poisons one's ability to appreciate and cherish the simple beauty of being. The notion of individuality is seen as selfish and everyone is expected to think the same. We think of the Nazis but this still goes on today. If we question the current paradigms we are looked at as heathens, skeptics and heretics. Will humanity ever stop this rubbish?

If we look at the life of Jesus we see someone who was a strong individual with ideas that didn't agree with many of the authorities of his time. He was seen as a threat because he questioned beliefs set in stone and without practical application. He opposed authoritarian structures that demanded blind belief and following. Had he just gone along with the paradigms

of his time they wouldn't have wanted to get rid of him.

My message here is - think! Don't be afraid to question things that don't sit right, seek a deeper understanding and be happy to be you. God has made you and God doesn't make mistakes. Identify your specific gifts and be happy to share them with others. Know that God loves you and never be afraid to stand tall. God has not made us weaklings but we are eternal souls made in God's image. Relish and rejoice in that. To hell with fundamentalism of any kind.

## Home Communion



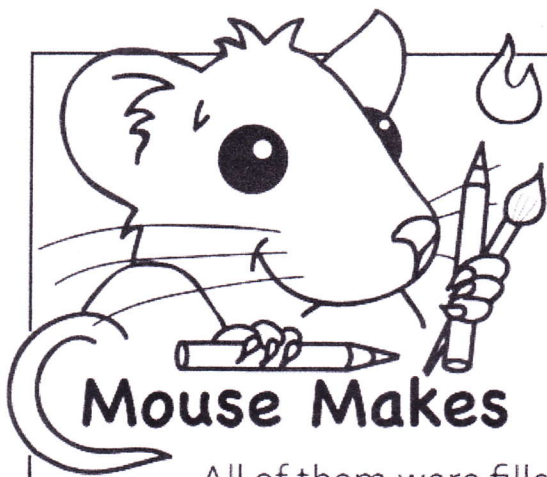
The Parish Clergy are always very happy to bring Holy Communion at home to those unable to come to church for services.

**Please speak with Fr Russell or one of the Clergy team to arrange a time.....**

## Good quote

A certain bishop had a fondness for using Bible quotations whenever he visited a function. When he arrived to open a new Maternity Home the organisers thought: "Now we have him stumped." However, after a few well chosen words, the bishop smiled and said: "I know you are waiting for a quotation, so here it is: 'We shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed!'"





It was the festival of **Pentecost**, 50 days since **Passover** and Jews from many countries had come to **Jerusalem** to celebrate.

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 **tongues** of **fire** which spread out and touched each person.

All of them were filled with the **Holy Spirit** and began to talk in other **languages** as the Spirit enabled them.

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

About 3,000 people heard, believed and were baptised that day!

### READ

the story in  
Acts 2:1-11

Which countries  
did the crowd  
come from?



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





## St James the Least of All

Editor: The Rev Dr Gary Bowness (Parish Pump, UK) continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace'...



### On why people complain to the vicar – and how to ignore them

*From The Rectory, St. James the Least*

*My dear Nephew Darren*

*So, you have received your first letter of complaint. I am not wholly unsympathetic with your complainant, as attempting to marry the bride to the best man would have created havoc with the seating arrangements at the reception. However, you must learn that receiving letters of complaint is an integral part of the ordained ministry. After 50 years of parish life, the number of such letters I have received are now held in bound volumes.*

*The anonymous ones you will receive, invariably written in green ink on lined notepaper, can be safely consigned to your waste paper basket, along with all mail, from whatever source, labelled "Urgent". You will receive letters complaining that you did not pray for someone who was in hospital, regardless of the fact that you knew nothing of it. Probably by the next post, you will receive a letter complaining that you did pray for someone in hospital - when they had wanted to keep their cosmetic surgery secret.*

*Those who regard themselves as guardians of doctrinal purity will write complaining of the heresies contained in the previous Sunday's sermon. These can be filed with those letters that complain that your sermons are too short, along with those who complain that they are too long. The hourly striking of the church clock is a perennial favourite for complaints. I usually reply by saying that*

*we are currently exploring the possibility of getting it to strike the quarters too.*

*Letters of complaint will arrive in May and June, complaining that the church is too cold, so making prayer impossible. Others will drop on the doormat in November saying that it is too hot, so making prayer impossible. In Spring, some will write that the churchyard should be mown more often, while others will complain that it is mown too often and ruins it as a habitat for wildlife. The annual Summer procession of witness generates complaints that the brass band ruined the slumbers of parishioners having a Sunday lie-in. Then come Harvest, there will be the letters complaining that they did not receive a Harvest gift, which was particularly unforgivable, as their grandmother had once sung in the choir. Thus the annual round is accompanied by reams of notepaper.*

*The only letter of complaint I have really treasured came from the bishop, rebuking me for never having attended any meeting when he was present. I have had it framed and hung on the study wall.*

*Your loving uncle,*

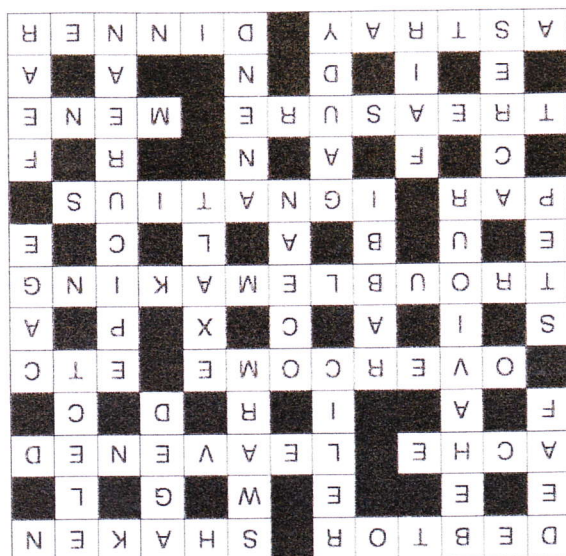
**Eustace**

### SAY A PRAYER #2

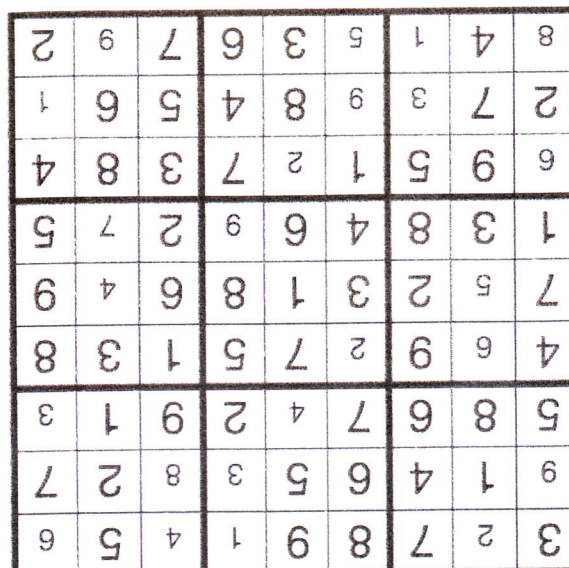
A Sunday school teacher decided to have her young class memorise one of the most quoted passages in the Bible - Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Little Ricky was excited about the task - but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line.

On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was rather nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."





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## GOD AND THE ARTS

*Editor: Have you ever thought how an actual church building might provide a series of visual aids to spiritual meditation? Rev Michael Burgess (UK) makes a procession through the Church, this edition pausing at the font.*

### 'He gave us eyes to see them' - The Church Door: St John's Adel

Open the door of that church or any church and the first thing to greet our eyes is the font. It marks the beginning of Christian life in the church. Many fonts have fine carvings of the seven sacraments that nourish the Christian. Others are octagonal in shape: a reminder of Noah and his seven family members saved in the ark from the Flood.

In this edition we consider a font which is a symbol of the ship sailing the seas of life. It is in St George's Church, Anstey, in Hertfordshire. Around the font are carved mermen - mythical, pagan creatures that belong to a pre-Christian age which the newly baptised is called on to renounce. When it was carved in the 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> centuries, baptism occurred within eight days of birth. Babies would be immersed three times into the waters of the font; dying to the old life symbolised by the mermen, and rising to new life, to be clothed in a white robe and given a lighted candle as a guide through life. They would then grow up in the church, moving from that west end through the upturned boat of the nave to the altar at the east end.

That movement is a sign of the pilgrimage we are all called to make. Like a journey on the seas of this world, we may sail through tranquil waters and peaceful days. There may be times when the skies are cloudy and the waters stormy. Martin Luther, when he was faced by struggles like that in his life, would say

the words 'I am baptised' to strengthen and reassure himself. 'I am baptised' we can say as we travel in faith, knowing that there is always a light to guide and a goal that is sure and eternal.

**...and the Christ Church font??** Dating from c.1855, and part of the original church, the Christ Church Font has an octagonal bowl, inner zinc bowl with an inlaid brass chain and plug. Made of sandstone believed to have come from Gosford or Pyrmont in New South Wales, the designer/maker of the font is uncertain.



(Source - Association of Australian Decorative & Fine Art Societies Inc, *Record of Church Furnishings, 2006*, Entry #207, Christ Church, Geelong)

## 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..







## Update - Footy Parking for 2016

The 2016 Footy Season is well under way, and as of the end of May 2016 our Footy Parking efforts have netted \$1314 for the Parish - a great result from just a couple of hours' work at each home match. The remaining scheduled home games for 2016 are -



Round 16 - Friday July 8th at 7.50pm - Sydney Swans

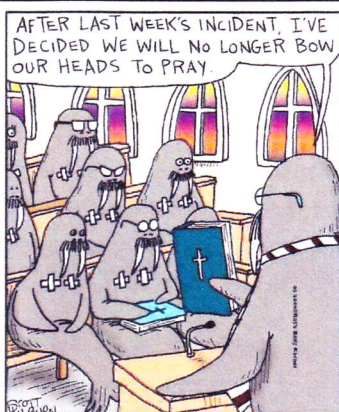
Round 18 - Saturday July 23rd at 7.25pm - Adelaide

Round 19 - Friday July 29th at 7.50pm - Western Bulldogs

Round 23 - Saturday August 27th (time tba) - against Melbourne

Ideally we need 4-5 people to help with Footy Parking for each home game - to welcome footy fans, tell them (nicely) why their team couldn't possibly win against the Cats, take their parking fees, and help park their cars - what could be easier? Plus it's a lot of fun and easy fundraising for our Parish.

Why not come along and help with Footy Parking? For more information contact Peter Dohnt (52214704) or Phillip Swain (52219956). **& GO CATS!!!**



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## Prayer for refugees - wherever they may be....

O Lord, who sees all things, you know the needs of refugees in all lands. We pray at this time particularly for those who have fled Syria and now live in homes, churches and camps in the region and across our continent of Europe.

Watch over them. Give wisdom, generosity and boldness to all who make decisions about their welcome and their welfare, and to all whose hearts move them to offer help.

May all Syrian refugees find true refuge.

Amen

## WINTER WOOLLIES MARKET



The Winter Woollies Market held on **Saturday 28th May** was a great success - lots of visitors and plenty of sales, and an overall profit of over \$5K..

Thanks to everyone who was involved in organizing & preparing for the market, bottling, preserving and baking for the stalls, potting up plants & seedlings, setting up, manning stalls, welcoming visitors, counting the proceeds, cooking foods on the day, clearing away afterwards... and all the other (often unseen) tasks that are part of any venture like this - many, many thanks!!!

The raffle, too, was a great success, with the major prize (the magnificent quilt created by Ann Howarth) being won by

**Barbara Peek !**







## Situations Vacant

here's some volunteer opportunities....

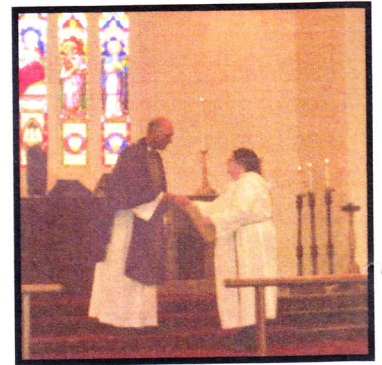
- **Church sitting** - weekdays 12-2pm
- **Sides persons** and **welcomers** for all services
- **Readers/Intercessors** (Lessons & Intercessions)
- Assisting with **flower arranging** in Church
- help with **maintenance** (.
- collating the weekly **Parish Press**
- **Helping with the Community Meals Program** (breakfast/evening meals)
- joining the **Parish Council** (or a sub-committees.
- ..talk to the **Parish Clergy** or a **Council member** if any of the above interest you...



**Working Bee - May 2016** - installing the wire on the new fence alongside the Parish Office

**HOPE**

*in our villages, towns & cities*

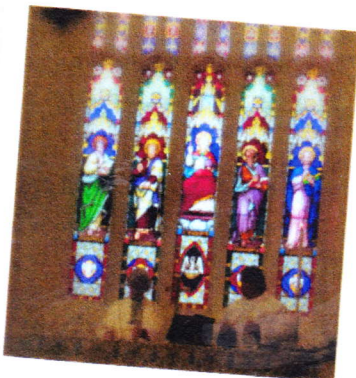


(above) Fr Russell presenting Mandy Tannouri with her Letter from the Bishop appointing her as a Licensed Lay Worker (March 2016)

**CAFS 2016 - LOTS OF FUN, LOTS OF KIDS, & LOTS OF MUMS AND DADS TOO!!**



left) Rev Jenny Dunn celebrates the Eucharist in May 2016 - Rev Jenny, along with Rev Barry Smith, Rev Rosemary Maries and Rev Roger Wood, led our worship during Fr Russell's overseas holiday leave (May-June 2016)



*The Sanctuary, Pentecost 2016*

