

*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 brothers and sisters in Christ,

it is by the grace of the Lord that we are able to worship him with like minded people who have affection for one another. In this atmosphere it is easy to open our hearts to Christ and receive his blessings and mercy. Again we find ourselves in Lent, the season that leads us to Easter where we hear of the crucifixion of Christ and then the glorious Resurrection that gives us the wonderful hope of eternal blessedness, the everlasting life free from misery, terror, war and illusion.

Lent is a time for giving more attention to God that He might expand the capacity of our hearts and mind to become the dwelling place of the Lord's love. God loves us unconditionally and He stands at the door of our hearts knocking and asking to be allowed in. Its up to us to open the door for God and the way to do that is simple, we only need to remember Him and keep The Lord close, spend quiet time alone with God, hear about The Lord and worship Him. The Lord is the nearest of the near and dearest of the dear, closer than our breath. No one else is as great a lover as God because God never leaves us. Wherever we go God is there. Neither life nor death nor powers or principalities can separate us from God's love. Whatever happiness we may seek, God is the infinite source of that happiness, the reservoir of all good qualities. That's why to know God is to love God. Who wouldn't



seek such a wonderful Supreme Lord? And that's what the life of the church is all about, learning to be God's friend and growing in God's love.

In Lent we make some vow like a new year's resolution. The best resolution to make is that we will try harder to make time for God. Never feel unworthy of the Lord's mercy, His mercy is always greater than our weaknesses. If it were not so we wouldn't have a hope. As it is God is very eager for us to come into His eternal paradise where there is no death or misery of any kind. We need to trust God more. Examine the life of Christ and just see how wonderful and trustworthy he is.

We should never think that God does not hear our prayers - every word we have whispered to God he has written in His heart and some day in some way he will answer us. If we keep watching for God in the many ways He does respond, we will know in fact that God does answer us all the time. I pray for everyone in our parish that we become more absorbed in the life of Christ. Finally I pray that we and all our families and loved ones have a fruitful Lent and a safe and happy Easter.

The Lord be with you.

*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.*





## The Holy Week services 2016

In Holy Week from Monday 21st March to Sunday 27th March the special services are as follows -

**Monday** - 7.30pm Stations of the Cross ;

**Tuesday** - 6.15pm Mass, 7pm Meditation;

**Wednesday** - 8am Meditation, 10am Mass, 6.30 pm Mass, 7.30pm Healing service;

**Maundy Thursday** - 7.30pm Eucharist and foot washing;

**Good Friday** - 9.30 am Reserved Sacrament Mass;

**Easter Saturday** - 6pm Easter Mass, followed by dinner;

**Easter Day** - 8am Mass and 9.30 Mass



### ...and this Easter, read this too.....

Rev Jennifer Dunn has suggested an article by Andrew Hamilton titled 'Gospel Brutality reborn in our harrowing of refugee children' (Eureka Street, 10 February 2016) as important to read - It's timely especially in this Easter season. You can view it at

<http://www.eurekastreet.com.au/article.aspx?aeid=45957#.VslHNj37U69.mailto>



### CHRIST CHURCH PARISH COUNCIL - 2015-16

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

**Vicar's Warden** - Col Hastings

**Wardens** - David Peek, David Osborne

**Vestry Members** - Evelyn Twaddell, Peter Dohnt, Pat Peacock, Mary Lewis, Don Patterson, Jan McGowan, Sue Wong, Prue Fidge, & Joy Baxter (together with Fr Russell as Vicar)

## Celebrations and festivals...

20 March - Palm Sunday

24th March Maundy Thursday

25th March - Good Friday

Sunday March 27th - Easter Day

10th April - special Confirmation Service with Bp Philip Huggins

May 5th - the Ascension of Jesus

May 15th Pentecost

May 22 Trinity Sunday



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

30th April 2pm - The Evergreen Quartet appearing at Christ Church (as part of the Windfire Music Festival)

May 28th - Winter Woolies and Other Wonders market - - watch the Parish Press or contact Ruth for details (0425 785 694) - and see more details on p.11

11th April } Parish Film nites - Watch the Parish Press or see Jan McGowan

20th June } for more details and to get your tickets!

..and see the Social Clubs plans and dates listed on p7!!!!





## Unity is only possible in God

In this day and age we seem to live in a time where quarrel and hypocrisy are everywhere; it is so easy to be cynical and lose hope that we may ever be free of violence and achieve perfect peace and unity. Perfect peace and unity are only possible in God and it requires each of us individually to come to the realization that turning to God and placing our lives in His hands is necessary. We worship and serve God as a community but it is up to the individual to give themselves to God. No one can do that for you and it is not enough to just go with the flow, thinking that just belonging to a specific group is enough.

Every religion declares that we are made in the image of God and that the image of God lies within us. It is for us to strive to the best of our ability to live our lives so close to the Lord that God's goodness, peace and purity will awaken and flower within our hearts. It is the Lord who guides us into the way of peace, His guidance and grace that make peace possible. What has humanity achieved by their own efforts? At this moment there are 5000 wars taking place on the earth. These wars achieve nothing but violence, trauma and tragedy. As Jesus said..."those who live by the sword die by the sword". (Mtt 26:52). There has never been a more desperate time for people to seek shelter in the Lord and become instruments of God's peace.

Charity begins at home and peace begins with our selves; if we are not peaceful in our hearts we will not bring peace to our own family or community. People whose hearts are not peaceful cause constant stress and strain to others and so it is not a frivolous thing to try to become more spiritual - it is the best thing you can do for yourself and others who have to suffer because of our lack of peace. There must come a time in our lives where we scan our inner self to find that hunger and yearning for God's love that is the only love capable of consuming us with a total fulfillment. Meditation, contemplation, prayer and the worship of God combine to give us the closeness we need to God to fill our hearts with His all powerful love and peace.

All existence comes from God; is sustained at every moment by God and the goal of all existence is to be united again with the all-loving Supreme Lord. Isn't it strange that we are happy to use all of God's gifts and yet seldom remember that it is the Lord who is the giver of all gifts? The Lord travels with us at all times, he cares for us, loves us and yet He gives us

the freedom of will to choose Him or not. We may grow in love for the Lord by associating with Him and with those who love God. It is a privilege to join with like souls, people of faith who can help to feed the soul. Let's continue to strive to be with God and to love The Lord with all our hearts and love one another as we would love our self.

The Lord be with you,

Fr Russell

## 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.....**

## 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.





# Trekking Nepal

October 17<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> 2015

Many thanks to those who supported me in prayer and in sponsorship for this fundraising trek in Nepal. Together we raised nearly \$5000 in support of the provision of Mental Health Services at University Hospital Geelong.

The trek was a great adventure. Excerpts from my diary....

*'Woken as usual at 6am with a cup of tea brought to tent, then a bowl of warm water for 'washy washy' at 6:30am. In 5 hours we climbed about 1000 metres. We were like the yak trains plodding slowly on the rocky track, head down, load on back, tongues hanging out. For most of it we could only walk for a few minutes and then have to stop till our panting slowed to even breathing, heart stopped pounding and aching legs eased. Also in stopping to rest gave opportunity to lift eyes from the ground towards the snow topped peaks – often Mt Everest (the top of the world!) and the beautiful Mt Ama Dablan. My heart sings 'O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder.....'*

*'Oh my goodness – was about -7°C overnight, slept in just about all my clothes inc 2 beanies. Ice on the outside of tent. Bowls of warm water for 'washy washy' brought to tent as usual at 6:30am. Uh-uh, not for this little dirty duck. No way was I exposing any bare skin...'*

The people of Nepal, especially in the little villages of the Everest Region where are very poor, very gracious, generous and welcoming. I find the people as amazing and awe inspiring as the mountains.....'Consider all the works thy hand hath made!' The people are suffering post the earthquakes of last year with a greatly reduced number of tourists, on whom they depend for their livelihood and it was wonderful to support them as best we could. Our group carried very little food and sourced as much as we could from the villagers – thus we ate a lot of potatoes, chicken, eggs, green vegetables and fed our fires with 'Nepalese pancakes' (dried yak dung). We visited a hospital where there is only one doctor and people often carry the sick for a couple of days to get there. Sadly sometimes people die on the way. We also visited a Mother and Baby clinic in another village where we were able to leave medications and a cash donation from the midwives at Barwon Health.

*'Waiting to leave Lukla on light plane back to Kathmandu. No one told us before we landed 10days ago that this is rated the most dangerous airport in the world! Very short runway to the edge of a 700m sheer drop....once the plane is accelerating there is no room for error. Fellow*

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

Dr Sarah Peek is working at Shepparton Hospital for a year as part of her 6-year training to be an obstetrician/gynecologist. 4 years to go!

## 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.



## From the Parish Registers – December 2015 to February 2016

### Baptisms

**Max Steven Gadd** son of Steven and Kristen Gadd;  
**Reece John Carney** son of Gavin and Katrina Karney

### Funerals

**Roy Freijah** - 29th December 2015 (pictured at right)



**Jack Brockett** - 21st January 2016 (pictured below right)



**Ted Price** 28th January 2016

**Val Gardner** 23 January 2016 (Val is the father of parishioner Coleen Bennett)



*trekkers are joking (??) about me praying for them and wanting to sit next to me.....'*

Obviously our prayers were answered and we returned home safely. Thank God for pilots and technicians.!

Thank you again for your support. If you are interested in hearing more, I will be speaking with PowerPoint presentation at the Christ Church Social Club on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

(Rev Rosemary Maries)

**AND see the photos of Rosemary and Nepalese schoolchildren with their beanies, on p11!**





## SYMPATHY - A KEY TO BEING OPEN TO GOD'S GRACE

When we look at the life of Jesus we never cease to be amazed by his kindness to others. This was shown in his teaching of the good news of eternal life, his being generous with himself to people he had never met, and in his works of healing. It is a natural conclusion then that if we want to come closer to the Lord and be open to His grace, we also need to be sympathetic to others and strive to show the similar kindness we see in Jesus.

Each one of us have experienced suffering and loss and so we may feel compassion towards others whom we see experience the same things. When genuine feeling for others comes into our hearts we become more open to God's love and also act as vehicles for that love. The Christ Church Meals Program is a good opportunity for our parishioners and others to be able to serve people less fortunate than ourselves. This allows volunteers to also feel better about themselves that they are going beyond themselves. This kind of positive attitude helps to open our hearts.

It is a great misconception among some people that we become open to God through self-hatred. Nothing could be further from the truth. Self-hatred constricts the heart; it makes us play the victim and become so weak and cynical that we can't even have faith that God can help us. When we meet people with serious addictions or mental illness one of their problems is their low self-esteem and self-hatred. That's why being kind to them (without looking down on them) helps to build them up and give them confidence that they are children of God and as dear to God as anyone else.

We need to be sincere in our dealings with everyone and sincere with ourselves, God watches us; we can never deceive Him. God is the whisper in our conscience and the light of intuition. We know when we are doing wrong - our whole being tells us, and that feeling is God's voice. If we don't listen to Him, He becomes quiet. But when we take courage and say 'Lord, saint or sinner I am yours', He guides us back to His Divine Presence. God wants us to return home to heaven more than we do. God sees our good and evil actions but they don't matter to Him - we are God's child just the same.

In our hearts must well the sympathy which soothes away all pains from the hearts of others, that sympathy which enabled Jesus to say "Father forgive them for they know not what they do". Christ's great

love encompassed all. He could have destroyed his enemies with a look yet he constantly forgave them, even from the cross. In the same way He forgives us and by learning to dwell in his love within us we may show that love to others. It starts with us and flows on into the infinite life that is only possible through God

The Lord be with you.

Fr Russell

## 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!

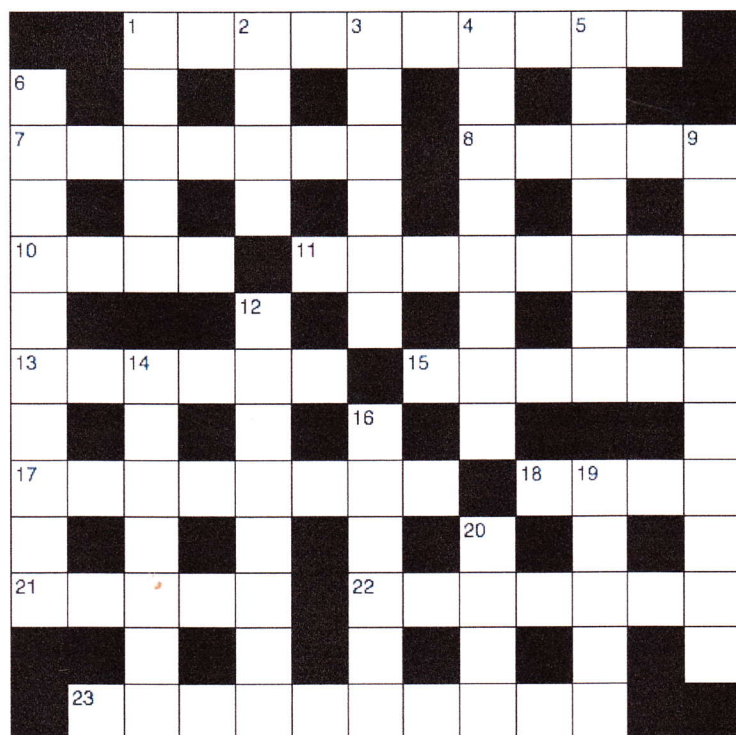


"It's very good of the vicar, allowing him to use it to supplement his small church-organist's salary in this way."





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



### Across

- 1 Success or wealth (Deuteronomy 28:11) (10)  
 7 Forbidden fruit for Nazirites (Numbers 6:3) (7)  
 8 Concede (Job 27:5) (5)  
 10 Look at (Psalm 48:13) (4)  
 11 Much in evidence after weddings (8)  
 13 Condense (Job 36:27) (6)  
 15 Breakwater (6)  
 17 Give a tan (anag.) (8)  
 18 More usually now called Pentecost, — Sunday (4)  
 21 After living for 365 years, it was said of him that 'he walked with God' (Genesis 5:23-24) (5)  
 22 Trampled (Judges 9:27) (7)  
 23 For example, Miriam, Deborah (Exodus 15:20; Judges 4:4) (10)

### Down

- 1 Arrogance (Proverbs 8:13) (5)  
 2 Roman poet from first century BC (4)  
 3 So rapt (anag.) (6)  
 4 Declare again (2 Corinthians 2:8) (8)  
 5 Paul's 'fellow worker', to whom he sent two epistles (Romans 16:21) (7)  
 6 God's foreseeing care and protection (Job 10:12) (10)  
 9 Traditional form of Roman Catholic Mass (10)  
 12 'The Lord... has given the — of Israel to David and his descendants for ever' (2 Chronicles 13:5) (8)  
 14 'My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my —' (Luke 1:46-47) (7)  
 16 The central element in Nebuchadnezzar's dream,

identified and interpreted by Daniel (Daniel 2:31) (6)

19 'On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of — will not overcome it' (Matthew 16:18) (5)

20 City where Paul was under house arrest for two years (Acts 28:16) (4)

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

### 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!

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

### 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 April	Winchelsea	Dahlia Farm/ Picnic Lunch	Bring a plate of food to share, own drinks
7 May ?	Friday 7.30pm School Room	Rosemary Maries - Nepal Trekking	
4 June	Cider House	Mid Winter Lunch	
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	

## GOD AND THE ARTS

*Editor: Michael Burgess (Parish Pump UK) continues his look at great works of art. You can see the image described here by googling 'wall paintings of Pompeii'*

### 'He gave us eyes to see them': Wall painting of Pompeii

Each edition we have explored how art celebrates the wonder of our world – the seasons, the elements, animals and fish, flowers and fruit. They manifest the glory of God the creator. Irenaeus, the 2<sup>nd</sup> century theologian, went further and wrote that 'the glory of God is a living person.' He was echoing Psalm 8: 'What are human beings that you are mindful of them...you have crowned them and put all things under their feet.' Yes, the universe teaches of God the creator, but in becoming one of us, the Son of God has put human beings above all creation.

The nobility of that vision is captured in the 1<sup>st</sup> century wall painting from Pompeii showing Neo and his wife. They lived at a time when St Paul was

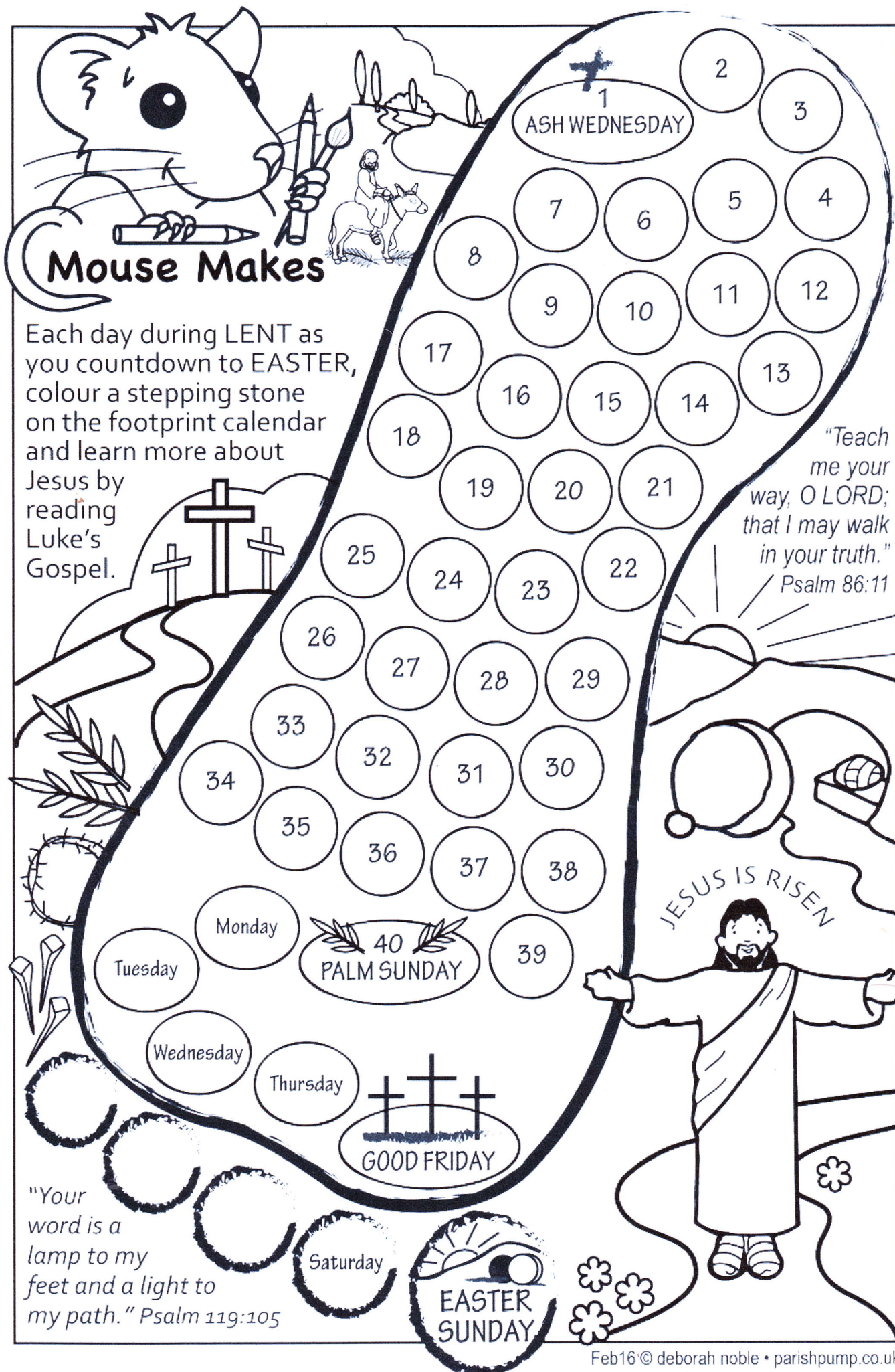


preaching and the gospels were being written. We don't know if those events made an impact on their lives. But we do know that St Paul was executed around AD67, and just twelve years later this couple were victims of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius.

Their almond-shaped eyes are like windows into their souls. We sense the beauty, but also the fragility. They tell us that life is a gift to be cherished precisely because it is so easily taken from us. Neo's intense eyes look at us, while his wife looks beyond into the distance. She has the eyes of hopes and dreams that were cruelly shattered by the volcano.

Living men and women, like this couple, are tokens of the wonder of creation, but they also tell us of the transience of that very gift of life. 'Where can we place our hope?' we ask ourselves. The feasts of All Saints and All Souls (in January) told us that the end of life here is a door opening into a greater glory and a brighter light. There is wonder and beauty in life here, and with the eyes of faith we can look beyond to glimpse the wonder of eternity.









## St James the Least of All

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



. . .Historically, the Anglican Church has had its share of eccentric clergy...such as the elderly, Anglo-Catholic Uncle Eustace, who is incumbent in the small parish of St James-the-Least-of All, somewhere in Very Rural England. Eustace despairs of his nephew, Darren, who has become an Evangelical curate in a busy urban parish... and so he writes letters, to try and properly 'educate' Darren in parish life.

### *On the art of drinking well*

The Rectory

St. James the Least of All.

My dear Nephew Darren

You closed your last letter with the remark that it was time to retire to bed with a cup of cocoa. That may be all very well for the pious intensity of a theological college - although a stiff whisky was always acceptable in my day - but it is not a style to continue once in the parish. I do feel obliged to give you a few hints about what should and should not be drunk in public as a parish priest.

Morning visits are to be discouraged, but if one is unavoidable, and you are invited to have a drink, then it has to be coffee. It is the only time of day when a mug is acceptable - provided, of course, that it is china. In the afternoons one changes to tea, but only from cups. Blended varieties may be all very well for Curates in their first year, but it should be Darjeeling for an incumbent. Fruit teas are for Quakers only.

If an inappropriate vessel is offered, then the drink should be accepted, but left untouched. Since the visit will be

discussed in the finest detail throughout the parish the moment you have left, your host will soon learn why and not make the same error a second time. It is for the same reason that if you ever want to circulate a piece of news round the parish as quickly as possible, never put it in the parish magazine, just mention it casually during one of your visits. Everyone will know by tea time.

Alcoholic drinks must be carefully judged. A sherry - dry, naturally - is probably best if you are invited to lunch. In the early evening a gin and tonic would be the drink of choice. To ask for whisky would indicate that you are about to go over to Rome, and a mineral water that you have your roots in non-conformity. Beer is never drunk in someone's house unless you suffer from some personal tragedy, such as being the diocesan youth chaplain.

However an occasional beer in the pub with the bell-ringers (who will be real ale fanatics to a man) or after choir practice - which seems to be the real purpose of holding practices anyway - or as a treat for the sacristan, will show you are a man of the people. It is some years since I visited the pub.

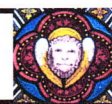
Understanding wine should be taught at every theological college as an essential part of the ministry. Develop a taste for claret, dear boy, and you will be starting your journey towards high office.

And perhaps you should give that tin of cocoa to the vergers.

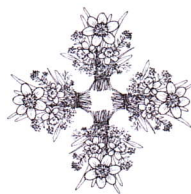
Your loving uncle,

**Eustace**





### puzzle solutions... (from p6)



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6	4	8	5	1	9	3	2	7
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## The Lesson

...then Jesus took his disciples up the mountain, and gathering them around Him, he taught then saying -



Blessed are the poor in spirit, for their is the Kingdom of Heaven.  
 Blessed are the meek;  
 Blessed are the merciful;  
 Blessed are those who thirst after righteousness;  
 Blessed are those who are persecuted for my sake;  
 Blessed are those who suffer;  
 Rejoice if you do these things, for yours is the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Simon Peter said "do we have to write this down?"

And Andrew said "You don't expect us to learn this, do you, Lord?"

And James said "Is this going to be in the exam?"

And Philip said "I haven't got any paper".

And Bartholomew said "Do we have to hand it in?"

And John said "the other disciples didn't have to learn all this."

And Matthew said "Can i go to the toilet?"

And Judas said "I'm bored - what's this got to do with real life?"

The one of the Pharisees who was present asked to see Jesus' lesson plan, and demanded "Where are the learning outcomes? Why haven't you written down your aims and objectives?"

Then Jesus wept.....

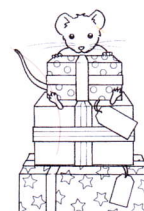
(submitted by Judy Munro)

## Life and death

The vicar was preaching a powerful sermon concerning death and judgment., in the course which he said: "Just think – all of you living in this parish will one day die." At this, a man in the front pew began to laugh quietly.

After the service the vicar demanded sternly why he had found such a serious subject so funny? The man explained: "I was just happy because I don't live in this parish."

## 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;

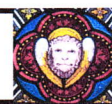
**GLASSES & GLASSES CASES**—which are forwarded for use in Third World countries;

**CORKS**—to support research into MS;

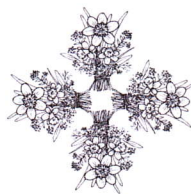
**SHOE BOX GIFTS**—gifts are included in the boxes forwarded to OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD through MISSION WITHOUT BORDERS

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





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The Simon Peter said "do we have to write this down?"

And Andrew said "You don't expect us to learn this, do you, Lord?"

And James said "Is this going to be in the exam?"

And Philip said "I haven't got any paper".

And Bartholomew said "Do we have to hand it in?"

And John said "the other disciples didn't have to learn all this."

And Matthew said "Can i go to the toilet?"

And Judas said "I'm bored - what's this got to do with real life?"

The one of the Pharisees who was present asked to see Jesus' lesson plan, and demanded "Where are the learning outcomes? Why haven't you written down your aims and objectives?"

Then Jesus wept.....

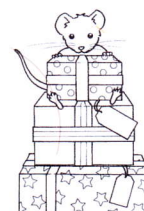
(submitted by Judy Munro)

## Life and death

The vicar was preaching a powerful sermon concerning death and judgment., in the course which he said: "Just think – all of you living in this parish will one day die." At this, a man in the front pew began to laugh quietly.

After the service the vicar demanded sternly why he had found such a serious subject so funny? The man explained: "I was just happy because I don't live in this parish."

## 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 still a few weeks away - but they will fly past! - and it's not too early to mark your calendars with the dates of the 2016 home games for the mighty Cats.



The scheduled home games for 2016 are -

Round 3 - Sunday April 10th at 4.40pm - Brisbane Lions

Round 6 - Saturday April 30th at 7.45pm - Gold Coast

Round 7 - Saturday May 7th at 2.10pm - West Coast

Round 11 - Saturday June 4th at 7.25pm - GWS

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!!!**

## WINTER WOOLLIES & OTHER WONDERS MARKET

On **SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

10AM TO 2PM



At the CHRIST CHURCH HALL  
FOCUSING ON HANDMADE AND HOMEMADE  
ITEMS, including craft items,  
cakes, preserves... and MUCH MORE!!

NEW FEATURE this year - PRUNING  
DEMONSTRATIONS.

RAFFLE WITH QUILT AS MAJOR PRIZE



HAPPY TO HELP? GOT  
IDEAS?

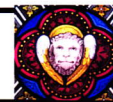
SPEAK TO  
RUTH,  
GAI, JAN,  
BARBARA  
OR SUE



TREKKING IN NEPAL - SEE ROSE-  
MARY'S ARTICLE ON P4







**GREAT  
WORK  
AND  
WELL  
DONE**



...some recent Working bee photos - including the start of the new fence behind the Hall!



## 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...



## SATURDAY CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER DECEMBER 2015



Christ Church Choir, Christmas Eve 2015, together with Fr Russell (left), Sacristan Jamie Haywood, and Organist & Choir Director Winton Barry (right)



**Women's  
Christmas  
Afternoon  
Tea  
12th  
December**

Pictured above is the **Choir on Christmas Eve**, with Fr Russell, Sacristan Jamie Haywood and Organist Winton Barry - you can listen again to parts of the service -including some of the Readings, Fr Russell's address, and choral and magnificent organ music - by following the links from the *Christ Church Web Page*.....

