



# 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,

Welcome to another Lent. This year I want to speak to you about the really important aspect of Lent - and that is sacrifice. Sacrifice means making an offering to God, it is not so much a giving up of something, but rather a taking up of something. A devotional offering to God is always a positive act, one born out of gratitude for what God has done and is doing for us. When we feel grateful to God we want to give back and that giving back is devotion or sacrifice.

True sacrifice, devotion to God, is not a path of pain; it is a path of happiness, a path of love, the path through the qualities of the heart. Those who have preached suffering throughout the years have had a twisted negative view of devotion. Actual devotion is so sweet one can't live without it. In ordinary material life there is the saying "no pain no gain", but in spiritual or devotional life spending time with God is not painful. If a person thinks being with God is painful they have little or no devotion. If there is an aspect of

giving up it is where we will have to drop doing something else to spend more time with God. If there is nothing we can put aside so we may spend more time with God, again it indicates we lack devotion.

Even if we lack devotion to God, by engaging in devotional activities devotion to God or faith will grow. It also helps if we pray to the Lord to give us devotion; it is the promise of the Lord that He will bestow devotion on anyone who asks for it..." seek and ye shall find, knock and the door will be opened ". Devotion to God is the only means to achieve the pearl of great price - love for God. Love for God is the greatest grace one may receive and by God's grace it can be cultivated by devotional actions that begin with hearing about the Lord, glorifying the Lord's name, and remembering the Lord. Love for God brings with it love for God's children, love for creation, kindness, tolerance, compassion and helpfulness to others. If our love for God is deep, all these beautiful qualities will grow in our heart.

Fortunate are those whose heart melts

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# Christ Church Parish Council



**The 2016-17 Parish Council** (as elected or nominated at the 2016 Parish AGM )in November 2016



Col Hastings  
Vicar's Warden



Don Patterson  
Warden



Peter Dohnt  
Warden



(above L to R) Prue Fidge, Mandy Tannouri, Kelli Lavelle, Philip Jones, Pat Peacock, Sue Wong, Wawrick Romanis (Treasurer) and Evelyn Twaddell (Council Secretary)

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in love of God, who feel abundance in that love and whose hearts overflow with the thought of love for God, with the names of God and with remembrance of God. Increased devotion means increased love, and this amounts to increased happiness, contentment, glory and grace. A person on the path of devotion will find themselves more and more aware of greater degrees of happiness as the heart finds its goal, resting in the presence of God. The drop of water finds itself in the fullness of the ocean, and the lover of God is drowned in the ocean of God's love. So this Lent don't try to be miserable or think you will have to give up some insignificant pleasure; give up a little time for devotional practice and learn to swim in the eternal bliss of God's love.

The Lord be with you.

*Fr Russell*



## ... a slight change ?.... or a new direction?

The first edition of the Christ Church *Chronicle* - at least in its most recent iteration - was way back in December 2007. So this year marks a ten year anniversary... what better time to have some small format changes? The articles, photos, puzzles and the

content that so many look forward to each edition, will remain... only the appearance will be a little different. Let us know what you think of the content and presentation - feedback and contributions are always welcome to [spswain@westnet.com.au](mailto:spswain@westnet.com.au)



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

## Celebrations and Festivals!!

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

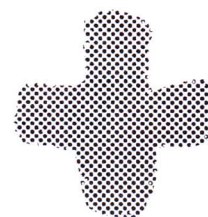
March 1st - Ash Wednesday

Sunday March 5th - Lent 1

Holy Week - 10th-14th April

Good Friday - 15th April

Easter Day - Sunday 16th April



Sunday 19th March - Bi Centennial Celebration HymnFest - 2pm at Christ Church, with afternoon Devonshire Tea to follow (free event)

Saturday 27th May - Winter Woolies and Other Wonders market - see details on p 4



# The Path of Love

(Fr Russell)



The path of love or devotion is the path of the soul, it is the path close to the heart. Everyone is looking for love and love is found in infinite quantity in devotion to God. It is easier to progress on the path of love than by any other path, because God is love and may be found through love and not by dry speculation or difficult, painful austerities. If lovers of God have been austere or renounced it is only because they have found greater enjoyment in the love of God that has made them indifferent to sensual pleasures.

Love is something bigger than us all; it cannot be controlled. If we want to be controllers we will need to remain in hate- hate is smaller than us and so it may be controlled. If someone tries to control love it will be lost or become dead, impotent, because love is based on surrender, a giving in to the Supreme Lover. Divine love will come to a person who places themselves at the feet of the Lord with an open heart and says "Lord I am yours, without you I can do nothing." This mood of devotional humility expands the heart and provides a suitable residence for the Supreme Lord to dwell, or rather is the right mentality for receiving the revelation of God's grace.

As devotion grows by and by we move away from competition, from the violent struggle where everybody is against everybody, we move away from the ugliness of hatred and bigotry and find ourselves in the delightful joy of God's all-embracing love. Living in the love of God makes us

lose interest in ideologies like fascism, socialism, communism, nationalism and the like. These are all mundane ideologies of the head. Devotion to God is a matter of the heart, of the heart purified by the grace of God and cleansed of envy, hypocrisy and malice.

As the love of God grows within us we lose attachment to all abstractions. Even the idea of killing for Christianity or Islam becomes absurd. Abstract ideas are replaced by concreteness; we love God in a personal relationship and we love those God has given us to love. We love our partners, our family our friends, our community, our nation. We love these not at the expense of loving others, but rather we see our family, nation, community etcetera represent all other friends, family and humanity.

We know it pleases God if we love others and it displeases God if we hate others; we love God and so seek to please Him by our thoughts and actions. In the love of God the journey and the goal are the same. When we learn to live in God we begin to experience heaven. In the love of God we become awake to the beauty of the world, we love the seeking of God, the saints of God, the activities of God. We grow in trust knowing that the Lord is waiting at the door eager to invite us in to the eternal feast. Love is the secret key, it opens the door of the Divine and allows us access to the Lord's joy, laughter, aliveness and dance. We will be in tune with the song of God and that song is the song of love, the song of freedom, of eternal salvation.

(Fr Russell)

## ... from the Parish

### Registers... (Dec 2016 to Feb 2017)



**4th December** Jack Francis Jones  
(parents - Sally and Philip) -

*and see photo on p12*

**16th December** - Alfred James Roebuck

**18th February** - Eli and Chester Bartel

### Wedding

**18th February** - Brooke Schiller   
and Matthew Dean

### Funerals

**16th January** - Val Notely - aged 92

**28th January** - Robert Burgell - aged 72

## 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.....**

## 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 2016-17 Parish Press or Chronicle**





# The Missions to Seamen (Part 2)

(Bill Barbour)



*(for Part 1 of this article - by Bill Barbour - see Chronicle Dec 2016 p.4)*

Australia has many missions throughout Australia. In remote port regions, they are often garages, port facilities or in two locations their homes. It should be noted that most of the visitors to missions are not Christian, but from Asian, Indian, Philippines religions to Muslim. All are made welcome. Missions are there to provide aid, friendship, a place to relax ashore and if required, and comfort.



Let me give you two accounts of the love felt by crew and their families in missions where I was a member or lay port chaplain. A crew member asked one night did we have audio visual facilities as he urgently needed to contact his wife in India, and asked about the cost. Yes we do and no charge. He made contact but I observed tears and a sense he was overwhelmed by the contact. He was interacting with his wife and family for about 30 minutes. When he finished still with tears running down his face, he approached and threw his arms about me in an embrace. Fearing bad news I was quickly overjoyed with what he had to say. He told me that he would remember the Mission and me for the rest of his life. Why, I asked? He replied still with tears running down his cheeks ' "Today I saw my new baby boy for the first time" '.

Another occasion the First Officer of a Chinese tanker had relations somewhere in Australia whom he had not seen for ten years. He mentioned the Noble Park region. Excusing myself I spoke with the Captain who was able to extract sufficient information to track them down. After a quick phone call to ensure it was the right people, I requested to be able to allow the rest of the evening of the First Officer, which was quickly agreed. Without disclosing anything I placed him and a close friend in my car and not disclosing what was about to happen we drove to Noble Park. Imagine the surprise and delight when we arrived and his cousin was waiting outside their home to greet him! Friends of his cousin had quickly prepared a feast and many tears, hugs and kisses were exchanged, even to me. On the way back to the ship he was on cloud nine and embraced me for taking the time and effort in

locating his relatives. The interesting point here is that neither of these stories was about Christians. One a Hindu and the other a Buddhist had a first-hand experience of the good works of that Mission to Seafarers does without considering colour or creed.

To end, with thanks to Geelong Mission to Seafarers here are some 2016 statistics. Total attendees at the Mission - 8,544. Ships visited - 474. Seafarers transported to various locations - 16,547. Bibles presented - 280. Christmas parcels to ships - 340. Tours and shopping excursions - 3,801. Worship with Seafarers usually at their request - 180. This is your Anglican Church in action, primarily to non Christians. Please remember to pray for this work to seafarers, which on occasions now includes female apprentices and officers. In Victoria, Geelong, Melbourne Anglican centers, and my former Hastings Mission, combining Anglican, Roman Catholic and Uniting Churches.

May God truly bless and protect our Coast Guard, tug crews, line boats, Water Police, Naval, Port Phillip Sea Pilots, and all those who go down to the sea in ships. May you dear Lord, be a lantern to their feet and a light to their path. (Ps119 v105).

## WINTER WOOLIES & OTHER WONDERS MARKET

**Saturday 27th May**

9:30 am to 1:30pm.

Come and stock up on some wonderful craft items and produce, including -

**Craft** - knitted items including jumpers, socks, scarves, beanies, fingerless mittens, tea cosies, bed socks.. and other items of great beauty!

**CAKES (YUM YUM!)**

**Preserves ( and produce)**

**PLANTS      BARGAIN BINS**  
**Food          Pruning Demos**

**AND A RAFFLE WITH GREAT PRIZES !!!**

(...& if you have other ideas, see Ruth! ... watch for more details in Parish Press in coming weeks).







When I studied theology at St Mark's National Theological College in Canberra I completed three subjects of Church history, which in fact were my favourite subjects. The history of the monastic movement within the church was especially interesting and I thought I might share something of that history with you.

The Holy Apostles of Christ were extremely renounced, they had given up home, family, friends and work, to go with Jesus. The Apostles trained their followers to do the same. To be Christians in the second century AD was quite demanding, rather black and white, and one risked their life by adopting that austere way.

In the second century Saint Anthony read a piece from the Gospel of Matthew saying sell everything you own, give it to the poor, and follow me. Anthony took the verse literally and went to the Egyptian desert after selling or giving away all he owned. There he prayed, meditated, fasted and learned to relish the love of God. Anthony discovered the pearl of great price and tasted its beauty at every moment, swimming in the ocean of devotional love.

Anthony became famous for his divine bliss and his mysticism. People came from all over to see the saint and get a blessing from him. In time other people wanted to live the life he lived, and 50,000 people came to leave everything and live in the desert with Saint Anthony. They became known as the Desert Fathers, and had a huge influence on the church including providing the philosophical insights that led to the Doctrine of the Trinity.

When Bishops became aware of these mystics living in caves in the desert they thought it necessary to deliver the sacraments to them, and so priests were sent out into the desert to hold Mass and thousands would attend. By the 3<sup>rd</sup> Century Basil of Caesarea decided it would be better if housing were provided for these mendicants, and the first monasteries in Christianity were built.

While in the desert depending on God alone the mendicants seemed to get by. People inspired by the Lord in their hearts came with food as a devotional offering to the saints. Once the mendicants were provided accommodation and meals, there became the problem of paying for it.

At first the monks went out begging alms; later they began to manufacture trinkets and sell them door to door, but this brought about many complaints as locals felt harassed by these holy peddlers of God. As time went by markets became a part of the monasteries and convents. Monastics would grow their own food, produce herbs and medicines, give them to the poor and sell them to the public who could afford to pay. Alms begging still went on but people became used to it and were happy to receive a blessing in return for a gift of bread or other food.

Today you can visit monasteries in Europe and buy the same kind of herbal medicines and essential oils as well as devotional items, wine and liquors made by the monks. Near Syama's family home in Padova is a 1500 year old Benedictine monastery named Praglia. They have a shop there where one may buy all of the above mentioned goods. Tours are available through the beautiful monastery grounds at certain times and church services are held there daily. Although fewer people today are interested in entering the monastic life it still exists. There will always be the opportunity available for people to live a life fully devoted to God.

*(Fr Russell)*

† EASTER ☀

## Holy Week services 2017 (April 10th to 16th)

**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** - 5pm CAFS service;  
7.30pm Easter Vigil;

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



# St James the Least of All



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

## On the perils of taking a wedding

*The Rectory  
St. James the Least of All*

*My dear Nephew Darren*

*As with so many of your ideas, your intentions are admirable; it is just that they never work.*

*So it was with the recent wedding in your church, where you allowed the happy but quite mad young couple to try and imitate the marriage of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. It did not seem to occur to anybody that your church, converted from a 1960s warehouse, is fractionally less impressive than Westminster Abbey. Also, sadly, a backdrop of a car park and canal make a poor substitute for the Houses of Parliament and the Thames. Finally, even 43 very enthusiastic young people can hardly pretend they are a congregation of several thousand.*

*I applaud your decision to invite me to take it, in order to impart a degree of gravitas to the proceedings; though of course I would not presume to upstage the Archbishop of Canterbury. (Although were he to ask my advice on how to run the Anglican Church, I have several helpful suggestions to hand.) But even I struggled to keep things on what I feel is a proper course, when*

*the bride, lacking a horse-drawn carriage, simply walked up the lane, leading her ancient pony. (For one thing, the pony tried to bite me at the church door!)*

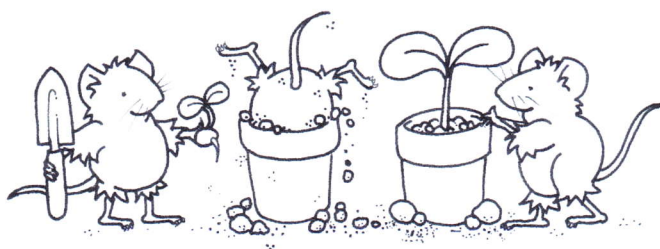
*Her arrival was greeted with music. I will pass no comment on this, as when the Bible says we are to make a joyful noise unto the Lord, it does not specify that it has to be a harmonious noise. I am sure that drums and kazoes and guitars all have their place - somewhere or other.*

*It was a pity that the groom, unlike Prince William, had not thought to get to the church on time - or indeed, at all. It was fortunate that the bride's mother found him in that pub nearby, or really, we could not have completed the wedding. I wonder why the groom saw fit to display the word "help" on the soles of his shoes when he knelt at the altar.*

*If I may give one final word of advice: a row of trees in a massive, ancient building looks fine; a line of plastic Christmas trees, even with lights, simply does not give the same effect.*

*Your loving uncle,*

*Eustace*





# Visions for the Future Christian Church

(Susan Murrant)



The following is written to inspire discussion and reflection, rather than as a critique. It was written from my position as a professional in the middle years who grapples with fitting in worship but wanting to grow spiritually as well as be in fellowship with other Christians. These are my thoughts designed to encourage reflection, discussion and possibility. It is recognized that there are many practical issues with many of the ideas but as we head towards the end of the year it was an opportunity to think about a future vision unfettered by constraints and obstacles.

Christ Church, like many modern Christian churches, faces a challenge to its capacity to survive and thrive in its traditional form. Sadly behaviours of many past clergy and clergy assistants have tainted the community's perception of the church as a safe and welcoming place - indeed a place of sanctuary. The default result of multiple movies and the Commissions into Institutionalised Sexual Abuse (held in various forms across the world) have tended to leave all Christian churches tarred with the same brush. It can be hard to remain positive when confronted with these issues and an increasingly secular, global 24/7 world. It is tempting to sit back and do nothing whilst clinging too protectively to our traditions.

Yet are there ways we can move forward as a community of faith and better respond to community change and need? As a member of a helping profession, one of the challenges confronted by psychologists, social workers, nurses, occupational therapists and counsellors is that we can guide people so far, with techniques, skills, and strategies to manage behaviours and thinking. However with the loss of church influence, one impediment to assisting people to develop a rich, fulfilling and meaningful life is the spiritual dimension which the majority of our training does not cover and arguably may even discourage.

Values, such as, those encouraged by Acceptance and Commitment Therapy, are useful but can only guide a person so far in a therapeutic context. The emptiness encountered in therapy rooms across the country would suggest that there is still a vital role to be played by communities of faith in

providing connection, purpose, shared mission and meaning through connection to God.

What are some ways we can use the Christian seasons of Advent as a time of preparation and Epiphany as a way of manifesting a richer dimension of Christian life that may enrich our Christian experience and provide loving kindness to the community?

To begin with, have the traditional Sunday Church services had their day?? Certainly let's hope not, but given (for better or worse) we now live in a global 24/7 world - has the church been slow to respond to this challenge? As a working professional, by the time you work within a 38 hour ++ week for many, do chores on Saturday - it can be tempting to literally use Sunday as a day of rest. This can also be the case for those raising families, including caring for older family members. Additionally many workplaces require work on the weekends alongside sporting programs which utilise the full weekend rather than just Saturday mornings. However this may mean the opportunity to worship, reflect, connect with God and others, is lost.

Would it be possible to offer a swing back to evening services including perhaps during the week?? Is a mixture of traditional and shorter style services something to consider?

Meditation is increasingly gaining credence as a useful mental health strategy. This is something that Christianity and other religious faiths have been practising for generations. There is huge potential in this area as a way of bringing people to God. At Christ Church we certainly have the resources in this area with a group of committed meditators and a vicar with considerable talent in this area.

Could church communities share resources and lease a shop (even better, lean on the developers for a free rental arrangement as a way of demonstrating good cooperate citizenship!) in the larger community shopping centres - where the people are going. This could be an excellent way of demonstrating the unity of the Christian faith and again provide greater flexibility in worship arrangements.

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# Christ Church Saturday Club 2017



## Proposed Program for 2017

Year Coordinators: Jan/Barbara/David Peek Phone: 5221 4680

Meetings: - Nominally first Saturday of the month

date	venue	activity	Organizers/notes
4 March	Schoolroom 7.30pm	Refugee students' stories	Barbara Peek
1 April	Schoolroom 7.30pm	Slide night - Equatorial explorer	David Peek
6 May	Hall 7.30pm	Trivia Night	Bruce Twaddell
3 June	Schoolroom 7.30pm	Handling Grief	tba
1 July	Bellarine Lakes	Christmas in July	Bruce & Evelyn Jim & Rae
5 August	Venue TBA 7pm	Singalong, Port & Puddings	David - bring your voices & desserts!
2 September	Schoolroom 7.30pm	Show & Tell - favourite things & photos	
7 October	Breakfast at the Peeks	Yum Yum!	Davis & Barbara - offers of catering help welcome
4 November	Schoolroom 7.30pm	Picnic - . This is my Life? Naval Chaplaincy? Theatre of the Winged Unicorn?	
25 November	Pizza House (next to Peninsular Hotel)	Pre Christmas Meal	\$? Per head
2 December	Penny Royal	Berry Picking!	

\* Program may be subject to small changes. All parishioners & friends are welcome. \*

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This could provide a much needed respite for busy city workers, and space and mission to busy and harassed shoppers. It could be space for services, meditation or just sitting quietly. A challenge to the stranglehold of consumerism! As a city based parish would we be ideally placed to take the lead on this idea.

Another area that Christ Church has been good at is in ministering to a diverse range of Christians. Whilst laudable, the focus for churches on families has often been at the expense of the single, widowed, couples without children and young adults. At least, one in four households are headed by a solo person so there is certainly potential here. What are the possibilities for ministry more inclusive of some of these groups?

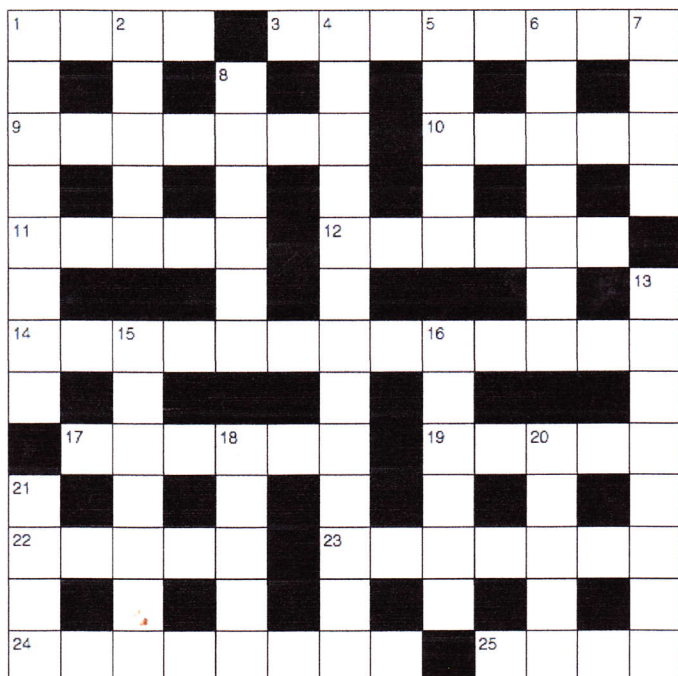
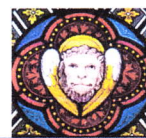
This article has stemmed from personal experience of having too much to do but paradoxically in a 24/7 global community there can also be those who suffer from too little to do. Again are there imaginative ways of engaging and providing opportunities for others to participate in our ministry and work. Could there have been human resources in the community that, for example, could have run or assisted with our defunct book stall? If so how do we go about accessing these resources – keeping in mind the ever present need to be aware of assorted regulations.

Coming in to a new year, can we challenge ourselves and our fellow Christian friends to demonstrate a different and responsive love to our Christ Church, Geelong and wider Christian communities? Happy Reflecting!

(Susan Murrant)



# This edition's puzzles !



## Across

- 1 Salary (Isaiah 19:10) (4)  
 3 Question Jesus asked of those healed of leprosy, 'Were not all ten — ?' (Luke 17:17) (8)  
 9 Wide, elevated level area of land (Joshua 13:9) (7)  
 10 'So you also must be — , because the Son of Man will come... when you do not expect him' (Matthew 24:44) (5)  
 11 '[He] said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He — — , and his hand was completely restored' (Luke 6:10) (3,2)  
 12 'Who has gathered up the wind in the — of his hand?' (Proverbs 30:4) (6)  
 14 Not born again (13)  
 17 'Again and again he — the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins' (Hebrews 10:11) (6)  
 19 Mails (anag.) (5)  
 22 'He — — here; he has risen' (Matthew 28:6) (2,3)  
 23 Defeated (Judges 20:43) (7)  
 24 Soldiers' quarters (Acts 21:34) (8)  
 25 'Pillars of marble' were how the Beloved described those of her Lover (Song of Songs 5:15) (4)

## Down

- 1 Totally destroyed (Genesis 7:23) (5,3)  
 2 What the Philippian jailer was told to do with his prisoners Paul and Silas (Acts 16:23) (5)  
 4 Object of ridicule (Job 12:4) (8-5)  
 5 In most years, the month in which Easter falls (5)  
 6 For example, Caesarea, Joppa, Tyre, Sidon (7)

- 7 '[Jesus] was in the desert for forty — , being tempted by Satan' (Mark 1:13) (4)  
 8 'Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power — to our God' (Revelation 19:1) (6)  
 13 Mend dots (anag.) (8)  
 15 Purifier (Malachi 3:3) (7)  
 16 Attacked (1 Samuel 27:8) (6)  
 18 The good Samaritan to the innkeeper: 'When I return, I will reimburse you for any — expense you may have' (Luke 10:35) (5)  
 20 How Matthew described the crowds who followed Jesus (Matthew 4:25) (5)  
 21 For example, one of 25 Across (Judges 19:29) (4)

## BREKKY @ CHRIST CHURCH



(from Jenny & Les Harrison, & Laurie Christian)

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

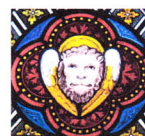
**...it's a great way to catch up with  
fellow parishioners!**

## Christ Church Sudoku

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	3				7		8
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At the CAFS service at Christ Church on Sunday 5 March we began our journey through Lent towards Easter, talking about Jesus' time spent in the desert.

Coming CAFS Services for 2017 will be in the Hall at 9.30am on the following dates. -

April 2 - the Story of Lazarus  
 April 15 - Easter Eve service (5pm)  
 May 7 - Jesus the Good Shepherd  
 June 4 - Pentecost & the Holy Spirit  
 July 2 - A saint story: St. Martin  
 August 6 - Feeding the 5000  
 September 3 - Take up your cross  
 October 1 - Blessing of the pets  
 November 5 All Saints  
 December 3 - Preparing for Christmas  
 December 24 - Christmas Eve service (5pm)



From mid way through the year, we hope to be able to celebrate CAFS Services on both the **First and Third Sundays** of each month and a new schedule will be distributed with the extra services.

We look forward to sharing CAFS with you at Christ Church this year.

## MEALS PROGRAM NEWS

### new brekkie program initiative!!



The CCCMP recently received a \$5000 grant from Give Where You Live to provide fresh fruit for breakfast. Jan and Ruth met with Glynn Harvey who was kind enough to help us source good quality produce. So the CCCMP is now offering 2 pieces of fruit per day - to eat in or take away. Currently available are apples, bananas, grapes, cantaloupe and oranges. This will change seasonally. We are thrilled to be able to offer this to our guests and there is every indication that they too are embracing it.

... and our thanks continue to go to Herds (meat supplies), Glyn Harvey (milk and other foods), and of course the many community groups and volunteers who support the Meals Program every week

## Situations Vacant



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

- 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 or working bees.
- collating the weekly Parish Press
- Helping with the Community Meals Program  
 ..... (breakfast/evening meals)

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



## Regular Services at Christ Church

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

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

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

**Morning Prayer** - Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8.30am

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

**Children's & Families Service (CAFS)** - first Sunday of each month at 9.30am, except in January - but see note above about additional services in 2017



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



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## Film Nites 2017 -

the Film Nites will be back this year with 6 films scheduled through the year - so watch the *Parish Press* and coming *Chronicles* for details and don't miss out on some great films and great company!



## AFL - CATS HOME GAMES 2017



...well the next AFL season is just around the corner, so mark your 2017 diaries now and help with Footy Parking - it's fun!! (and a great way to raise funds for the Parish too!)

- R9 - v the Doggies - **Fri May 19<sup>th</sup>** at 7.50pm
- R10 - v Port Adelaide - **Thurs May 25<sup>th</sup>**, 7.20pm
- R11 - v Adelaide Crows - **Fri June 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 7.50pm
- R14 - v Fremantle - **Sun June 25<sup>th</sup>** at 1.10pm
- R20 - v Sydney Swans - **Fri August 4<sup>th</sup>** at 7.50pm
- R 21 - v Richmond - **Sat August 12<sup>th</sup>** at 2.10pm
- R 23 - v GWS Giants - **Sat Aug 26<sup>th</sup>** (time tbc)

... and we will be missing a few of our regular volunteers for this season - so we do need some extra helpers! Come along - it's fun!



## Working Bees at Christ Church



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

## THE 5c APPEAL !!



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

## Morning tea!!



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



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# Christ Church pix



## 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!



*Freijah memorial  
Flowers  
January 2017*



Darwin Defenders' Service 19 Feb 2017

## Christ Church pix!!



Christmas congregation  
(Photo - Bruce/Judy Munro)

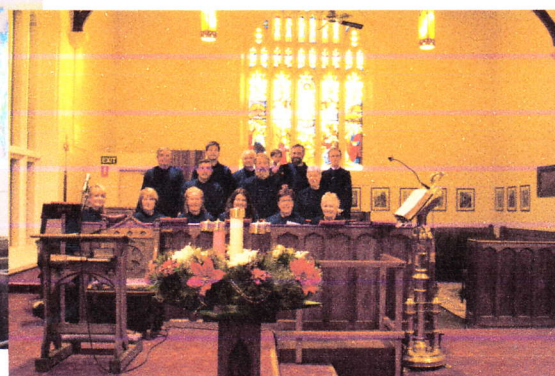
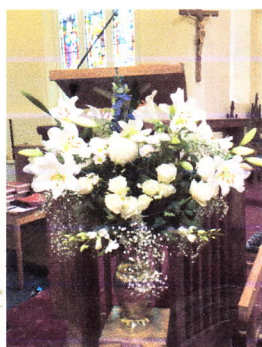


Some working bee tasks require  
more skill (and bravery!) than  
others....



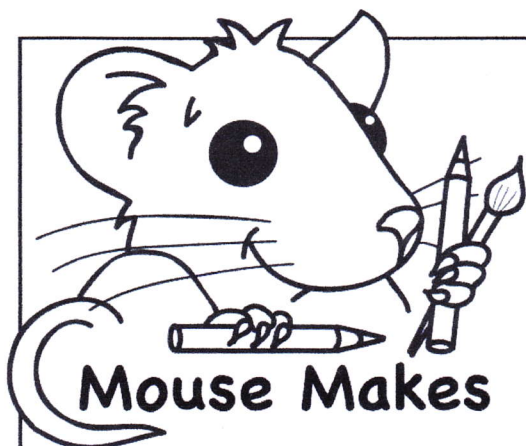
Baptism of Jack Jones - Sunday 4th December

Memorial flowers at  
Christ Church



The Christmas Choir 2016

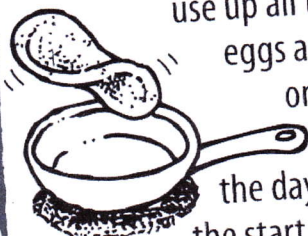




## SHROVE TUESDAY

During **Lent** some Christians eat simple food or go without food for a while like Jesus did.

Pancakes are often made to use up all the fresh eggs and milk on Shrove Tuesday, the day before the start of Lent.



## ASH WEDNESDAY

The first day of **Lent** is called **Ash Wednesday**, it is a day for saying **sorry** to God for any wrong things you have **said** or **thought** or **done** and to ask for God's help to live in the right way.

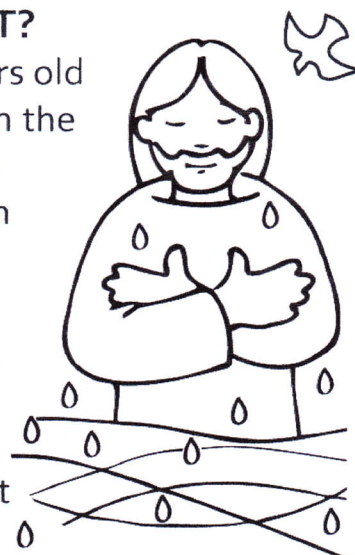
In bible times people would cover themselves with ashes as a sign of repentance.

In some churches today on Ash Wednesday the minister will draw a cross shape on our foreheads with ash.



## WHAT IS LENT?

When Jesus was 30 years old he was baptised by John in the River Jordan. Before Jesus began to preach and teach and heal he went out into the wilderness alone. For 40 days he did not eat but spent time praying and talking to God, preparing himself for what God had sent him to do.



Remembering those days Jesus spent in the wilderness, the Christian Church set aside the 40 days before Easter as a time to pray, read the bible and learn more about God.

This time is called **LENT**



While Jesus was out in the wilderness he was tempted by the Devil *three* times.

Look up the bible verses to see how Jesus replied.



**1** The devil said, "If you are God's Son order this stone to turn to bread."

Read Jesus' reply in **Luke 4: 4** and **Deuteronomy 8: 3**

**2** The devil said, "I will give you power and wealth if you worship me."

Read Jesus' reply in **Luke 4: 7** and **Deuteronomy 6: 13**

**3** The devil said, "If you are God's Son, throw yourself down, the Scriptures say God will take care of you."

Read Jesus' reply in **Luke 4: 12** and **Deuteronomy 6: 1**



Dear Lord,  
Please forgive me for

Amen



# The Doctor and the Patient



JESUS HAD MANY FRIENDS



BUT SOME WERE EXTRA SPECIAL. THESE WERE HIS 'DISCIPLES'.

JESUS ONCE ASKED A TAX-COLLECTOR CALLED 'MATTHEW' TO BE ONE OF HIS TEAM



YES!

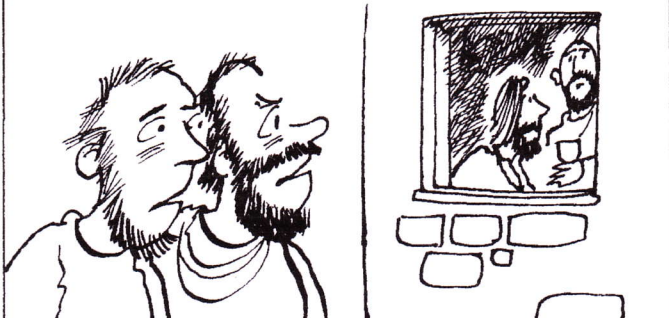


MATTHEW AGREED TO FOLLOW JESUS

JESUS WENT TO HAVE A MEAL AT MATTHEW'S HOUSE

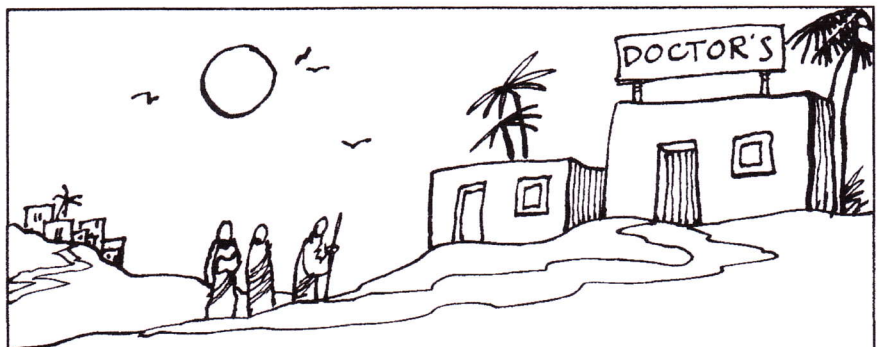


BUT MANY PEOPLE COMPLAINED ABOUT THIS. THEY THOUGHT MATTHEW WAS A BAD MAN - AND JESUS SHOULD IGNORE HIM.



JESUS' REPLY WAS VERY STRAIGHT FORWARD.

HE EXPLAINED THAT MATTHEW NEEDED HELP, NOT CRITICISM,



"IT'S NOT THE WELL THAT NEED A DOCTOR - BUT THE SICK!"  
see Luke 5:27-32