

The Christ Church Chronicle

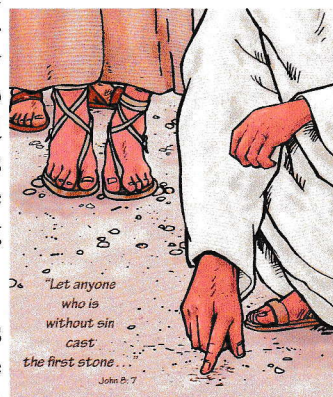
Christ Church seeks to be a centre for the worship of Almighty God, providing strength and assistance for all who enter, and enabling God's Love in Christ to reach out to the community and world in which we live

The Vicar WRITES

Dear friends in Christ,

We are in Lent again. I love the church calendar but the seasons come and go so quickly! I console myself by remembering that the Lord is time and He is our friend. There is a saying in Bengal "with each rising and setting of the sun another day is lost except to one who is a servant of the Lord". Lent is a manifestation of God's mercy in that it allows us to reflect on what God means to us and inspires us to move closer to the Lord in a loving relationship.

Gratitude for what God is and what God has done for us is the gateway to developing love for God. Syama often reminds me that I need to be more grateful, and she is right. If we take what we have for granted and are not grateful for the many gifts we receive, they may be taken away; you don't know what you have until you lose it. One of the traps that lead us away from gratitude is to focus on what we



don't have and lament that, rather than rejoicing in what we do have. If we are honest we can admit that we have been given many things that are wonderful, and that God is good.

There is always someone worse off than ourselves — my grandmother always said this. She used to volunteer for the church, the Red Cross, the hospital auxiliary and also helped elderly people by cleaning and cooking for them. When she was 84 years old Nan once told me "I'm off to help an oldie today". I asked how old the person was and she replied "she is 76"! My Nan always looked on the bright side of life; she never criticized anyone and was always grateful. She was a great example for me and though I often fail to be truly grateful I look back on that example of my grandmother and pray to be more like her.

Christ Church Geelong has so much going for it and offers so much that we may be grateful for — a beautiful worship space, many dedicated parishioners, an amazing outreach through

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Christ Church Parish Council

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

Wardens—David
Peek
& Barry
Cashmore



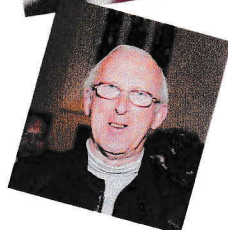
Fr Russell
Trickey



Don Patterson
(Vicar's Warden)



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



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

the Meals Program and food cupboard, assistant clergy with many talents and gifts to offer, and much more. Every time I conduct a Baptism, wedding or funeral someone will come up to me and say what a beautiful church! Most importantly our parish offers us the opportunity to walk with the Lord and to serve God in a variety of ways. Devotion to God is the only thing we may take with us when we leave this body. At the time of our death nothing else will seem important, and the only person who can help us at that time is God.



This Lent then becomes even more important in light of the fact that it will help us to get closer to the Lord and receive more of His grace. May God bless each of us as we journey through Lent towards Easter, and thanks to all of you who contribute to make this parish the place it is today. ... a place of worship and community of which we can all be proud.

Love and peace,

Fr Russell



from the Parish Registers... Dec 2017 to February 2018

Baptisms at Christ Church

16th December — **Florence Connel**, (mother Bryanna Connel)

25th December — **Cooper Dahl** (parents Jarred and Demi Dahl)

13th January — **Ashton Wilkinson** (parents Adam and Chloe Wilkinson)

10th February — **James Weijers** (parents John and Rebecca Weijers)

11th February — **Darcy Totton** (parents Adam and Melissa Totton)



24th February — **Aria Brennan** (parents Chris and Rebecca Brennan)

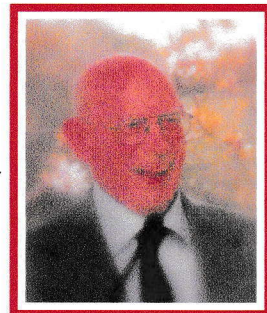
Funerals across the Christ Church Community

Ivy Blincoe—died 29 December 2017 (aged 92 years) - late of Abervale Village

Frederick ("Fred")

Henry Freijah—
5th January 2018
(aged 86 years)

Geoff Watson (pictured R)—
15th February 2018
(aged 96 years)





EASTER

Services for Holy Week

Monday in Holy Week March 26 —
7.30pm Stations of the Cross and Eucharist

Tuesday in Holy Week —
6pm Eucharist and 7pm Meditation

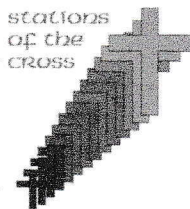
Wednesday in Holy Week —
8am Meditation, 10 am Eucharist, 6.30pm healing Eucharist, and 7.30pm Eucharist

Maundy Thursday— 7.30pm Eucharist and Washing of the Feet

Good Friday— .30 am reserved sacrament Mass and Adoration of the Cross

Easter Saturday— 7.30pm Eucharist and First Fire

Easter Sunday— 8am and 9.30 am Eucharist



Some Diary dates & Reminders!!

....put these in your diaries now!

Christ Church Social Club - see the 2018 details on p.8 but the first outing for the year is on **Saturday 3rd March**, when the group will go by ferry across to Sorrento for lunch and a wander.... See the Parish Press for details.

... and don't miss the Social Club on **Saturday 9th June** when Rev Rosemary Maries will speak on her recent work in Cambodia (see article on p4)

...and the Film Nites are Back! The first is on **Monday 19 March** when "Victoria and Abdul" (starring Judi Dench) will be screened in the St Mary's Theatre. (cost \$15 including supper). Don't miss this great movie! See Jan for tickets (and watch the Parish Press for details of coming movies on **16 April, 21 May and 18 June!**)



FOOTY PARKING 2018



The AFL men's season is only a few weeks away, and the Footy Parking Team is training well for the **EIGHT** home matches we will star in this year. Footy Parking is easy, takes very little time, is a bit of fun, and raises funds for the parish... so even if the Cats are not winning (this won't occur in 2018!) the Parish gets a benefit from the games.

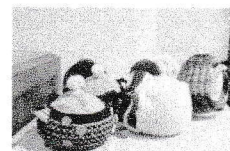
For 2018 the Cats play eight home games -

- ♦ Round 4—St Kilda—**Sunday 15th April** at 4.40pm
- ♦ Round 6—Sydney—**Saturday 28th April** at 1.45pm
- ♦ Round 7—GWS Giants— **Friday 4th May** at 7.50pm
- ♦ Round 10—Carlton—**Saturday 26th May** at 7.25pm
- ♦ Round 12—North Melbourne— **Saturday 9th June** at 1.45pm
- ♦ Round 18—Melbourne—**Saturday 21st July** at 7.25pm
- ♦ Round 19—Brisbane—**Saturday 28th July** at 2.10pm
- ♦ Round 22—Fremantle—**Saturday 18th August** at 2.10pm
- ♦ Round 23—Gold Coast—dates/times to be announced

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

... and on **Saturday 2nd June**—the **2018 Winter Woolies &**

Other Wonders Market



(9.30-am to 1.30pm)

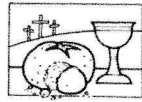
* Watch the Parish Press for more details and news !!



Home Communion

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

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



Chum Reap Sour

(greeting of respect)

My sincere and heartfelt thanks to all from Christ Church who supported the work of the Australian Collaboration Cambodia team in January this year, both in the form of very generous sponsorship and in prayer and good wishes.

We were in Cambodia from January 2nd till 17th. At the invitation of the Cambodian people we worked in several very poor villages. Some of the work included three days shifting clay for the foundations of a new school, two days treating around 400 children for head lice as well as offering hygiene education, a 'gift bag' containing such items as shampoo, soap, nail clippers and nail brush, toothbrush and toothpaste, and new polo tops. We worked for three days painting the church that is attached to UNACAS Orphanage, as well as offering other assistance at the orphanage, where some members of the team have been visiting for 16 years. We also spent two days with the NGO Tabitha and built six houses. Each house costs \$2000 and those who have bought them are asked if possible to save up \$25 through the community saving scheme; however those who cannot do this and can only save \$5 are not denied a house.

I was one of a team of 14 on the ground in Cambodia, but was always aware of being part of a bigger team, including the people of Christ Church; many others who donated to the work; and many international teams who continue to offer assistance year round to the poor of Cambodia who have suffered so much in their lifetimes. Many still suffer from post-traumatic stress syndrome as a result of the atrocities of the Pol Pot regime, and abject poverty since then, having lost everything. It was a delight to be there working alongside these people, who despite their situation can teach us much in the way of the 'wealth of community', kindness and generosity. **Orkun Cherun** (Thank you very much).

I will be speaking more extensively, with power-point pictures, at the Christ Church Saturday Club on **Saturday 9th June.** (Rosemary Maries)

.... Compassion requires a big heart, a willingness to risk, and imagination....

"... the unglamorous and little noticed works of mercy, feeding and sheltering, visiting the sick and incarcerated, educating, correcting, encouraging, bearing wrongs, counselling, comforting, praying with people — these embody the Kingdom lifestyle..."

... from the Ragamuffin Gospel (Brendan Manning)
(submitted by Marina Scott)

Congratulations



Sunday 3rd December 2017 was a special day for Rev Irwin Faris — it marked the 17th Anniversary of his first

occasion as Celebrant at the Eucharist, following his Ordination at St Paul's Cathedral in Melbourne.

Irwin and Rosemary, for many years parishioners at Christ Church, but in recent years living and worshipping at Torquay, came to the 9.30am service at Christ Church on 3rd December, and were able to catch up with many old friends after the service.

Helping with 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....

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



Regular Services at Christ Church

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

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



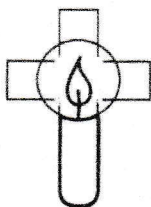
Meditation every Tuesday from 7-8 pm and Wednesday at 8am (in the Side Chapel)

Morning Prayer - Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8.30am

God our protector



It has been my experience that the Lord has protected me at various times and I often have to admit that without God's grace I may have died a long time ago. At different times I found myself in dangerous situations and somehow survived to live another day. Fortunately at those times I prayed to God, and felt the Lord's presence with me, giving me the assurance that all would be ok.



One time I was caught in a rip at Coffs Harbour. There was a strong current where a few of us were swimming. We didn't know we were right in the middle of a rip. I saw that a swimmer was struggling and tried to help him, but we both got taken out one kilometer from shore in what seemed a matter of seconds. The waves were about 5 meters high out there and pounded down on our heads. Soon we were both exhausted and I raised my hand hoping the life savers on duty would see us.

As the life savers were on the way I realized that I could drown. I reflected on what it meant to leave everything in this world behind, and then put all my attention on the Lord. I began to pray to the Lord saying that I was His servant, though not a very good one, and that if He desired I could be spared so that I might improve a little. On the other hand, I could only improve by the Lord's grace, so I prayed that my survival was entirely up to the Lord. I felt very calm, no sense of panic seemed present in me, and I was willing to accept whatever the Lord decided as best for me.

The life saver arrived with a large yellow board and said "get on! The next set is arriving, the waves are huge and you won't survive unless you are on the board." I replied that I had no strength to climb upon the board so he told me hold on to the straps, "if you let go you're a dead man!" Suddenly I felt a surge of strength and hung on to the straps, even though my face was smashed into the board by the huge wave and my nose became bloody. Before the next wave came the life saver grabbed me by the shorts and lifted me onto the board. We caught the wave and it took us all the way back into shore. As we sailed along I felt very grateful the Lord decided to save me. The other swimmer, though he had fallen unconscious, was

also saved by another life saver.

The experience helped me feel more dependent on the Lord for my survival in general. There have been other instances where the Lord's hand had saved me (for another article), but this incident left me with a sense that the Lord gives us the strength when we need it. Not only the strength to cling on for life, but the calmness I felt at the time. That surprised me; I didn't panic but remained very calm and peaceful. The Lord filled me with that calm; He gave me that strength at the time.

This was a classic example of how the Lord carries what we lack and preserves what we have. Sometimes I forget the Lord and doubt my ability to stay in God's good graces, and yet the Lord often reminds me that He is still there and is happy to help when it's needed. It is the greatest fortune to be a servant of the Lord, because God is the best and most reliable friend in all existence. God is the Supreme Controller and is always happy to help and protect His servants, even when they feel they don't deserve it.

The Lord is extremely kind and loving.

(Fr Russell)



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.

PEACE  ON  EARTH

St James the Least of All



Editor: Happily, in the parish of St James-the-Least, the elderly Anglo-Catholic vicar, Eustace, continues writing to Darren, his nephew, a low-church curate recently ordained...

On the perils of cleaning the church

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren,

I must begin with a confession. I know it is wrong of me, but last Wednesday I coveted your modern, purpose-built, user-friendly worship centre. Your concrete cube may have all the aesthetic charm of a suburban bus shelter, but it is clean, bright and does not have the propensity for sheltering dead animals in dark corners.

March at St. James the Least brings an annual event I dread: the Cleaning Day. There is a certain irony in the people of the parish - many of whom employ help to do all their domestic cleaning and dusting - getting together to wash, polish and scrape 12 months-worth of accumulated dirt from the church interior.

Having very obviously put in hours of thought about correct dress - not looking as if they're set for drinks at the golf club, but equally not giving the impression that wielding a mop and bucket comes naturally to them - they arrive equipped with the Cartier equivalents of bleach and dusters. I am slightly surprised Admiral Wetherspoon's wife knows which end of a brush should be held.

Miss Pemberton's over-enthusiastic use of bleach for cleaning the sanctuary floor in the Side Chapel makes one feel one is entering a public lavatory rather than a house of God. Books, service sheets and collection plates have all been so efficiently tidied away

that it will take months before anyone can find anything. Lost coins are placed in the collection box, long-forgotten gloves and scarves put out for the next jumble sale, and dead pigeons and mice placed on the compost heap.

Just as archaeologists date various layers of a dig from the artefacts they recover, those cleaning the choir stalls have determined precisely when the tenors changed from spearmint to peppermint chews during the sermon, as they shovelled through 52 weeks-worth of lost mints and chewing gum.

Our great moment of crisis came when Mrs Dawes decided to clean the statue of St. James the Least, standing in his niche above the high altar. An eight foot, 50 year-old step ladder and an 18 stone seventy year-old dowager are not an ideal combination. St. James had stood on his plinth, unmolested, for the best part of 500 years, two fingers held in a sign of blessing. Until last Wednesday.

For Lady D's last flourish, removing the cobwebs from St. James' head, caused her to lose her balance. She grasped for something for support, failed, and hit the floor still holding one of our saint's two fingers. He now stands - admittedly very clean - but with only one finger raised to the congregation in a far from saintly gesture. A little judicious application of glue will be necessary before he makes his true intentions clear.

And so we now live in a state of uninhabitable order and hygiene. Within a month, the skills of mice and men should hopefully return us to our preferred ambience for Christian worship.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD



Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. This is the great and first commandment and a second one is like it, you shall love your neighbor as your self. On these two hang all the law and the prophets (Luke 10.27). These two commandments constitute the purpose of religion and indeed the purpose of human life. To strive to love God in this way allows us to be guided by truth and also helps us to be attentive to avoid those things that prevent us from loving God.

These commandments keep us in the light of God and drive away the darkness of ignorance. To those who are constantly devoted to God and worship Him with love the Lord gives the understanding by which they may come to Him. From within the heart God burns out the darkness of ignorance with the torch light of wisdom. If we deeply desire to be in communion with God the Lord Himself will give us the strength and determination needed to attain shelter under His wings.

It is God who gives us the power to love family and friends; we may use that same power to love God who is the lover behind all of our loves in life. We may love the Lord as a child loves a parent and we may also love the Lord as though He is our own child. We may love the Lord as a friend loves a friend or as a lover loves a beloved. This is because God is the source of all relationships; no one could have the power to love in any capacity without the power to do so that is granted by the Lord. A person who matures in the love of God grows in the ability to love the Lord in each of these ways, and that loves grows on and on into eternity, remaining ever new and ever fresh.

A person who truly loves God can never wilfully hurt anyone because along with the development of love for God the love for others manifests in the heart simultaneously. There is no need for separate effort to develop love for others. Jesus indicates this when He says "seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all else shall be added unto you". If someone doesn't love others and maintains hatred for others it means there is something wrong with their concept of God or they have committed offenses against God that have blocked their spiritual development.

To be attentive when praying to God is very important. It is essential to learn to be still

because in that calmness we will grow in our perception of God. In this instance we may compare God to the moon and our minds to a lake. If the lake is calm and still it will reflect the light of the moon. If the lake is choppy it will not reflect the light of the moon so well. Being attentive when with the Lord and keeping a mood of affection and reverence during prayer and meditation allows the Lord to transform us and purify the heart of all obstacles on the path of devotion.

The commandment to love God and neighbour is the primary instruction of the Lord for all humanity. As with all instructions of the Lord, He gives the ability to follow the instruction along with it. One only has to embrace the instruction, contemplate it and pray to the Lord and God will reciprocate with us to guide us into the way of love.

The Lord be with you.

(Fr Russell)

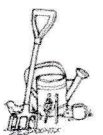
THE 5c APPEAL !!



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

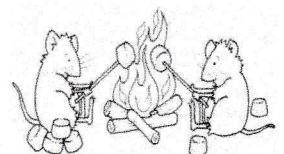
Working Bees at Christ Church

... working bees are held on the **first Saturday** and the third **Thursday** each month from **9am until noon** on both days... and it doesn't matter if you're free for only part of this time, or only occasionally... come when you can! You will be welcome and there **WILL** always be something to do!! ... and it's fun as well!! & there are *photos from recent Working Bees on p12....*

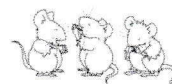


Morning tea!!

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



Christ Church Saturday Club 2018



Coordinators: Jan/Barbara/David Phone: 5221 4680

The Saturday Club meets usually on the first Saturday of the month, from February onwards. Many great activities have been planned for 2018... but if you have an idea then contact Jan, Barbara or David (contact details above) and keep watching the Parish Press for further details of the events below!! and don't forget the **2018 Film program**—we saw great films in 2017 — 2018 will be even better!!!



| DATE | VENUE/ACTIVITY |
|--------|--|
| 3-Mar | Sorrento for lunch, via Q'cliff ferry (car pool at Church contact—Bruce/Evelyn) |
| 7-Apr | Golden Plains Market Bannockburn, 11am—picnic or station lunch (Car pool at Church- contact Barbara/David) |
| 5-May? | Anglesea walk at 10.30am, followed by lunch at Torquay Chocolaterie (Car pool at Church—contact Barbara/David) |
| 9-Jun | Presentation by Rosemary Maries on her recent work in Cambodia—in the School-room at 7.30pms ** and see Rosemary's article on p.4 ** |
| 7-Jul | Mid-Winter meal at Curlewis (car pool at church at 11.30am—contact Bruce/Evelyn) |
| 4-Aug | TBA China/Taiwan/Korea or Pivotonian Film (contact—David/Barbara) |
| 1-Sep | TBA Church windows explained or Refugee Show & Tell |
| 6-Oct | 9.00am Breakfast in Eastern Park (or at the Peeks' if weather bad) (contact—Barbara/David) |
| 3-Nov | Raven's Creek Produce Market, Moriac—inc. lunch (Car pool at Church 11am) |
| 24-Nov | Pre-Christmas meal at Brunenzo's Pizzeria (Next to Peninsula Hotel) |
| 1-Dec | Berry Picking at Penny Royal (Car pool at Church 11am—contact Barbara/David) |

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

PASTORAL CARE AT CHRIST CHURCH

On Sunday 11 February at the end of the 9.30am service Fr Russell commissioned and blessed two Lay Chaplains. Laurie Christian (left) is starting a new ministry offering care to the Volunteers at our Meals Program, and Judy Munro (below) is lay chaplain to the Pastoral Care team and coordinator of the Pastoral Care group, which meets each month for training and to encourage each other.



At Christ Church we have a long history of lay people offering pastoral care. Some 8-10 of us visit parishioners in their homes, nursing homes or hospital, and



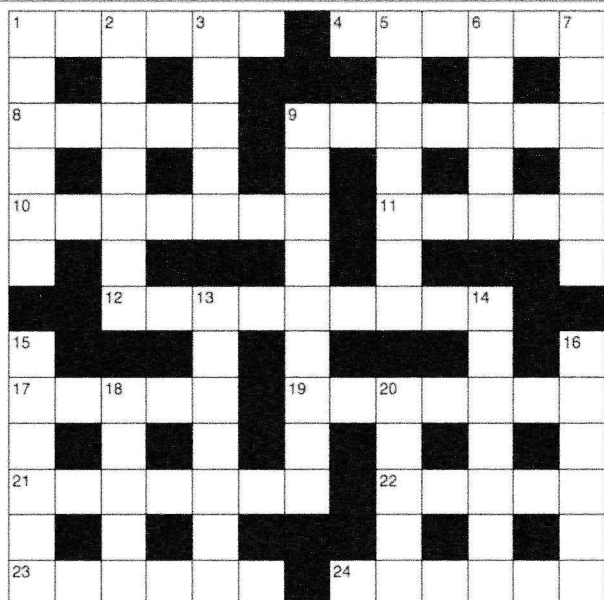
can also bring Holy Communion to those who are no longer able to get to church. Fr Russell and Fr John Howells also offer this ministry, but the need is greater than they can meet.

Of course this ministry is not limited to the group; we are all called to love one another, to bear one another's burdens and show Christ's love in our lives, with our families, workmates, neighbours and all we meet, and we are encouraged to hear how much of this is happening informally in the parish. We all have a role to play — a listening ear at morning tea when we allow another to share their worries can lift a load from their shoulders. Do pass a message on to one of us if you become aware of parishioners who are in need of a visit.



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

This edition's puzzles !



Across

- 1 Arouse (Song of Songs 2:7) (6)
 4 Extinguish (Isaiah 1:31) (6)
 8 "They — — , you will say, "but I'm not hurt!" (Proverbs 23:35) (3,2)
 9 Unhappiness (Nehemiah 2:2) (7)
 10 Jewish (7)
 11 Dirge (anag.) (5)
 12 'A truthful witness gives honest — , but a false witness tells lies' (Proverbs 12:17) (9)
 17 Paul quoted from the second one in his address in the synagogue at Pisidian Antioch (Acts 13:33) (5)
 19 'Do not use your freedom to — the sinful nature' (Galatians 5:13) (7)
 21 'As you can see, he has done nothing to — death' (Luke 23:15) (7)
 22 Name applied by Isaiah to Jerusalem (Isaiah 29:1) (5)
 23 'All the people — — one man, saying, "None of us will go home"' (Judges 20:8) (4,2)
 24 Lazarus, who was carried by angels to Abraham's side when he died, was one (Luke 16:20) (6)

Down

- 1 Appalled (Job 26:11) (6)
 2 'In an — to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea' (Acts 27:30) (7)
 3 Expel (Acts 18:16) (5)
 5 'But I have a baptism to — , and how distressed I am until it is completed!' (Luke

12:50) (7)

6 'Of the increase of his government and peace there will be — — ' (Isaiah 9:7) (2,3)

7 Hurry (Psalm 119:60) (6)

9 'For I desire mercy, not — , and acknowledgement of God rather than burnt offerings' (Hosea 6:6) (9)

13 One of its towns was Sychar, where Jesus met a woman at Jacob's well (John 4:5) (7)

14 Shouting (Acts 7:57) (7)

15 Arachnid (Isaiah 59:5) (6)

16 One of Paul's first converts in Philippi was Lydia, a — in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (6)

18 Donkeys (5)

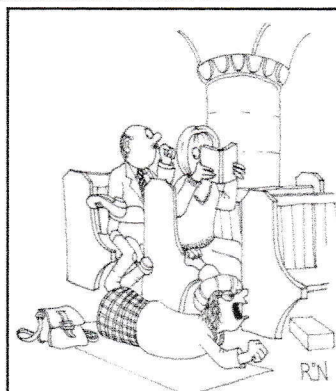
20 Raked (anag.) (5)



To my children:

Never make fun of having to help me with computer stuff.

I taught you how to use a spoon.



Somebody sat in Minnie Hyssop's pew

Christ Church Sudoku

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Why make the sign of the cross?



The 2nd and 3rd century Christian, Tertullian, wrote -

'At every forward step and movement, at every going in and out, when we put on our clothes and shoes, when we bathe, when we sit at table, when we light the lamps, on couch, on seat, in all the ordinary actions of daily life, we trace upon the forehead the sign on the Cross.'

And that's before he got to church or participate in worship! For Tertullian making the sign of the Cross was a outward sign and a reminder to himself of his desire to unite himself with Christ and shape his life in a Christlike way. Remember the principle : in liturgy, word and action go together to convey the meaning. Physical acts and signs convey meaning and help us enter into and discover more of the meaning.

The sign of the cross (*generally made by tracing the cross from the forehead, to the base of the chest, to left and then right breast*) -

- ♦ Is an outward action which reflects a belief in the love that the Cross reveals, and it serves to focus the mind and soul of the person who does it. It's an act of recollection, of calling to mind.
- ♦ Is often made when a Christian enters the sacred space of the church building, perhaps using holy water a reminder of their baptism when the sign of the Cross was first made on them when, as St Paul says, we are united with Christ in his death and resurrection. Many make it just before receiving Holy Communion, to recollect themselves and as a reminder that at the heart of the Eucharist is the sacrifice of Jesus.
- ♦ Is a tradition that very early became associated with the invoking of the Holy Trinity: *'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit'*, as we do at the start of Mass. It's also traditionally used when a priest is calling down God's blessing on people or things. As he or she makes the sign of the Cross, so it's a custom for the people to trace the same sign on themselves.

Some people criticise the making of the sign of the cross suggesting it's just 'outward show'. It is outward show — it is both a message to yourself of what and who matters to you, but it is also a sign to others of what, or rather whom, you believe or are trying to believe in and trust. To sum up,

making the sign of the cross is an ACT of FAITH and an ACT of CONSECRATION.

If you don't make the sign already, why not give it a try? Any self consciousness soon goes, and it might be of help.

(by Bp Leslie Urwin—submitted by Judy Munro)

Situations

Vacant



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

- **Parish Council Treasurer *****
- **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...

... and Council is also seeking a suitable person to undertake the important role of management of the Hall and facilities bookings for the Parish—Talk to Fr Russell or one of the Wardens if you feel you could undertake this or any other of these roles for the Parish!

Bookings Calendar The Parish Office has a booking diary for the year covering **ALL** bookings of Parish Facilities (Hall, School-room, grounds, & the Church itself), for both Parish functions and outside events. Please check with the Fr Russell, the Wardens and Office **before** you plan your activity, to make sure the space you need is available!

a reminder.....

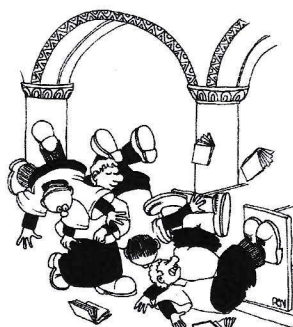


Throughout the year attendances vary due to holidays, illnesses and myriad other reasons... but please ensure that your pledges remain up to date even if you have been away. The Parish costs continue all year round, whether we see you on Sundays or not!

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



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Barry's genuflection caught everyone by surprise

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A MODEL FOR US ALL!

This just to show what can happen if you put your mind to it.

Two Year 9 girls from Western Heights College (pictured - Naomi Watson with the blue bag and Claire Green with the back pack) set themselves a challenge in the latter part of 2017. They decided to raise money to use to purchase clothes and personal care items for distribution through the Christ Church Community Meals Program. They raised \$1200 in total and are pictured with volunteers on the evening they brought the items for distribution. Our guests were thrilled and some even wrote thanking the girls. The Principal of the College was contacted by phone and letter to commend the girls for their initiative. **How impressive was that!**



Parking at Christ Church

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

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



BREKKY @ CHRIST CHURCH

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

** Parishioner breakfasts continue on the third Sunday each month, with cereals 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 your fellow parishioners!



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... more Christ Church pix

Working bee pix



*... it's amazing what one finds
in amongst the weeds! This can
of Bourbon and Cola was not
even opened! Now... where
did it go?? Hmm...*

**THE
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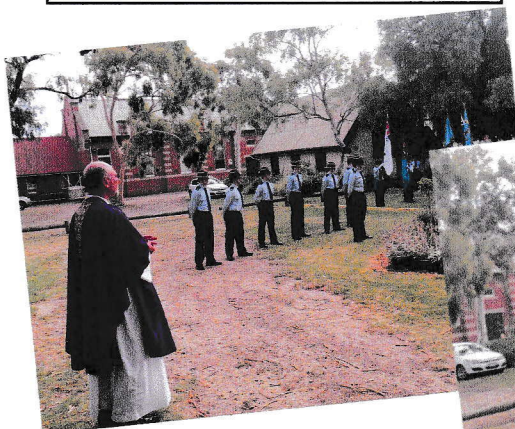
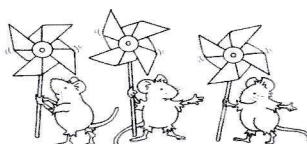
...Have a look at the Parish Web Page!
You'll find lots of details about what's
happening in the Parish - services,
celebrations, parish events, photos... and
lots more!

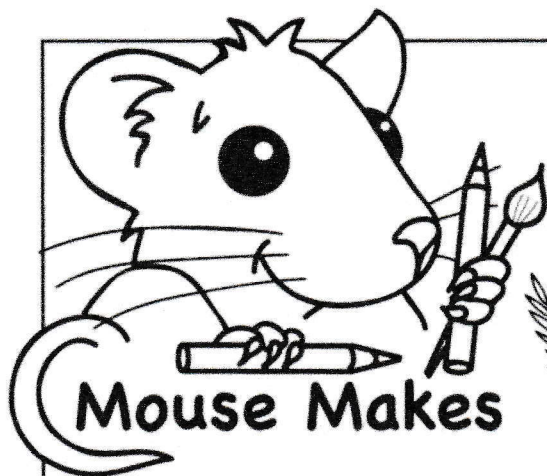
**Do you use email? We need your
e-address for parish records!**

*...and the morning tea is
ALWAYS worthwhile!*



The Darwin Defenders' Service, 18 Feb 2018





Mouse Makes

Journey to the Cross

Read the Bible - find the answers



READ Matthew 21:1-11

Where did Jesus stop on his journey? vs 1

What did Jesus send his disciples to get? vs 2

What did the crowd spread on the road in front of Jesus? vs 8

What did the people shout? vs 9

What city was Jesus going to? vs 10

READ Matthew 26:17-75

What festival did the disciples celebrate? vs 17

Which disciple denied Jesus? vs 34

Which disciple betrayed Jesus? vs 47

READ Matthew 27

When Jesus was taken to be crucified, what did the soldiers put on him? vs 28-29

What time did Jesus die? vs 45

Whose tomb was Jesus buried in? vs 57

READ Matthew 28

On the third day who rolled away the stone covering the tomb? vs 2

What had happened to Jesus? vs 6,7



Mouse Makes

Wordsearch - Jesus at the gates of Jerusalem

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, when the Church remembers how Jesus arrived at the gates of Jerusalem just a few days before the Passover was due to be held. He was the Messiah come to His own people in their capital city, and yet He came in humility, riding on a young donkey, not in triumph, riding on a war-horse. As Jesus entered the city, the crowds gave Him a rapturous welcome, throwing palm fronds into His path. They knew His reputation as a healer, and welcomed Him. But sadly, the welcome was short-lived and shallow, for Jerusalem would soon reject her Messiah, and put Him to death.

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COLOUR ME IN!!!
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