



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.,

I have reflected lately on the importance of discipleship to the Lord and how important our worship is in feeding our discipleship. I know and firmly trust that our journey to the feet of the Lord is personal as well as communal, and both need to be respected and maintained. Personal devotion is essential for our spiritual health but also coming together with like-minded souls who are affectionately disposed toward us is also essential.

In the company of other people of faith we have our devotional feelings affirmed and strengthened; we also experience how some folks think differently to us, have a different approach, and we learn to broaden our vision of the possibilities of faith. Regular attendance at worship reminds us that we are parts of the body of Christ and participate in a spiritual movement that seeks after goals that fulfill the most important needs of the human soul.

Traditional worship in the form of Holy Communion is carried out in humility following the command of Christ to do so. The communion is Christ's priestly ministry wherein He nourishes us in word and sacrament. It is Christ who blesses us, absolves us and gives his very self to us in the bread and wine. What we experience at communion is what the Apostles and the Lord shared together when Christ was here on

earth. Every day the disciples gathered around the Lord and received instruction from Him, worshipped with Him and received the bread and wine from Him. Today we have the same opportunity by gathering around Christ's holy presence at his table and be blessed by Him and sent out in his name.

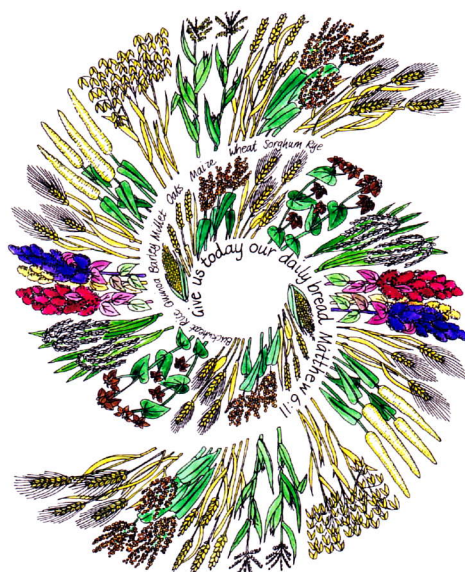
We are fortunate at Christ Church Geelong to have wonderful preachers, a great organist and choir, a host of servers and wonderful flowers, readers and intercessors. I am very proud of our parish at Christ Church and the dedicated servants of the Lord that worship here. I am proud of the way so many of our parishioners live out their lives as disciples by engaging in the

wonderful Meals Program, food cupboards, refugee committee and other working groups that seek to serve the wider community. If there is any way you would like to help with any of these important services please see me, the wardens, or Jan McGowan.

Thank you all for your loving support. I pray for all blessings from the Lord for our parish, its people and their families.

Yours in Christ

Fr Russell



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

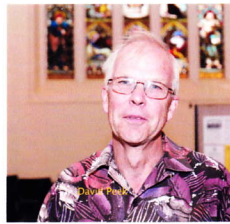


Who are our Council Members?

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



Col Hastings
Vicar's Warden



David Peek
(Warden)



David Osborne
(Warden)



Evelyn Twaddell
(Council Secretary)



Pat Peacock



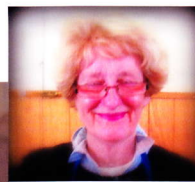
Peter Dohnt



Joy Baxter



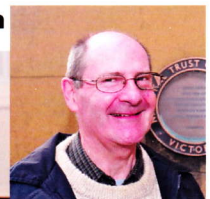
Sue Wong



Prue Fidge



Jan McGowan



Don Patterson

Celebrations and festivals...

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

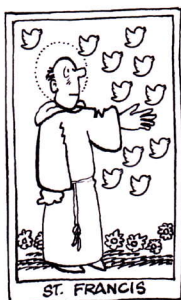
Monday 24th September }
Monday 31st October } Parish Film nights - see details on Page XXX
Monday 14th November }



Sunday October 2nd - Blessing of the Pets;
Sunday 13th November - Parish Annual General Meeting !!!
November 20th; Christ the King (Parish Patronal Festival);



Watch the Parish Press for more details of parish events - but mark your diaries now!
..and see the Social Clubs plans and dates listed on p7!!!!



He's been updated. He's now the patron saint of tweeting!



THE CHRIST CHURCH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

will be held on **November 13th** at Christ Church Geelong, commencing after the 9.30am service concludes. Reports need to be in by November 1st at the very latest so they may be available to parishioners as of the 7th November.

... the next Chronicle....

... is due in **December 2016** and your contributions are welcome - send them to Phillip Swain by email to - spswain@westnet.com.au ...but don't wait - do it **NOW !!**



HEARING

Lord Jesus would speak in parables and often say afterwards ... "those with ears to hear let them hear". He was referring to those who could understand the parables due to their experience on the path of devotion or to others who were sincere and simply heard with faith. Hearing about the Lord is a limb of devotional service, it is an act of faith in itself and one is glorified by engaging in hearing the glories of God. The trick to devotional hearing is to hear without using the mind in a critical way, just let the words wash over you.

When we hear with a critical mind we may project our ideas or thoughts on what is being said and distort the intention of the speaker. We all do this at times, we may even be thinking of something else while listening to someone speak and think they have spoken what we were thinking. The fact is we were not really listening, not present to the words of the speaker. Once I was preaching in a small country church and a lady came up to me after the service and told me I was wrong, the local shop was not about to shut. I never mentioned the shop at all but she was adamant I had. Of course in her case she would switch off her hearing aid at the beginning of the sermon so in fact heard nothing.

Once a young boy was sitting in a pew with his mother while the preacher gave an inspired sermon, waving his arms about while passionately espousing the gospel from the pulpit. The boy asked his mum fearfully... "has that pulpit got a gate, someone should lock it. If he gets loose anything could happen". Of course it is the duty of the preacher to speak in a way that inspires the listener to love God but if they do it is good just to be open and allow the words to flow through without trying to analyze them too much. This is also the Ignation method of reading scripture, hear it first and let it wash over you and hear it again if you like with a more analytical mind.

The activities and words of the Lord and those of true saints are spiritual, transcendental, and so we are engaging in the Lord's service just by hearing them. Words that describe politics and mundane views are not spiritual or beneficial in the same way as the glories of the Lord, God's activities, or words about the path of devotion. Sometimes preachers feel a need to express certain views according to world events but as much as possible we should help people to come closer to God and experience the divine presence in their lives.

(Fr Russell)

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



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.



Morning tea!!

After the 9.30am Sunday Service there is morning tea in the North

Transept Coffee area...

Come and catch up with your fellow parishioners!



Regular Services at Christ Church

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

and during the week— **Eucharist** on **Wednesdays at 8am & 10am.**

Meditation every Tuesday from 7-8 pm (in the Side Chapel)

Morning Prayer - Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8.30am

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

Children's & Families Service (CAFS) - first Sunday of each month, commencing at 9.30am (in the Parish Hall), **NOTE** - these CAFS services are NOT held in January each year.



Have you heard....????

Towards the end of June on Sunday 26th June **Fr John and Frances** celebrated their **51st Wedding Anniversary** - congratulations! And may there be many more!

.... and speaking of Fr John, for those wondering why we've not seen him so often in recent weeks, it's because he has taken the locum position at All Saints in Newtown whilst their search for a new vicar takes place - we hope to welcome Fr John and Frances back very soon - but, we know these processes take time!

CONGRATULATIONS!

In July 2016 **Sonya and Peter Dohnt** celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary
... whilst on 20th August **Bill Johnsen and Maree Burn** were married at Christ Church !

And recent birthdays included -
June (19th?) - **Ann Howarth**
June 21st - **Marion Haywood** turned 95!!
July 25th - **Ruth Christian**
28th July - **Evelyn Twaddell** turned 70 years young!
And at the end of October - **Margaret Tembo** will celebrate her 70th birthday

On Sunday 24th July we welcomed **Fr Andrew Constance** - a retired priest who served parishes in Gippsland and Canberra-Goulburn, and as a Naval Chaplain for many years. Fr Andrew will assist with Sunday services as Celebrant and Preacher, from time to time..

... and a special congratulations to **Jan McGowan** who in this year's **Queen's Birthday Honours** was awarded the **Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM)!!** - see the details from the Melbourne Anglican entry, on p11.



SAMARITAN'S PURSE

REMINDER - OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Christmas Boxes are with us again and are due to be delivered by the end of October.

If you wish to take part in this appeal, please refer to the brochure previously included in the pew sheet

For more information and/or to borrow a short DVD detailing the work done by Samaritan's Purse, please see Jan.

We continue to offer the options of preparing an entire box yourself or choosing to contribute individual items from the list in the brochure that will then be packaged here at church.

The cost of delivering each box is \$9, so cash donations are most welcome to either cover this cost or to purchase further items.

Special Congratulations also to Ruth Christian - the Rotary Club of Geelong East in September 2016 announced Ruth as the recipient of the 2016 RJ Vague Award for service to the community. The Rotary Club citation reads "[Ruth] has been a member of the Christ Church Community Meals Program for over 25 years and supported the program tirelessly by serving meals, shopping for supplies and liaising with community groups. She also supports the organisation assisting refugee families in Geelong as well as working with the elderly in Geelong for many years..."



...[read more about Ruth's award on the East Geelong Rotary Club webpage!](#)

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

Baptisms

July 2nd - **Violet Brennan**, daughter of Kris and Rebecca Brennan
August 27th - **Oliver Pilkington**, son of Matthew and Simone Pilkington

Marriages



August 20th - **Maree Burn and Bill Johnsen**

Funerals

Bruce Thompson - d 2nd July 2016
Agnes Jickell - buried from Christ Church 8 July 2016 (pictured at right)
Daphne Gordon - funeral on 3rd August 2016





GOD IS OUR ETERNAL COMPANION

Regular engagement in devotional activities leads one to feel that God is our personal companion, that whatever we do we are doing it with God. We will come to feel that we are never alone, we never have been alone and never will be alone. God is always with us, within us and all around us. God is the very life and breath within us and all others. God is the all pervading beauty and the Supreme Person, friend of every living entity.

If we develop a more personal relationship with God by looking upon ourselves as God's child, His friend or His servant we will enjoy life feeling we are sharing our experiences with someone who is supremely kind, understanding and loving. The Lord knows our thoughts even before we think them and yet never turns aside from us, we turn away from Him and forget that our Supreme Friend is always there. The simple cure for this is to always remember the Lord and never forget Him. Even a partial success in this endeavor brings such great joy.

Regular engagement in devotion helps us to seek the Lord, the giver of all gifts rather than the mere gifts themselves. If we place God first in our lives by spending time with Him each day then we may feel His grace with us in both good times and bad. There is a saying in Bengal..."Those who keep the Lord close by in the summer of their lives will be able to feel His presence in the winter of their lives also". We all carry psychological or emotional burdens but the more we unite our hearts and lives with God the more confidently we can place those burdens into His wise and loving hands.

It is a wonderful devotional practice to mentally bow at the feet of God. I do this at times when I see that I'm not in control, God is and I may be frustrated with a particular situation, I just mentally fall at the Lord's feet and say Lord I'm yours, I take shelter of you, please help me through this. Doing that always leaves me with a great sense of comfort and peace. Even before we surrender to Him, He knows our little crosses. The further we wander from the Lord's feet the heavier those burdens become. Take our troubles to the Lord and He will help us through by the guidance of His loving Spirit.

By seeing God as our Master, friend and guide we will feel increasing joy and love in our lives. As we grow in God's love we will still experience adversity on the outside but no amount of adversity will be able to rob us of the joy of God's presence. If we blame others for our unhappiness it means we need to take shelter

in God more. Worship and meditation helps us to become strong in our faith and see through the illusions created by the mind and ego. Intuitive wisdom comes by keeping God close and spending time with God in silent meditation.

This life is an opportunity for seeking God. We alone can make a space for God in our hearts so that He may fill our hearts with His light and make them a heaven instead of a hell. No condition or circumstance are too much for God to overcome. So trust in the Lord, remember Him at all times. If we realize we have forgotten Him bring the mind back to centering on Him. Just see how wonderfully your life will change if you do. (Fr Russell)



BREKKY @ CHRIST CHURCH

(from Jenny & Les Harrison, & Laurie Christian)

** Parish breakfasts continue monthly, with various cereals and toast, fruit, coffee and tea - It's a great opportunity to get together and enjoy breakfast - come after the 8am or before the 9.30am service !! In most months brekky is on the **3rd Sunday**, but watch the Parish Press for details of dates!



Parking at Christ Church

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

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

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

Helping with our flowers

If you would like to help with the flowers why not think about -

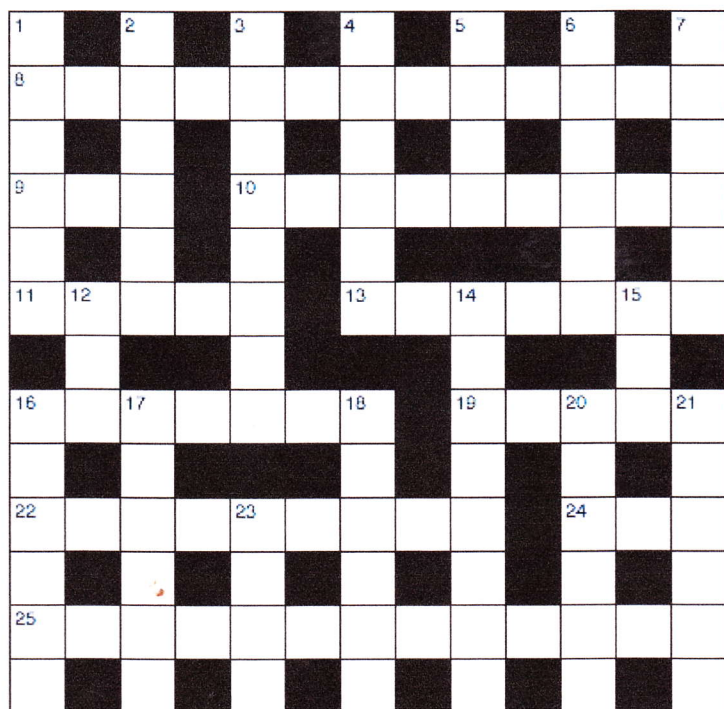
- joining the Flower Guild roster;
- Offering flowers from your garden for the Church;
- making a donation to purchase flowers for a special occasion, or for some other remembrance of a family member or other loved one....

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





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



Across

- 8 Where the ark of the covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6)
- 9 One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14-17) (3)
- 10 Uncomfortable (3,2,4) 11 'Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have —' (Malachi 1:3) (5)
- 13 Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17) (7)
- 16 'Jesus bent down and — to write on the ground with his finger' (John 8:6) (7)
- 19 Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5)
- 22 Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9)
- 24 and 2 Down 'Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under — the —' (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6)
- 25 There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)

Down

- 1 Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6)
- 2 See 24 Across
- 3 Underground literature (including Christian books) circulated in the Soviet Union (8)
- 4 Lo, mash (anag.) (6)
- 5 The Bible's shortest verse: 'Jesus —' (John 11:35) (4)

- 6 'Can a mother forget the baby at her — and have no compassion on the child she has borne?' (Isaiah 49:15) (6)
- 7 Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6)
- 12 'Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the — of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem' (2 Chronicles 2:7) (3)
- 14 Second city of Cyprus (8)
- 15 United Nations Association (1,1,1)
- 16 One of the women who first heard that Jesus had risen from the dead (Mark 16:1) (6)
- 17 Braved (anag.) (6)
- 18 — of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6)
- 20 'Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and — in their own sight' (Isaiah 5:21) (6)
- 21 'Neither — nor depth... will be able to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (6)
- 23 What Jesus shed in 5 Down (4)

Christ Church Sudoku!

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

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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 SOCIAL CLUB - 2016 Program

Coordinators: Jan/Barbara/David

**

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
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	



The Nicene Creed

At Christ Church the Nicene Creed is recited at celebrations of the Holy Communion, as in every Anglican, Roman Catholic and Orthodox Eucharists all over the world serving the great majority of the world's 2.5 billion Christians (Anglicans 2 per cent, Orthodox and Catholic 80 per cent).

Nine years from now, the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicea will be commemorated. During holidays in Turkey some in our congregation may have visited, a day's drive from Istanbul, the remains of the church where the Council held its sessions in AD 325.

Why is Nicea still celebrated? It was called by the Emperor Constantine to combat Arianism, named after Bishop Arius who denied the divinity of Jesus and said the Son of God was not eternal but created. So the words we say are that Jesus was 'Begotten not made; of one being with the Father'.

Some may think that the Nicene Creed was hammered out in shapes too hard, but it was to combat a belief which would have weakened Christianity. In essence, this belief was: 'People said that Jesus was a very good man, so they began to call him the Son of God'. Oddly enough, Constantine was himself baptized at the hands of an Arian!

The photograph (see above right) was taken after the celebration of the 1600th anniversary in 1925. It is not common for a Sydney Evangelical to be pictured beside Orthodox prelates wearing jewelled crowns, but here John Charles Wright Archbishop of Sydney is on the left.
(David Wetherell)

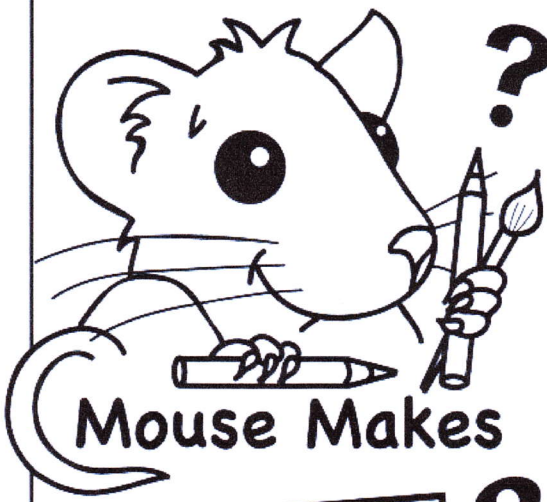


Archbishop John Charles Wright at 1600th anniversary of Council of Nicea, St James', King Street, June 1925.

Photo source - Rodd L. John Hope of Christ Church St Laurence, Alpha Books, 1962 at p.62



Changing the name from 'St Mark's Parish Church', resulted in a big increase in the number of men attending services



WHO AM I?

The last letter of one name is the first letter of the next name.

J _ _ _ S

- Mary's first child
Luke 1:30-31
- Hannah's son
1 Samuel 1:20

E _ _ T

- He wrote the third Gospel
- Followed Elijah
2 Kings 2:15

A _ _ M

- The first man
Genesis 2:20
- Baby in a basket
Exodus 2:1-10

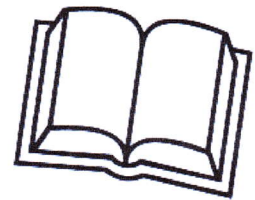
_ _ _ S

- A wise king
1 Kings 4:29
- He built an ark
Genesis 6: 13-14

H _ _ _

- Wrote the 28th book of the Bible

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WHICH BOOK IN THE BIBLE...

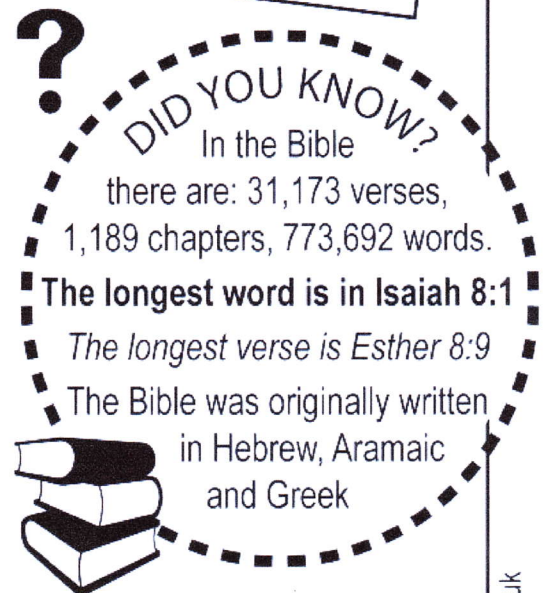
- ... is the **first**?
- ... is the **last**?
- ... has the **most** chapters?
- ... is the **last** in the Old Testament?

How many books are there in in the Old Testament, the New Testament, and the whole Bible?



FIND THE BROTHERS

BENJAMIN HARAN
ISAAC MOSES
AARON JOSEPH
GAD SHEM
JAPHETH JAMES
JACOB ASHER
JOHN ESAU
CAIN ISHMAEL
PETER ABEL
ABRAHAM ANDREW



DID YOU KNOW?

In the Bible there are: 31,173 verses, 1,189 chapters, 773,692 words.

The longest word is in Isaiah 8:1

The longest verse is Esther 8:9

The Bible was originally written in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek

Can you find **JESUS** and all the Apostles in the word search?



ANDREW
JOHN • JAMES
THOMAS • MATTHEW
• SIMON • THADDEUS
BARTHOLOMEW • PETER
PHILIP • JAMES • JUDAS

J O J E S J U D P H T E J
M J U D M A T T H E W A E
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A B A R T H O L O M E W S



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 how to baffle the church committee

The Rectory
St. James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren,

I was delighted to hear that you have been made chairman of the Missionary Sub-committee; it should help you to hone your skills in appearing to encourage committee members to contribute while ensuring that they only say the things you want to hear. It is a skill that needs not a little practice; democracy only works if all the important decisions have been made beforehand.

However, do remember that sub-committees are only formed in order either to kill an idea stone dead, or to give the chairman of the main committee some time to decide what he wants, since he isn't sure how to handle the issue at that particular moment. I formed a sub-committee in 1999 to discuss Miss Fothergill's suggestion of creating a "water feature" on the Rector's Glebe land, as a way of celebrating the Millennium.

I noted at the time that no one wanted the thing on their own land. It's significant that whenever people suggest some imposing edifice, they always think it will be most appropriate either in the Rector's garden, or in some public place, well out of sight of their own homes.

While this particular group has been working away tirelessly, and endless masons and architects have been approached, a suitable design has yet to be presented. It looks as if a suggestion will eventually be considered by my hundredth successor as we enter the third Millennium. That is the customary rate of progress for St. James the Least, which I find entirely satisfactory.

The procedure for decision-making is always the same: after enormous effort, the sub-committee will produce a carefully worded report, which will be circulated round all members of the church council. At the next meeting, they will be thanked profusely for all their hard work and the matter will be discussed

at great length. It will then be proposed that the final decision will be taken at the next meeting, after everyone has had time to consider the matter more thoroughly. Come the next meeting, the item will somehow fail to appear on the agenda, and when it is raised in Any Other Business, it will be pointed out that it is now far too late in the evening to tackle such an important issue. From then on, you can be assured, it will sink without trace.

Always remember the golden rule: a church committee meeting consists of a body of people waiting to go home.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

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!

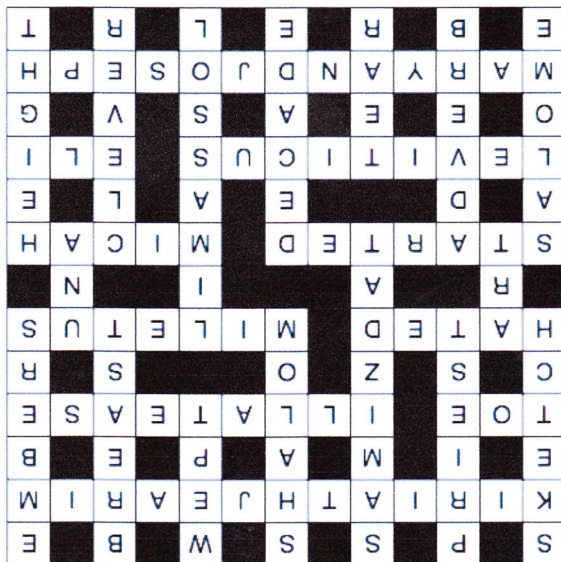
Home Communion



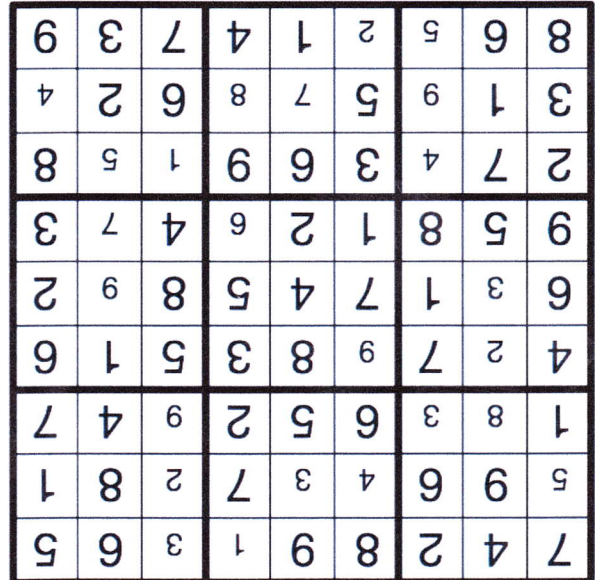
The Parish Clergy are always very happy to bring Holy Communion at home to those unable to come to church for services.

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





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(from p6)



GOD AND THE ARTS

Editor: Have you ever thought how an actual church building might provide a series of visual aids to spiritual meditation? The Rev Michael Burgess (UK) continues his procession through a church building, this month pausing to consider the significance of the church bells from St Augustine's Church, Brookland in Kent.

'He gave us eyes to see them' – the church bells

'Summoned by Bells' is the title of John Betjeman's poetic autobiography, where he describes how bells summoned him to school and to church. Bells announcing the joy of weddings and Sunday services; and also marking out times of sadness and the death of loved ones.

One of the strangest bell-towers is at St Augustine's Church, Brookland in Kent, north-east of Rye, UK. It was originally built in the medieval period, and now stands as a triple coned, wooden, octagonal tower detached from the church, and clad with shingles in 1936.

The story is that the tower looked down at a beautiful bride about to marry an unpleasant groom: it was such a surprise that the tower jumped off the church in shock. The truth is that the church was built on marshy ground, and a stronger foundation was needed for the bells. And so the tower was built north of the church.

Like all belfries and steeples, it is an impressive witness to the place of bells in human life and work: as time-keepers, announcing both festive occasions and emergencies, and calling people away from more worldly pursuits to worship. That is why bells have

always been blessed at their installation for their true function is to ring out the harmony of heaven.

The tenor bell at Warburton Church in Cheshire is inscribed with the words, "I bid you to the house of prayer. St Werburgh's hallowed name I bear. Good folk draw near and humbly pray, as prayed that saint in olden day." As a little boy, John Betjeman would listen to the bells with his teddy bear, Archibald. 'I heard the church bells hollowing out the sky, deep beyond deep, like never-ending stars.' For him, for the people of Brookland, and for all of us, the bells were like stars lighting up the sky with faith and joy and praise.

(Ed Note - though our church bell has been silent for some years, due to the potential for structural damage to the tower stonework, the peals of bells are still broadcast each Sunday.. Perhaps one day we will all hear the bell itself rung again)

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** (see p.4)

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



Update - Footy Parking 2016

The 2016 Footy Finals are well under way, and as of the end of the home and away season our Footy Parking efforts have netted \$3737 for the Parish - a great result from just a couple of hours' work at each home match. It is by far the easiest fund raising we do at Christ Church - we just 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 brings in funds from outside our Parishioner group. Thanks you to all the team who helped with this important venture this year!



(above - happy footy parkers, hard at work!)

Why not come along and help with Footy Parking next year? For more information contact Peter Dohnt (52214704) or Phillip Swain (52219956).



Congratulations Jan!!!!



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ACROSS AUSTRALIA

Grassroots, professional contributions honoured

by Mark Brolly

THE DIRECTOR OF A community meals program at Christ Church Geelong, the founder of a Mothers' Union project at St Paul's Canterbury assisting women in Malawi and a bayside parishioner who has had a distinguished career in child and adolescent health are among local Anglicans - many of them involved in church schools - to have been recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Mrs Janice McGowan of East Geelong was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to the community through social welfare organisations. A member of the Christ Church Parish Council and Sunday school superintendent for 25 years until 2008, Mrs McGowan has been Coordinator of Christ Church's Community Meals Program since 2007 and its Director for the past four years.

Christ Church's meals program, which has run for 26 years, serves more than 20,000 meals annually, including a cooked breakfast 365 days a year and an evening meal every Monday and Wednesday. For some who use the service - ranging from families, street kids and other homeless people, school children, the lonely, recently released prisoners and stranded travellers - their meal at Christ Church may be their only meal of the day.

About 350 people a year, including pensioners and health care cardholders, also use Christ Church's emergency food relief.



Mrs Janice McGowan OAM.

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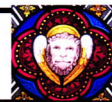
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Situations Vacant

here's some volunteer opportunities....

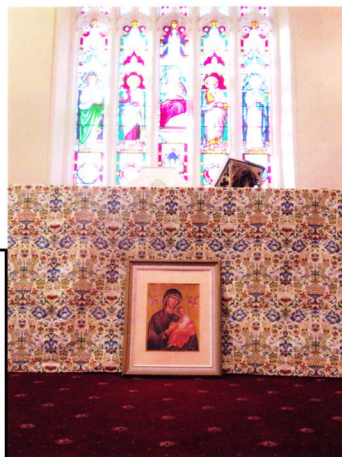
- **Church sitting** - weekdays 12-2pm
- **Sides persons and welcomers** for all services
- **Readers/Intercessors** (Lessons & Intercessions)
- **Assisting with flower arranging** in Church
- **help with maintenance** (.
- **collating the weekly Parish Press**
- **Helping with the Community Meals Program**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



... and someone was caught hard at work at a recent Working Bee!



Christ Church
Sanctuary - Mary,
Mother of our
Lord (14th August
2016)



Two special birthdays!



Marion Heywood
turned 95 on 21 June



Evelyn Twaddell
turned 70 on 28th July

AND HERE'S THE
BEAUTIFUL QUILT
CREATED BY ANN
HOWARTH,, AND
WON AT THE JUNE
WINTER CABARET
BY BARBARA PEEK



Winter Cabaret & Dinner 16 July 2016