

FUND RAISING & SPECIAL EVENTS

WOMEN'S LUNCH

'Volunteering in Malawi -

Project for Wheelchairs for the Disabled'

Next Saturday, 14th May at 12 Noon in the School Room

Speaker: Debbie Humphries - Cost \$10

**[If you have any dietary requirements,
please contact Margaret Tembo - Phone: 5221 5130]**

WINTER WOOLIES & OTHER WONDERS MARKET

Saturday, 28th May - 10am to 2pm

Please see insert!! Enquiries: Ruth - 0425 785 694

FILM NIGHT

The Chef - starring Kate Winslet

Monday, 20th June at 7.15pm (7.30pm start)

Come and join us at St Mary's Theatrette for another enjoyable evening out - includes supper after the film.

Tickets - \$15 each - see Jan!

CHRIST CHURCH SOCIAL CLUB

Old-Fashioned Games Night

Saturday, 2nd June at 7.30pm in School Room

★ If anyone has a set of quoits, bobs or similar 1950/1960 game of skill that we could borrow for two days for the above night, please speak to Bruce Twaddell!

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Monday, 11th July at 7.30pm

A service to acknowledge the work of volunteers, supporters and donors of the Meals Program

WINTER CABARET/DINNER

Saturday Evening, 16th July in the Church Hall

'Wear your glad rags!'

Ron Sudden will be the principal performer.

It should be a lot of fun, so mark the date on your calendar!

We acknowledge the Wathaurong people of the Kulin Nation as the traditional custodians of the lands on which Christ Church and its buildings now stand.



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Mission Statement

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.

SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

8th May 2016

Liturgical Colour: White

Holy Eucharist: 8.00am; 9.30am (Sung) & 5.15pm

Sentence

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved.

Prayer of the Day

*Almighty God,
whose blessed Son before his passion
prayed for his disciples that they might be one,
as you and he are one:
grant that your Church,
being bound together in love
and obedience to you,
may be united in one body by the one Spirit,
that the world may believe in him
whom you have sent,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end. Amen.*



** You are invited to join in this Prayer immediately before today's readings*

Service Setting:

Christ Church Service

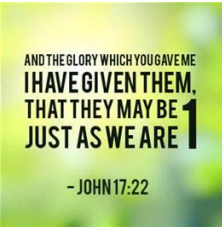
Hymns:

9.30am: 378; 434; 147; 231 5.15pm: As selected

Psalm:

9.30am: Psalm 93 (TIS 51) - Choir only

The Vicar Writes



Easter Seven is also the Sunday after the Ascension of the Lord where the Lord floated upward in the presence of the disciples and thus returned to his divine home. The Lord's abode is eternal and is not like a material place that is confined by time and space. The Lord's heaven is certainly a place but exists in omnipresence and is within all hearts (the kingdom of God is within you). All this is beyond the mind to understand but is not beyond the heart. The Lord is unlimited and has inconceivable powers, when the heart is purified by a deep loving connection with the Lord, things inconceivable to the mind become intuitively understood in the soul.

Today the Lord prays for all disciples for all time that they may be one with him as he and the Father are one. Jesus prays that we may live in him and he in us. This is also beyond the mind to understand but is easy if we accept the Lord is Spirit and not restricted in the same way matter is. The Lord's risen form through which we relate with him is not material but present everywhere, in our hearts and in all things.

The ascension reveals to us that Christ rose above all heavens, in other words he filled all things. We may relate to him in the form of Jesus or feel the presence of his Spirit in our hearts and lives, or we may do both. God is simply not limited by anything our minds might have difficulty in conceiving.

As we walk closely with the Lord and keep him in our hearts we become cleansed of material misgivings and misconceptions. Our heart expands with divine power to be able to accept things beyond the view of mind and senses. No computer or scientific instrument can help us to understand the Lord, only a sincere and loving heart, a heart that is open to the guidance of the divine.

Today as we contemplate the mysteries of the Lord lets heed his call to take a step out in faith and strive to surrender that we might enter more deeply into the Lord's mysteries. Nothing is impossible. The Lord is always with us, it is up to us to be aware of the Lord's presence in our lives and accept that God accepts and loves us. We are a part of God and so is everything and everyone. May we strive to be God conscious and grow in love for God that we may love one another. It is through surrender to love and devotion for God that we may become one with Christ who is one with God.

Fr Russell

MOTHERS' DAY FLOWERS: Today's flowers have been donated in loving memory of Helen Elkington, Thelma Evans, Vida Lindsay and Lily Seymour by their daughters Gai, Jan, Anne and Joy.



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS 2016 are here to purchase (see Gai), including pre-order forms for both the books and digital memberships. Cost this year is **\$60 (\$12** of which comes back to Christ Church. Orders can be either in cash or by credit card. → "A Mother's day gift that keeps on giving"

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THE WORLD: Peace and tolerance in the world; all who are hungry & without shelter.
THE CHURCH: Anglican Church of Korea; Diocese of the Riverina; Archdeaconry of Williamstown; St Michael's Carlton North; St James the Great, St Kilda.
THE PARISH/COMMUNITY: The very old & very young; all unable to care for themselves; the unemployed and those who cannot provide for their families
THOSE IN SPECIAL NEED: Those on our prayer list and in our hearts.
THE DEPARTED: The recently departed and those whose yearly remembrance falls at this time.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, 10 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer in the Chapel
	2.00pm	Book Group in School Room
	7.00pm	Meditation in the Chapel
Wednesday, 11 th	8.00am	Meditation in the Chapel
	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
	7.30pm	Healing Service
Thursday, 12 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer in the Chapel
	10.00am	Pastoral Care Meeting in School Room
Saturday, 14 th	7.30pm	Choir Practice
	9.00am	Working Bee
	12Noon	Women's Lunch

NEXT SUNDAY, 15TH MAY – DAY OF PENTECOST

Readings: Acts 2.1-21; Psalm 104.26-36; Romans 8.14-17; John 14.8-17

THE CHRONICLE – the next *Chronicle* is being prepared now – so keep sending those contributions regarding Parish events and celebrations, parishioner milestones, what's happening generally...anything you think may be of interest to Christ Church parishioners. Contributions to spswain@westnet.com.au by **Sunday, 15th May.**

FOOTY PARKING – thanks to all who assisted with Footy Parking on 30th May – we parked 49 cars and with a few donations made **\$348** overall – pretty good for a couple of hours work! Thanks too to all who helped with the parking yesterday – footy parking has a rest now until the next CATS home game on **Saturday, 4th June** when the CATS play the GWS Giants. Mark the date in your diaries now – all helpers are welcome!

GRETA BRADMAN TOUR: Acclaimed Australian soprano will present a concert of sacred music, including songs from her latest album 'My Hero' at St Mary's Basilica on **Monday, 9th May at 7.30pm.** Book at www.greatabradman.com or by phone on 1300 762545; or contact Jeannette on 5223 3554.

GEELONG'S 'ACCORD' RECORDER ENSEMBLE PRESENTS music across the ages from Renaissance to Contemporary at St David's Church, Newtown, **next Sunday, 15th May at 3pm.** Admission by donation – Afternoon Tea provided. For further details, please see flyer in coffee area.