

Fr John starts at All Saints, Newtown on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> April as Locum Vicar. Our love and prayers go with both Fr John and Frances during their time at All Saints.

## Fund Raising & Special Events

REMINDER – TRIVIA NIGHT FOR  
THE LAZARUS DROP IN CENTRE  
Next Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm  
Pioneer Hall, St Mary's  
[Please see flyer in coffee area]

‘FOOTY PARKING’  
Next Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> April  
The CATS play against the Brisbane Lions at home  
If you would like to help in the afternoon, please contact Peter Dohnt (5221 4704) or Phillip Swain (5221 9956) – GO CATS!!

REMINDER - FILM NIGHT  
*The Dressmaker* – starring Kate Winslet  
Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> April at 7.15pm (7.30pm start)  
Come and join us at St Mary's Theatre for an enjoyable evening out - includes supper after the film.  
Tickets are \$15 each  
Please see Jan as soon as possible, as seats are filling fast!!

CHRIST CHURCH SOCIAL CLUB  
Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> May in the School Room  
Speaker: Rosemary Maries - 'Trekking in Nepal'

## WINTER WOOLIES & OTHER WONDERS MARKET

Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> May – 10am to 2pm

If you have items to offer, please check with:  
Gai or Ruth – Craft; Sue – Cakes; Jan – Food;  
Barbara – Preserves; Syama or Laurie – Plants \*  
Major raffle prize is a Quilt  
New feature – pruning demonstrations!  
If you have ideas please let us know.  
Many jobs on offer as time gets closer!

Contact: Ruth – 0425 785 694

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.



## The Anglican Parish of Christ Church Geelong



*"A community of faith in service to others"*

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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.

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2016

Liturgical Colour: White

Holy Eucharist: 8.00am & 5.15pm

Holy Eucharist/Confirmation: 9.30am (Sung)

Children's & Family Service (CAFS) at 9.30am

### Sentence

Jesus said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'

### Prayer of the Day

Living God,  
for whom no door is closed,  
no heart is locked;  
draw us beyond your doubts,  
till we see your Christ  
and touch his wounds where they bleed in others.  
This we ask through Christ our Saviour,  
who lives and reigns with you and 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: 156; 658; 361; 360 (Vs 1-2&6-8) – see Booklet

5.15pm: 361; 360 (Vs 1-2&6-8)

Psalm Response:



This is the day which the Lord has made, let us re-joyce and be glad in it.

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## The Vicar Writes



In our Gospel today Jesus appeared in a locked room to his disciples in his spiritual form. His body was able to appear and disappear and was thus transcendental to mundane material laws that ordinarily restrict embodied souls. The soul is different from the physical body in that it is eternal whereas the body is temporary. The physical body is a gift of the Lord to the soul so that we may use it in God's service and develop our spiritual lives through prayer, service and contemplation. The spiritual body is the body that is eternal, full of knowledge and bliss and is meant for the eternal service of the lord. The spiritual body is our very self, is a part of God's Spirit and is free from any defects or pollution.

After showing himself to the disciples the Lord showed his hands and side to convince them it was he and they were not merely seeing an apparition. The Lord then gave them the Holy Spirit by breathing on them. This conforms with the words of the Creed that the Holy Spirit proceeds both from the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit is the power of God and the inner guide of all souls usually perceived as conscience. That Holy Spirit is the very life force within all of us. Not everyone however is aware of the presence of God's guiding Spirit within them, they don't realise that the dearest beloved friend of their soul is closer than their heart beat, behind every breath they take. Jesus made his intimate disciples aware of this divine presence within them simply by breathing on them. How fortunate for them, we too can have this awakening by developing an awareness that it is the Lord's breathing life into us at every moment. God is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning, middle and end of all beings.

Our lives would stand to benefit so much if we could accept these things and practice the presence of God in our lives. Doubting Thomas had to see everything to believe, but the Lord said blessed are those who believe without seeing. Hearing is in fact the sense most able to perceive Spirit, not the sense of seeing. The sound of the breath is spiritual if we understand that it is the Lord who breathes in us, the disciples heard the Holy Spirit at Pentecost as the sound of a rushing wind, scripture or any written word is heard even in the mind when read and so it is by hearing that we increase our perception of God and increase our faith. Jesus didn't encourage blind believing but he did set us on the path to true discovery by encouraging us to listen for the Spirit and be open to God's presence, love and guidance in our lives.

The Lord be with you, Fr Russell

Today's Flowers have been donated by the Freijah family in loving memory of Connie Dunn, their mother, mother-in-law and grandmother whose anniversary falls on the 4<sup>th</sup> April.



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Please give a warm welcome to Bishop Phillip Huggins who is with us today at our 8.00am Eucharist and our Confirmation/Eucharist service at 9.30am

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### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**THE WORLD:** Peace, tolerance and justice in the world; especially those affected by the terrorist attacks in Belgium and Pakistan.

**THE CHURCH:** Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean; Diocese of Newcastle: Children's & Families' Ministry; Parish of St Eanswythe's Altona w. St Clement's Laverton; Christ Church Geelong (Confirmation)

**THE PARISH/COMMUNITY:** Our confirmation service today, especially Jhiah, Zahla, Clarie and Daniel.

**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. We remember with thanks: The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Monday); Frederic Barker, bishop of Sydney & pioneer of theological education & the General Synod, d.1882 (Wednesday).

### **THE WEEK AHEAD**

Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer in the Chapel
	7.00pm	Meditation in the Chapel
Wednesday, 6 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Meditation in the Chapel
	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer in the Chapel
	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Saturday, 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Working Bee
	7.30pm	Trivia Night at St Mary's Pioneer Hall

### **NEXT SUNDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Readings: Acts 9:1-6; Psalm 30; Revelations 5:6-14; John 21:1-19**

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**SCARVES & GLOVES FOR REFUGEES AT NGSC:** With the cooler weather not far away, there is a need for scarves, gloves, mittens, thick tights & beanies for refugees at North Geelong Secondary College. All garments must be black; new or used. There is a clothes basket in the coffee area for donations – thank you, Barbara Peek

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS 2016** will be launched this month. Cost this year is \$60 (\$12 of which comes back to Christ Church). Gai Scully already has pre-order forms for both the books and digital memberships, which entitles you to a number of extra offers. Contact Gai for your orders on 0407 549220 or see her in church. Orders can be either in cash or by credit card.

**BOOK GROUP:** The first meeting is on **Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm** in the School Room. New members are welcome, but if anyone just wants a copy of the book (Paul F Knitter's *Without Buddha I Could Not be a Christian*) the cost is \$17.50. Please contact the Rev. Jenny Dunn if you have any queries.

**G-RAP:** You are invited to the official launch of G-RAP (Geelong Refugee Assistance Program) on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm at St Stephen's, Belmont (please see flyer in coffee area).

**FLOWER ROSTER:** Anyone who would like to join the flower roster for 2016, would they please see Jan!

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