



The Anglican Parish of Christ Church Geelong



"A community of faith in service to others"

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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

THE CHRONICLE – the next Chronicle is due at the first Sunday in June, and is being prepared now – so send in your contributions regarding Parish events and celebrations, parishioner milestones, what’s happening generally... of other items that you think may be of interest to Christ Church parishioners. Contributions to spswain@westnet.com.au

FOOTY PARKING – thanks to all who assisted with yesterday’s Footy parking. For reasons which are hard to follow, the AFL in its wisdom has scheduled the next home game for the CATS for next weekend! So parking is on again on **Saturday, 7th May**, when the CATS play West Coast, and parking will be available from around **12 noon**. All helpers very welcome!

WANTED: Garden mulcher/chipper, petrol 5hp min, for Syama and the Vicarage garden. If you can assist, please contact David Peek (0400 193588).



REMINDER - TOMATO PLANTS: Please note Laurie is taking orders for tomato plants – please see notice in coffee area!

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

1st May 2016

Liturgical Colour: White

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

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

Sentence

*‘Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you,’ says the Lord.
Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.’*

Prayer of the Day

*Great and loving God,
your will for us in your Son Jesus
is the peace which the world cannot give,
your abiding gift, the Advocate he promised.
Calm all troubled hearts, dispel every fear,
and keep us steadfast in love
and faithful to your word.
Grant this through Jesus Christ,
the firstborn from the dead,
who lives with you now and always
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. Amen. Amen*

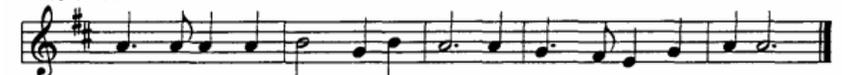


* You are invited to join in this Prayer immediately before today’s readings

Service Setting: Christ Church Service

Hymns: 9.30am: 258 (Insert); 499; 529; 372 5.15pm: 258; 372

Psalm Response



Let the peo- ples praise you O God, let all the peo- ples praise you.

The Vicar Writes



Jesus instructs us that the sign of our love for him shall be that we will keep his word, what does he mean? Does he mean keeping the word printed in the Bible? Does the word refer to anything else? The answer to both is yes, the word of God is in the Bible but it is also a living word and so may be found in our hearts and lives and in the words of the great saints and wise people of any faith.

The word of god may be found wherever God is and God is everywhere therefore it is not truth to say that Gods word is only here or there. God's word is in the Bible but if someone says that God's word cannot be found anywhere else it simply means that those people haven't looked or they are blinded by their own prejudice and ignorance.

A Christian will certainly see the Bible as their main source of inspiration and there is nothing wrong with this because the Bible contains the words and story of Jesus Christ. Studying the Bible is an essential act for one who wants to connect their life to the life of Christ. It is by hearing the words of Christ that a person may take those words to heart and apply them to their lives. The principle instruction of Christ is to love God and neighbour as self and to do unto others as you would have them do unto you. This is a recipe for living in love and not acting like a terrorist. We may seek to follow Jesus' life as portrayed in the Gospels to pray for others and forgive those who torment us.

Jesus tells the disciples who were with him that they were to follow his words and example and that for later he would send the Counsellor to guide them and those who come afterward. The Counsellor is the indwelling guide in every heart, not just a Christian's heart, but in every living being. It is the indwelling guide that acts as instinct for the animals and as conscience and intelligence for humans. It is that Holy Spirit who is the all-pervading beauty in creation, the power and strength in all things and our very life and breath.

We are often deaf to the leading of the Spirit and yet the Spirit is always with us, and everyone and always has been. How do we feel the guidance of that indwelling counsellor? It is the same as hearing from any person in the world, you have to give attention and listen. To do that you have to be still, put other thoughts aside, other worries and anxieties and simply listen. The Spirit is first heard as silence, first perceived as peace. Jesus says peace I leave you, my peace I give you.

The peace of Jesus is not a nothingness it is filled with silent wisdom. By being still and peaceful, listening to the silence, intuitive wisdom develops by which one can increasingly feel the sense of truly being led by the Spirit. As we perfect this listening in silence we may come to perceive it as a silent roar, gradually we may even come to hear the speaking of God and see him in visions but these are less important than sitting in God's peace and silence. From sitting in silence and focussing on God within our hearts we shall be nourished by peace that will gradually intensify into bliss and then we shall remain undisturbed even in the midst of crashing worlds. This is the most important thing, not being disturbed, having a peaceful heart.

Many people claim to perceive God or see God, to be led by God, but they are not even peaceful or satisfied and, therefore, they are ruled by negative emotions like fear, jealousy and sadness. So don't be fooled by that, seek God in the Temple of silence. Learn to live in peace and then we shall be able to live in God's joy and love. Without inner peace, no religious experience is of any real depth, so don't settle for imitations, they are cheap; go deep under the surface of the ocean of God's Spirit so that Christ and his Father may take their home in us.

The Lord be with you, Fr Russell

Holy Baptism: Please pray for Melissa & Adam Totton as they celebrate their son Conor's baptism at the 9.30am service this morning.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THE WORLD: Peace and reconciliation amongst all Nations.

THE CHURCH: Anglican Church of Kenya; Ministry with the Aboriginal people of Australia; Archdeaconry of The Yarra; St Faith's Burwood; Merri Creek Anglican (Confirmation); Deans Marsh & Winchelsea; Hoppers Crossing (Farewell Service for the Rev. Ken Shillito); Mullum Mullum Parish, Ringwood.

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 (Andrew Baxter). We remember with thanks: Philip and James, Apostles and Martyrs (Tuesday); Ascension Day (Thursday).

THE WEEK AHEAD		
Tuesday, 3rd	8.30am	Morning Prayer in the Chapel
	2.00pm	Book Group in School Room
	7.00pm	Meditation in the Chapel
Wednesday, 4th	8.00am	Meditation in the Chapel
	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
Thursday, 5th	8.30am	Morning Prayer in the Chapel
Ascension Day	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Saturday, 7th	7.30pm	Christ Church Social Club

NEXT SUNDAY, 8TH MAY – SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

Readings: Acts 16.16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22.12-22; John 17.20-26

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, on **Sunday, 15th May at 3pm**. Admission by donation – Afternoon Tea provided. For further details, please see flyer in coffee area.

ANGLICAN TOURS have organized a Christian Pilgrimage in February/March 2017 for 19 days in Israel (The Holy Land). If you are interested in this tour, please see details on the flyer in the coffee area.

FUND RAISING & SPECIAL EVENTS



CHRIST CHURCH SOCIAL CLUB
'Trekking in Nepal'
Next Saturday, 7th May at 7.30pm
in the School Room

Speaker: Rosemary Maries - Chaplain, Geelong Hospital

WOMEN'S LUNCH

'Volunteering in Malawi -

Project for Wheelchairs for the Disabled'

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

[Contact: Ruth - 0425 785 694]

For update details, please see over page!

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.

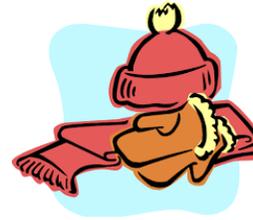
Tickets - \$15 each - see Jan!

WINTER CABARET/DINNER

Saturday, 16th July in the Church Hall

Ron Sudden will be the principal performer.

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



UPDATE - WINTER WOOLIES & OTHER WONDERS MARKET **Saturday, 28th May - 10am to 2pm**

How can you help?

Raffle tickets on sale from today:

\$5 each or 3 for \$10. Take a book to sell.

Make something for sale on the day. Let the group leader know you are planning to do so.

Sign up on the helpers needed sheet

- on the crossing table -

help required on the day before and on the day!

Are you going to a meeting or group this month?

Could you take some fliers?

Tell your friends, family and neighbours it is on.

Spread the word.

Come on the day yourself!