

## COMING EVENTS/FESTIVALS

**Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> February – ‘Saturday Club’**  
**7.30pm in the School Room**  
**Planning for the year’s activities**  
**followed by Supper!**



**Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> February - Start-up Sunday**  
**including our first CAFS for 2016,**  
**followed by a Barbecue/Al Fresco Lunch at**  
**12 Noon for all parishioners and families!!**

**Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February – Ash Wednesday**  
**Services: Meditation in the Chapel at 8.00am;**  
**Holy Eucharist at 10.00am;**  
**and Holy Eucharist/Healing at 7.30pm**

**Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> February – Film Night**  
**Woman in Gold – starring Helen Mirren**  
**Tickets available from Jan today!!**

## WINTER WOOLIES & OTHER WONDERS MARKET

**Thank you to the people who have already agreed**  
**to take a role on 28<sup>th</sup> May and before.**

**If you have items to offer you can check with**  
**Gai or Ruth – Craft; Barbara – Preserves; Sue – Cakes;**  
**Syama or Laurie – Plants; Jan – Food.**

**Thank you to Anne Howarth for the Quilt**  
**as the major raffle prize.**

**New feature this year – pruning demonstrations!**

**If you have ideas please let us know.**  
**Many jobs on offer as time gets closer!**

**Contact: Ruth – 0425 785 694**



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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.*

### THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

24<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Liturgical Colour: Green

Holy Eucharist: 8.00am; 9.30am

### Sentence

*Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah; ‘The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me  
 to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives.’*

### Prayer of the Day \*

*Life-giving God,  
 who sent your Son Jesus to proclaim  
 your kingdom and to teach with authority:  
 anoint us with your Spirit,  
 that we too may bring good news to the poor,  
 bind up the broken-hearted,  
 and proclaim liberty to the captive;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
 Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.*

**Rolling Up The Scroll**  
**He said, ‘Today,**  
**This Scripture Is**  
**Fulfilled...’**

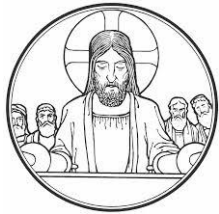


**\* You are invited to join in this Prayer immediately before today’s readings**

**Hymns: 9.30am: 179; 420; 524(2); 530 5.15pm: No service**

*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 Vicar Writes



Saint Paul explains how all life was made to drink of the one Spirit. It is true, all life gets its life from Spirit; nothing can exist independently from Spirit because the Spirit is the sustainer of everything and the very life force within all phenomena. Every living entity is informed and led by Spirit and humans have the opportunity to choose to go beyond mere instinctive leading and seek out the deeper guidance of the Lord.

The beginning of the spiritual path is surrender; it is from this that all other divine goals may be attained, including the development of wisdom and love for God. The growth of wisdom comes first and by it we come to see that all are the same. Ignorance is characterised by the view that we are superior to others and somehow different and elite. Wisdom enables us to see that I have a body subjected to old age, disease and death and so does everything else. I suffer, everyone suffers, I mourn and so does everyone else. We all share the journey of life and all the difficulties that go with it, no matter what country we are born in or what colour is our skin.

We love our family, so does everybody, we love our country and every country has the same feeling towards their country. God gives us a physical body, family and country not so that we may separate ourselves from others but that we may have empathy for others knowing that other people share the journey with us. Christ displayed this empathy by sharing our journey partaking in our humanity that we might share in his divinity.

On this Australia Day, reflect that our nation is made up of every kind of people, each one of them is as authentically Australian as the next and each one of us is in exile from our real home as much as the next. We own nothing. We can never own this land and neither can anyone else, no matter how long they have been here. We will all pass away from here and go to that land that never fades away. This is another thing we all share. We are all foreigners, passing through this valley of the shadow of death heading to the land of eternal life.

Jesus Christ has opened the scroll of wisdom and read from the great prophet Isaiah reminding us that there is great news of a life beyond this one. We are not captives of death we only pass through it. Death is a mere moment in our journey. To know this is wisdom, release, freedom from blindness and the bondage of thinking the body is all in all. Christ has offered us the chance to open our eyes and see that the entire creation sings of the Lord's glory and shows his handiwork. As Jesus was anointed by the Spirit, so we too may be anointed and be a source of release and joy for those who may not yet be aware of the great love of God.

The Lord be with you, Fr Russell

*Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race – this is on next weekend (30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> January) – please factor this event when travelling to church next Sunday!*



## AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM

Australians all let us rejoice/ For we are young and free  
We've golden soil and wealth for toil,/Our home is girt by sea:  
Our land abounds in nature's gifts/Of beauty rich and rare,  
In history's page let every stage/ Advance Australia fair,  
In joyful strains then let us sing/ Advance Australia Fair

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**THE WORLD:** Peace and tolerance in the world.

**THE CHURCH:** Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil; Diocese of Bunbury; Society of the Sacred Mission; St James Old Cathedral, Melbourne West.

**THE COMMUNITY:** Our emergency service personnel, especially our fire-fighters.

**THOSE IN SPECIAL NEED:** Those on our prayer list and in our hearts.

**THE DEPARTED:** Our own dear departed and those whose yearly remembrance falls at this time.

## The Week Ahead

Wednesday, 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
Sunday, 31 <sup>st</sup>	8.00am	Holy Eucharist
	9.30am	Holy Eucharist

**NEXT SUNDAY: 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY -PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE**

**Readings: Malachi 3.1-4; Psalm 24; Hebrews 2.14-18; Luke 2.22-40**

**REMINDER – EVACUATION PLAN:** A new Evacuation Plan has been developed for 2016! It will be on display on the right hand side of the Porch wall as you come in. Basically, we gather on the tennis court area!

**THE CHRONICLE:** The first edition for 2016 is due in early March – contributions are welcome now! If you have any details of items and forthcoming events/etc. please send to Phillip Swain by email to: spswain@westnet.com.au.

## **REMINDER - APPEAL FOR REFUGEES AT NORTH GEELONG SECONDARY COLLEGE**



Goods required are pencil case packs or separate pencil cases & pencils, pens, rubbers, etc. to make up packs; 5-subject exercise books; A3 art sketch books (6 only); white polo shirts; thick black tights and money (used towards the cost of uniforms). There is a clothes basket in the coffee area. Please note that Barbara will take the goods to the school at the end of the holidays!

**TRADING TABLE:** There are some preserves (Jam, marmalade, relish) on sale on the trading table today – Barbara Peek





### LENTEN STUDIES OPTIONS

#### Bible Explorers

Bible explorers will run for each Tuesday in Lent – commencement date **Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February** in the schoolroom.

- Sessions run 1:30pm and 3:30pm.
- Contact: Fr Barry Smith – 0409 409 473
- Sign-up sheet available on the crossing table.

#### Wednesday Mornings

- After the 10am service – with the Vicar.
- Sign-up sheet available on the crossing table.

#### Home Fellowship Groups

Groups will run on Monday afternoons, Wednesday evenings and Friday evenings

- Will be working through “*Walking Humbly with God*” by Dr Tim Gaden. Cost \$10
- Available from Judy Munro 5221 8801 or Jan.
- Sign-up sheet on crossing table with contact details.
- Flyers available



### FILM NIGHTS ARE BACK IN 2016

Our first three (3) films are:

- *Woman in Gold* Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> February
- *The Dressmaker* Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> April
- *The Chef* Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> June

Come and join us at St Mary’s Theatrette for an enjoyable evening out, which includes supper after the film.

Tickets are \$15 for each film or \$40 for all three.

We recommend being seated by 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

Please speak to Jan McGowan, Anne Howarth or David Peek if you have any queries.

We look forward to seeing you there!