

REMINDER - PARISH ELECTORAL ROLL

The AGM will take place on **Sunday, 15th November**, following the 9.30am service. The Electoral Roll of the Parish is on the crossing table. To make sure you vote at the AGM your name must be listed on the Electoral Roll (please note this is not the normal mailing list). Please check whether your name is recorded; if you want your name included, please fill in one of the green application forms.

COMING EVENTS/FUND RAISING

ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS

Sunday, 1st November

'SATURDAY CLUB' – LUNCH AT CLYDE PARK

Saturday, 7th November at 12 Noon

Vineyard & winery at 2490 Midland Hwy, Bannockburn

CHRIST CHURCH HAS GOT TALENT

Sunday, 22nd November at 9.30am

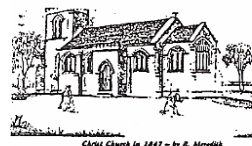
To celebrate the Festival of Christ the King, there will be one service only at 9.30am, and then after morning tea we plan to have a variety concert. If you or your friends are able to contribute an entertaining item or two, please speak to Sue Wong (0410 159690)

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA

Saturday, 12 December at 2.30pm in the School Room

Come for a social time of fellowship – more information closer to the date!

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.

FOUNDATION FESTIVAL

1st October 2015

Liturgical Colour: White

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

Sextence

Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Prayer of the Day *

Bountiful God,
to whose glory we celebrate the
dedication of this house of prayer:
we praise you for the many blessings
you have given to those who worship here,
and we pray that all who seek you
in this place may find you,
and being filled with the Holy Spirit
may become a living temple acceptable to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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

Service Setting: 'The Christ Church Service'

Hymns: 9.30am: 111; 433; CC Hymn (Insert); 453 5.15pm: As selected

The Vicar Writes



Today we celebrate the Foundation Day at Christ Church Geelong in honour of the laying of the foundation stone of the church building on October 7th, 1843 by The Right Reverend Bishop Broughton. Christ Church like any place of worship is a holy place where the Supreme Lord is worshipped and people may come to receive the Lord's grace. When worship is conducted in a building by faithful people it carries the vibration of that worship and prayer and thus develops a spiritual atmosphere.

All places of worship are made holy by the faith community that attends there and all faith communities are made up of individuals who to varying degrees have placed their lives in the hands of the Lord. Our reading today from the gospel of Matthew speaks of the necessity of making God the foundation of our being. God is the source of life and being within everyone but unless we acknowledge that and act accordingly we will be blind to the Lord's presence.

If we are aware that God is behind and within our being and life we will understand that without the Lord we can do nothing. Because the Lord is with us in this body temple we will be attentive to Him and worship and honour that divine presence within. From this devotion we will grow in faith and in the qualities of spirit. The first quality will be humility which is derived from understanding the greatness of God and our insignificance, God becomes our focus and not our ego.

Tolerance will then develop by the Lord's grace as we become aware of our own weakness and tendency to forget the Lord even though we endeavour to always remember Him. We become tolerant and forgiving of not only our own mistakes but of the failings and mistakes of others. From forgiveness we become less likely to make trespass or offence against others, this is the main impediment in developing love for God.

Gradually becoming free of offences against others we grow in love and with that there is an equal growth of joy, our lives become a sign of God's grace and a sign of hope for others. As we become closer to the Lord God leads us intuitively into a deeper communion with Him and simultaneously gives us the understanding of how we might lead others to the Lord as well. The light of God's wisdom removes all darkness from our hearts and the path opens before us.

In this way Christ is the true foundation of a person of sincere faith. When a community is made up of sincere disciples of the Lord it must grow and flourish. There will be no need of a secular business model of church after the style of American evangelists. The foundation of a life in God is enough. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and everything else will be added unto you.

The Lord be with you, Fr Russell

BLESSING OF THE PETS – if you missed last Sunday or want to see which pets came along to be blessed by Fr Russell, you can have a look on the Parish Web page – follow the link from 'Seasonal and Special services'.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THE WORLD: Peace and stability in troubled lands; those affected by natural disasters, including our own land.

THE CHURCH: Diocese of Tamale; Diocese of Willochra; Anglican Cursillo Movement; St John's Bentleigh East; St John's Epping (Confirmation); Holy Trinity Doncaster (Confirmation); All Souls Sandringham.

THE COMMUNITY: Our Parish as we celebrate the 172nd Anniversary of the laying of the Foundation Stone at Christ Church.

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. We remember with thanks: Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer, England, d.1845 (Monday).

The Week Ahead

Tuesday, 13 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	2.00pm	Book Group in School Room
	7.00pm	Meditation in the Chapel
Wednesday, 14 th	8.00am	Holy Eucharist
	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
	7.30pm	Healing Service
Thursday, 15 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	7.30pm	Choir Practice

NEXT SUNDAY: 18TH OCTOBER -LUKE, EVANGELIST & MARTYR
Readings: Jeremiah 8.22-9.3; Psalm 145.10-18; 2 Timothy 4.9-17a
Gospel: Luke 10.1-9

ST LUKE'S UNITING CHURCH presents Haydn's 'Mass in Time of War' today, Sunday, 11th October from 2-5pm – further details on flyer in coffee area.

THE 'CHRONICLE' - the final edition of the *Chronicle* for 2015 will be available for parishioners on the first Sunday in December – so **now** is the time to start working on your contributions!... and, by the way, the *Chronicle* is now available on the Parish Web Page (just follow the prompts from the main web page menu) – so if you prefer to read it electronically and DO NOT want a printed version, please let us know (email to spswain@westnet.com.au)

TREKKING FOR MENTAL HEALTH: Rosemary Maries is trekking in Nepal from **17th-30th October** to raise funds for the Swanston Centre Acute Psychiatric Unit – if you would like to sponsor Rosemary, please see flyer in coffee area!

GEELONG CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY presents 'Duo Chamber Melange' on **Friday, 30th October at 7.30pm** at McAuley Hall, Sacred Heart College, Newtown – wonderful music for violin and piano, including Beethoven, Schumann and Gershwin. For tickets please phone GCMS on 5243 6931 or at GPAC on 5225 1200.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: It's still time to organise our Samaritan's Purse Christmas Boxes – Brochures available!!

