

Fund Raising & Special Events

CHRIST CHURCH SOCIAL CLUB

Visit to Country Dahlia Gardens
[195 Mathieson Road, Winchelsea]

Saturday, 2nd April at Noon

Entrance cost is \$7, which includes tea & coffee

Please bring a plate of food to share for a picnic lunch
and any other drinks you want

Car pool at the church at 11.30am - all welcome!

A SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION & THE EUCHARIST

Sunday, 3rd April at 9.30am

Celebrant: Bishop Philip Huggins

FILM NIGHT

The Dressmaker - starring Kate Winslet
Monday, 11th April at 7.15pm (7.30pm start)

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

Tickets are \$15 each - available from Jan

UPDATE - WINTER WOOLIES & OTHER WONDERS MARKET

Saturday, 28th 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 *

* Pots (preferably 125mm) are urgently needed for planting up
cuttings - cleaned would help, but not essential

Contact: Laurie 0421 011 279

The major raffle prize is a Quilt generously
donated by Anne Howarth.

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



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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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT/PASSION SUNDAY

13th March 2016

Liturgical Colour: Purple

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

Sentence

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Prayer of the Day *

O God,
the Redeemer of all who trust in you:
heed the cry of your people,
and deliver us from the bondage of sin,
that we may serve you in perfect freedom
and rejoice in your unfailing love;
through Jesus 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: 347; 628; 599(2); 573

5.15pm: 347; 573

Gospel Acclamation:



Great things in-deed the Lord has done for us and there-fore we are glad.

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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



The Lord makes a strong stand against minimalist ideas regarding worship. Mary, the sister of Lazarus, began to worship the Lord by anointing the feet of Jesus with oil and then wiped them with her own hair. Judas Iscariot objected saying the oil could be sold and the money given to the poor. The statement of the Lord that Mary's service was valid and the poor you will always have with you is very significant.

We are not servants of the poor exclusively. We are exclusively servants of God who is present in all hearts. There is nothing wrong with serving the poor, but without God consciousness no

service has lasting value. Everything in this world is temporary. Therefore, merely serving things of this world without the consciousness of God will help in a temporary way, but the effect of that service will fade away into oblivion.

God is the Supreme eternal amongst all eternals and, therefore, it is the Lord whom we serve. When you water the roots of a tree the whole tree is nourished. If you only water the leaves the tree will wither and die. A person of spiritual vision sees the object of love. God equally present everywhere and, therefore, they will honour all creatures with respect and affection, not just the ones that agree with them or are of the same economic and social status. Nor will they honour the poor more than the rich or vice versa.

The servant of the Lord serves the Lord in whatever situation the Lord puts them in. They will see themselves as the servant of everyone and see no one as their inferior.

Judas objected to the worship of Christ in the same way that some people object to the worship of Christ in the Eucharist, or in the same way that some people think that nice buildings should not be constructed for worship because the money could be used for the poor. The truth is everyone, rich and poor, benefit by worshipping the Lord. The life of us all becomes auspicious by our service to, and worship of, the Lord, and so a minimalist attitude is inauspicious. As the Lord said to the Pharisees, they would only see him when they learn to say blessed is he comes in the name of the Lord; the same applies to everyone. We have to get over the tendency to begrudge service to God.

Service to God is utilitarian; it is not based on what's good for the majority of people, nor is it based on what's good for us. Service to God is the highest welfare for all souls at all times, it is eternal and joyfully performed. Devotional service is joyfully performed because it is that action, performed in full awareness of the presence of God in all hearts, is saturated with love. From remembering the Lord all other kinds of service follow, such as a worship, prayer or acts of kindness. From this service all fruits of the Spirit flower in a person and it may be performed by anyone. All kinds of devotional service to God are beneficial and, if one is unable to render physical service, simply remembering the Lord will suffice, for from such remembrance of love for God and neighbour as self will grow.

The message is, never begrudge service to God. Perform devotional service yourself and encourage others in their path, allowing God, the greatest teacher of all, to lead them.

The Lord be with you, Fr Russell

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THE WORLD: Peace and stability in the world; those in great need, fear or deprivation.

THE CHURCH: Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui; Diocese of Wangaratta; Hume Anglican Grammar School; St Aidan's Strathmore; Parish of Corio-Norlane (Confirmation).

THE COMMUNITY: All who maintain our emergency services.

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 (Ted Powell). We remember with thanks: Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Saturday).

The Week Ahead

Monday, 14th	2.00pm	Home Lenten Group
Tuesday, 15th	8.30am	Morning Prayer in the Chapel
	1.30pm & 3.30m	Bible Explorers in the School Room
	7.00pm	Meditation in the Chapel
Wednesday, 16th	8.00am	Meditation in the Chapel
	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
	11.00am	Lenten Group in the Church
	8.00pm	Home Lenten Group
Thursday, 17th	8.00am	Morning Prayer in the Chapel
	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Friday, 18th	8.00pm	Home Lenten Group

NEXT SUNDAY: 20TH MARCH -PALM SUNDAY

Readings: Zechariah 9:9-10; Ps 31:9-18; Philippians 3:5-11; Luke 19:28-40

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

The Chronicle: The March 2016 edition is now available - lots of interesting reading, information about Parish events, news, stories from parishioners, photos... and more! Please collect your copy from the Crossing Table (they are all addressed) – with the recent increase in postage, we need to ensure that as many as possible are collected, so that costs are minimized! Happy Reading!

UPDATE - ST MARY'S BASILICA presents *Bach's Mass in B Minor*. Performed by the Australian Chamber Choir at St Paul's, Latrobe Terrace (Director – Douglas Lawrence) with an orchestra of period instruments at **8.00pm on Wednesday, 16th March**. Tickets \$35/\$30 at the door or online at www.trybooking.com/JOXX (Please contact Jeanette at St Mary's on 5223 3554 – see flyer in coffee area)

ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH invites you to sing Stainer's well-loved oratorio '*Crucifixion*' conducted by Philip Nicholls (St Paul's Cathedral) on **Saturday, 19th March**. Join us for the afternoon: 2pm choir workshop; 4pm performance (please see flyer in coffee area).

THE GEELONG CHORALE – FOR THE JOY OF SINGING THE CLASSICS 2016: The first session is Vivaldi's '*Gloria*' conducted by Jodie Townsend (Geelong Grammar School) from 2 to 5pm on **Sunday, 20th March** at St Luke's Uniting Church, Highton. Cost \$12 – music and afternoon tea provided (for further details, please see flyer in coffee area)