

REMINDER - THE CHRONICLE

The next edition is due in the first week of September...
so to allow time for getting it all together, copying and collating,

I need to have contributions, etc. by mid-August
at the latest - many thanks - Phillip Swain

Suggestions re future events/services/happenings at
Christ Church, or other items that parishioners
might like to know, are very welcome
and I'll fit them in if I can!

Please send to: spswain@westnet.com.au

FUND RAISING & SPECIAL EVENTS

CHRIST CHURCH SOCIAL CLUB

Singalong, Port & Pudding

Next Saturday, 6th August
at 7.00pm at Merle's

Bring your voices & bring your desserts!!

[Please check the sign-up sheet on the
crossing table for further information]



'FLORAL FANTASY TEA DANCE'

(Sponsored by Community Tango in Geelong)

Sunday, 28th August from 2.30pm

\$20 per person or \$18 concession

Sign-up sheet on the crossing table; or

phone Pam Jarvis on 0417 531619; or

Speak to Jan or Ruth

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.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

31st July 2016

Liturgical Colour: Green

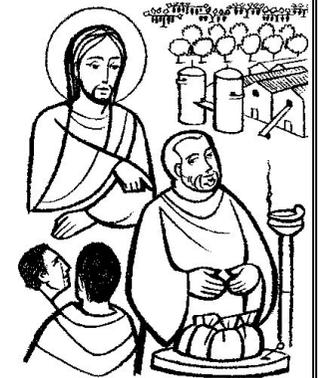
Holy Eucharist: 8.00am; 9.30am (Sung) & 5.15pm

Sentence

*If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above,
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.*

Prayer of the Day *

*Living God, Judge of us all,
you have placed in our hands
the wealth we call our own:
through your Spirit give us wisdom,
that our possessions may not be a curse,
but a means of blessing in our lives.
Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of 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: 407; 745; 440; 28 5.15pm: 745; 609

Psalm Response:



Let those who are wise pon-der these things and con-si-der God's un-fail-ing love.

The Vicar Writes



Jesus tells us that a person's life does not consist of an abundance of possessions. A wise person may discern that they are a spiritual being who depends on every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. This means to depend on the ongoing life that is provided by God's Spirit and is the universal governance based on the command and will of God that is in effect at every moment. It is on this authority of God, the basis of being or existence itself that we depend, not on mere wealth.

Human society spends a lot of time trying to get pleasure and avoid discomfort and has fallen into the trap of thinking we are dependent on money and technology for our ultimate well-being. But this is not the case. A person who lives in God can be happy anywhere and anytime because they derive their happiness from their inner life of prayer and their attitude of devotional service to the Supreme Lord.

Jesus is not condemning wealth or the wealthy. His statements are to beware of covetousness and to not lay-up treasures for ourselves 'without' being rich toward God. In other words a person who performs their daily duty with an attitude of service to God, is mindful of God and spends time with God in prayer and worship will grow in the understanding that God gives them everything they need and so they are satisfied. Such a person will not covet another's wealth because they know that everyone receives their lot, whatever it is from God, God maintains the universe and everyone in it. A God conscious person also doesn't need to covet another's wealth because they don't believe that wealth is the actual source of happiness. God consciousness is therefore the best solution to the balance of power and not an obsession with this ism or that ism.

Saint Paul shares his wisdom with us today by instructing us to seek the things that are above where Christ is. If we do we will be taken care of both materially and spiritually by God. There is no doubt about this. Paul defines idolatry as immorality, impurity, evil desire and last but not least covetousness. Our faith journey must necessarily be focussed on God/Spirit first and material things second. Material things are not to be neglected, but we need to perform our material duties with a mood as service to God. That will spiritualise all of our works and we will grow in wisdom to be able to see everything as spiritual, be fully mindful of God and live in God's love exactly as the saints of old.

The Lord be with you,

Fr Russell

We warmly welcome members and families from the National Servicemen's Association to our 9.30am Eucharist service this morning.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THE WORLD: Peace, stability and tolerance in the world.

THE CHURCH: Church of the Province of South East Asia; Diocese of Gippsland; Archdeaconry of Box Hill; Anglican Overseas Aid; Christ Church Melton; Yarra Valley Grammar 50th Anniversary Service; St James Croydon Hills/Wonga Park; St Andrew's Aberfeldie; St Aidan's Strathmore; St Peter's Craigieburn.

THE PARISH/COMMUNITY: Give thanks to those who provide love and care to the frail and elderly in our nursing homes and retirement villages.

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 (Syd Thomson).

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, 2nd	8.30am	Morning Prayer in the Chapel
	7.00pm	Meditation in the Chapel
Wednesday, 3rd	8.00am	Meditation in the Chapel
	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
	7.30pm	Healing Service
Thursday, 4th	8.30am	Morning Prayer in the Chapel
	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Saturday, 6th	7.00pm	Christ Church Social Club

NEXT SUNDAY, 7TH AUGUST – TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Readings: Isaiah 1.1 & 10-20; Ps 50.1-8 & 23-24; Hebrews 11.1-3 & 8-16

Gospel: Luke 12.32-40

READING AND LEADING is a professional development session for those who lead and assist in services of worship. The workshop is on **next Saturday, 6th August** from 9.00am to 1.00pm at All Saints, Newtown – for further details, please see flyer in coffee area!

REMINDER - BOOK GROUP:

- On **Tuesday, 9th August**, Fr Russell will speak about Christian meditation and lead us in a session. Any interested person (and/or friends) is invited to attend. Fr Russell conducts two meditation groups per week – Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings. People are welcome to come along and learn about this form of service.
- The new book ('Fields of Blood' by Karen Armstrong) begins on **Tuesday, 23rd August**, same time, same place. Meetings in School Room on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays from 2 to 4 pm. Jo Dalziel is ordering the book and needs numbers and money soon! Cost \$20 per book. For further information go to: <https://www.bookdepository.com/Fields-of-Blood/9780099564980>.

MORNING TEA: Because a number of regular contributors to morning tea after the 9.30am service are unable to contribute at the moment, we are struggling to put a roster together. If you are able to provide something yummy for the following Sundays, please see either Sue Wong or Evelyn Twaddell. The dates are: 31st July; 30th October; 6th & 13th November; and 11th December
