



MORNING TEA ROSTER
FOLLOWING THE 9.30AM SERVICE

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: 30th October; 6th & 13th November; and 11th December

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 & I'll fit them in if I can!
Please send to: spswain@westnet.com.au

FOOTY PARKING

The final AFL home match for the Cats is on Saturday, 27th August with the match starting at 1.45pm - so parking will be available at Christ Church for the two hours beforehand.. and being the last round of the season it should be a bumper crowd.

There are a couple of our regulars who will be away on holidays for this day, so any assistance would be greatly appreciated. Let's finish the AFL home and away season on a good note! ... and GO CATS!!



FUND RAISING - '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.



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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.

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

7th August 2016

Liturgical Colour: Green

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

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

Sentence

Watch and be ready,
for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

Prayer of the Day *

Kindle in our hearts, Father,
the same faith that impelled Abraham
to set out from his home
and to live as a pilgrim in a foreign land.
As we, like him, look for the city
that none but you can design and build,
keep us watchful for your Son's coming,
that we may be found faithful stewards
of all that you have entrusted to us.



We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen...

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

Service Setting: Christ Church Service

Hymns: 9.30am: 473; 597; 539; 595

5.15pm: 597; 650

Psalm Response:



The heavens pro-claim your jus- tice for you your-self are judge.

The Vicar Writes



Jesus came to our world that he made in perfect humility and with a sense of exactly what is good for us. To set a perfect example is not easy for anyone but Jesus being the Son of God set a perfect example. He acted perfectly and spoke perfectly and his words and actions were one. Jesus was and is concerned with our spiritual progress that involves our actions in this life and beyond. Jesus

sees the whole picture and tries to get us to look outside of our little life here and on to our eternal life. To live as if this small life was all in all is foolish and Jesus knows it. It is in this spirit that he calls us to store up treasures in heaven and not just on earth. Jesus is affirming that spiritual acts bear fruit in heaven, they are not empty. A person who surrenders to God is rewarded more than a person who doesn't. If this were not the case this reading wouldn't make any sense.

Jesus is advising us to keep the soul and God in the equation when we make decisions in this life. Don't just think that we can be as worldly as we like now and think spiritually when we die. That doesn't work because as Jesus says where our heart is that is where our treasure is. If our idea of treasure is only material, that is not so good. We need to be firmly fixed in a service relationship with the Lord so that when he comes to us, that is when we have to leave this world which will be at the Lord's calling, not our own, we will be ready.

A humble person never thinks they are perfect and don't require further spiritual growth. The Lord is attracted to a humble heart but if we make no effort to spend time with the Lord, if we don't attend worship because we think we can do it on our own, it means we are suffering from pride. We need all the help we can get and so we need to be grateful that the Lord has given us the Church that gives us ample opportunity for prayer, worship, service and meditation. We need to cultivate a healthy dependence on God and seek his guidance from within.

God will give us everything we need and will be there for us at all times. As life passes by and difficulties come upon us we are going to need great strength. God will give us that strength. It is the gifts of the Lord that he freely gives to his servants that are the greatest treasure. They are the kind of gifts that won't fade, that time can't destroy because the giver of all gifts is the Lord of time. We are eternal and Christ wants us to live as though our eternal life matters and not just this little life. Remember God is all in all. If we forget God we are not complete, he is our Supreme Self, the source of our life. In him we are infinite, without God we are tiny and easily crushed by the many snares of time. Always remember the Lord and never forget him.

The Lord be with you, Fr Russell

PARISH COUNCIL: The end of this Church year is fast approaching and two members must retire for at least 12 months in accordance with the Parish Governance Act. Expressions of Interest are sought for prospective members for the new Church year. This may be your chance to present new opportunities and enthusiasm, and to gain a better understanding of what it takes to manage the smooth running of our parish – please contact Fr Russell.

Congratulations to Joan Livingston who celebrates her 92nd Birthday next Tuesday, 9th August!



Today's flowers have been donated by Claudia Banks in loving memory of her mother, Audrey Ashton Ware, who passed away on 10th March 2015, but who would have celebrated her 100th Birthday tomorrow, 8th August.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THE WORLD: Peace and harmony in the world.

THE CHURCH: Church of South India; Diocese of North West Australia; Police Force Chaplains; St David's Moorabbin; St Augustine's Moreland; All Saints Greensborough (Confirmation).

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 (Arthur Firth). We remember with thanks: Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers' Union, d. 1921 (Tuesday).

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, 9 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer in the Chapel
	2.00pm	Book Group (see notice below*)
	7.00pm	Meditation in the Chapel
Wednesday, 10 th	8.00am	Meditation in the Chapel
	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
	7.30pm	Healing Service
Thursday, 11 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer in the Chapel
	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Saturday, 13 th	9.00am	Working Bee

NEXT SUNDAY, 14TH AUGUST – MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD

Readings: Isaiah 61.10, 62.3; Song of Mary; Galatians 4.4-7; Luke 2.1-7

REMINDER - BOOK GROUP:

- **Tuesday, 9th August***, Fr Russell will speak about Christian meditation & lead us in a session. Any interested person (and/or friends) is invited to attend. Fr Russell conducts two meditation groups on Tuesday evenings & 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>.

BIBLE EXPLORERS will run one group only for this term. Dates: **16th August and 11th September**. The group meets in the School Room at new time this term – **2.30pm**

ST MARY'S BASILICA presents '*Bach in the Castle of Heaven*' with the Australian Chamber Choir (Director: Douglas Lawrence). Tickets: \$35/\$30 www.auschoir.org or at the door!

TRADING TABLE: 1. Fingerless mittens available today – cost \$10 – not your size – we take orders!! 2. Also, some children's jumpers still for sale!