

COMING EVENTS/FUND RAISING

'SATURDAY CLUB' – LUNCH AT CLYDE PARK

Saturday, 7th November at 12 Noon

Vineyard & winery at 2490 Midland Hwy, Bannockburn
Cost is \$42 for 2 courses – sign-up sheet is on the crossing table.

Car pooling at the church at 11.30am.

Please sign up no later than next Sunday, 1st November

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Sunday, 8th November

FESTIVAL OF CHRIST THE KING

Sunday, 22nd November at 9.30am

To celebrate the Festival of Christ the King, there will be one service only. Following that there will be morning tea and a variety concert, *Christ Church has got Talent*, in the church hall.

Morning Tea – please bring a plate of sandwiches/ cakes/slice, etc, to share.

MOVIE, 'THE GOOD LIE'

Monday, 23rd November at 7.15pm
in St Mary's Theatrette – Cost \$15

Please come and support the newly established Refugee and Asylum Seeker Working Group. This fantastic Hollywood movie (highly recommended by Diversitat) 'feels right' according to one reviewer. It stars Reese Witherspoon and gets 4.5 stars from Rotten Tomatoes. In order to reach a wide audience (rating PG), Canadian director Philippe Falardeau skilfully finds a way to keep graphic violence at bay and still get the plight of the Sudanese refugees across.

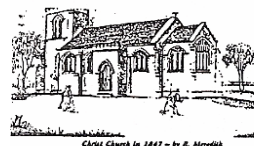
(Speak to Sue Wong or phone 0410 159690 to book).

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.



Christ Church in 1847 – by R. Meredith

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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.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

25th October 2015

Liturgical Colour: White

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

Sentence

*The redeemed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing;
and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.*

Prayer of the Day *

O God,
you give light to the blind
and comfort to the sorrowing,
and in your Son you have given us a High Priest
who has offered the true sacrifice for us
and yet can sympathise with us in our weakness:
hear the cry of your people
and lead us home to our true country,
where with your Son and the Holy Spirit
you live and reign, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.



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

Service Setting: 'The Christ Church Service'

Hymns: 9.30am: 445; 452; 474; 596 5.15pm: 445; 596

Gospel Response:



I will give thanks to the Lord at all times.

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The Vicar Writes



Today's Gospel tells the story of blind Bartholomew calling out to the Lord for his mercy. There is an old saying..."the duck that quacks the loudest gets the prize". Bartholomew called out to the Lord despite people telling him to be quiet. Many of us prefer not to bother anyone and so may have let Jesus pass by undisturbed. Sometimes however we may need to

take courage, especially where the Lord is concerned, and speak out. God is love, mercy and kindness to an infinite degree, it is worth asking Him for mercy and trust that He will give it.

Bartholomew persisted, he knew that Jesus would help him. Finally, Jesus called him over, even Bartholomew's friends were impressed. Take heart he is calling you, they said. Jesus was pleased with Bartholomew's faith and said..."Go your way, your faith has healed you".

Sometimes we have trouble accepting strong personalities who are a bit vocal, and sometimes for good reasons. If we are vocal for the right reasons then it is good to be vocal. It is especially beneficial to be vocal to the Lord. Talk to God, plead with Him, and ask for His love to enter our heart. Ask and it shall be given, seek and ye shall find.

The Lord be with you,
Fr Russell

REMINDER - BROWN PAPER BAG DAY: This is part of Give Where You Live's October Food Relief Appeal and is to be held at this time to match World Food Day. Today there are bags available for those who wish to make a contribution to this appeal. The basic idea is that you donate what you would normally spend on lunch for the day – of course any donation is welcomed! The proceeds (usually \$40000 to \$50000) are directed straight to groups throughout Geelong who deliver services to ensure food security. We encourage you to support this vital appeal.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – this will take place on **Sunday, 15th November**, after the 9.30am service. To make sure you vote at the AGM, your name must be listed on the Electoral Roll (Note – this is not the mailing list). Please check whether your name is recorded – if not, please fill in one of the application forms. Nomination forms for the election of Church Wardens, Parish Council members and Incumbency Committee are now available (both forms are on the crossing table). All nominees must also complete a 'Working with Children' check. Please note that nominations will close with Fr Russell on **Thursday, 5th November at 2.00pm**.

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



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THE WORLD: Those suffering the aftermath of natural disasters.

THE CHURCH: Diocese of Tohoku; Diocese of Tokyo; Ministry to the Defence Force; Anglican Overseas Aid; St Faith's Burwood; St Paul's Caulfield North; St John's Camberwell (Bahasa Indonesian Liturgy of the Word); St James Old Cathedral, West Melbourne (Anglican Men's Society Basket Tea); St Paul's Gisborne and Church of the Resurrection Macedon (Confirmation); Clergy Retreat, Queenscliff; All Saints Clayton (Confirmation); St John's Cranbourne (Confirmation)..

THE COMMUNITY: Our homes & families; grace to encourage, support each other.

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 (Rev. Canon Frederick Bedbrook; Doug Robbins; Norman Rachinger). We remember with thanks: Simon & Jude, Apostles & Martyrs (Wednesday).

The Week Ahead

Tuesday, 27 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	2.00pm	Book Group in School Room
	7.00pm	Meditation in the Chapel
Wednesday, 28 th	8.00am	Holy Eucharist
	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
	7.30pm	Healing Service
Thursday, 29 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	7.30pm	Choir Practice

NEXT SUNDAY: 1ST NOVEMBER - ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS

Readings: Isaiah 25.6-9; Psalm 24; Revelations 21.1-6a; John 11.32-44

REMINDER - 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)

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.

PROGRAM: VARIETY CONCERT – 'CHRIST THE KING', SUNDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER

Could contributors to the variety concert please speak to/or email Sue Wong with your name, the item/s and the length of item/s. If you do this by Sunday, 8th November, you can be included on the program (phone 0410 159690 or Isusannewong@gmail.com).

GEELONG CITY NATIVITY: This year's theme is '*Angels in the City*' – for details of exhibitions, services and how you can help make it a success, please see flyer in coffee area!