

COMING EVENTS/FUND RAISING

REMINDER - FESTIVAL OF CHRIST THE KING

Next Sunday, 22nd November at 9.30am

★ Note: one service only (i.e. no 8.00am or 5.15pm).

Following that there will be morning tea and a variety concert,
Christ Church has got Talent, in the church hall.

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. Sign-up sheet is on the crossing table; or Speak to Sue Wong or phone 0410 159690 to book.

'SATURDAY CLUB' – BERRY PICKING

Saturday, 28th November at 2.00pm

Because of the clash of dates with the Women's Afternoon Tea, the berry picking has been changed to the end of November at Summer Sensations, 1440 Bannockburn-Shelford Road, Teesdale. There will be strawberries to pick and, perhaps, boysenberries, etc and afternoon tea can be bought in the café. Sign-up sheet is on the crossing table or just turn up. If you wish to car pool, please be at the church at 1.15pm

CHRISTMAS TEA

Saturday, 5th December at 6.00pm

Venue: Jim & Rae Medlock's home, 42 Denman Street, East Geelong (Phone: 52 226121). Traditional Christmas fare with red & white wine, soft drinks. Please bring your own beer and spirits. Cost per person \$20. All proceeds to church funds. The sign-up list for attendance and assistance is on the crossing table!!

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA

Saturday, 12th December at 2.30pm in the School Room

[For further information, please contact Margaret Tembo]

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-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

15th November 2015

Liturgical Colour: Green

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

Sentence

The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed.

Prayer of the Day *

*O God,
welcoming refuge for the outcast,
and upholder of justice for the oppressed;
maintain the hope of the poor,
so that the time may soon come
when no one need wait for food and shelter,
and all will learn to share freely
following the example of your Son,
who gave his very self;
who now 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: 'The Christ Church Service'

Hymns: 9.30am: 557; 420; 499; 411

5.15pm: As selected

Psalm Response:



My heart ex-ul-ts in the Lord, my strength is ex-ul-t-ed in my God.

The Vicar Writes



Jesus saw the great Temple as he came into Jerusalem and predicted that not one stone would be left standing. Jesus knew past, present and future and could see that the Temple in Jerusalem would be destroyed, which was in AD70. His statement, however, was more of a general one, referring to the temporary nature of all things physical. The disciples were not able to grasp the philosophical nature of this teaching and were instead obsessing about the end of the age. They thought that the world would end any time and that Jesus would herald in a

new age. Many people have continued to think along these lines and still put forward new dates for the ultimate reckoning. This is a neurosis and arises out of a lack of introspection, a lack of divine wisdom and out of an avoidance of living in Spirit.

Jesus points us in the right direction when he cautions us not to be led astray by the ever new predictions of doom. The dates for the end of the world are projected by so called prophets and new age seers who can't face the responsibilities of living in love, and instead hope for mass destruction so that all will end along with their worries and neurosis.

Then Jesus says some very interesting words of wisdom... "when you hear of wars, earthquakes and famines don't be alarmed these things must take place and are only the beginning of the birth pangs". Only the beginning, not the end. The creation is always changing. The phenomenal world is always in a state of flux and nature is amoral in the way she removes the old to make way for the new. For the eternal souls who find themselves in the world of change they must seek the changeless. The Kingdom of God is within you, Jesus taught; and it is this eternal nature that must be sought. The eternal quest for humanity is to seek its divine nature that is not affected by the changes of the fleeting world.

A person who become established in the changeless Spirit that reveals a hint of its glory in the beauty of diversity of creation is loving and wise. The Lord at the centre of the throne (the body) will be their guide and lead them to springs of living water. All answers to every problem and situation in life are available from the Lord who resides in our heart. Who else but the Lord can lead us through the valley of the shadow of death; yea though I walk through the valley of death I shall fear no evil. Peace is the result of taking the Lord's lead. For one who takes shelter in the Lord, peace and joy remain even in the midst of crashing worlds.

It is sheer laziness to obsess about the end of the world that no sane person can really claim to know about. If even Jesus doesn't know, why bother about it? The real thing is to serve the Lord and serve each other in joy. Don't give in to sadness and despair, rejoice always and pray without ceasing. Don't wish for destruction, but be a source of inspiration and joy for all around you.

The Lord be with you, Fr Russell

REMINDER - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – this will take place **today Sunday, 15th November**, after the 9.30am service! ★ Includes election of churchwardens and Parish Council members!

★ **Note** there is a **Geelong Charity Fun Run next Sunday, 22nd November** – surrounding roads will be closed for periods from approximately 7.10am to 11.30am, so, if necessary, please check the course details indicated on the map on the notice board in the coffee area!!

BREAKFAST in the School Room, following the 8.00am service, is on **today** – cereal, toast & spreads, plus tea & coffee – all welcome!!



TODAY'S FLOWERS have been donated by Elizabeth Clegg, in loving memory of her parents, Henry Roy and Emily June Clegg.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THE WORLD: Peace and stability in the world, including Syria.

THE CHURCH: Diocese of Venezuela; Religious Orders serving with the Anglican Church of Australia; Archdeacons of Port Philip, Bayside and Kingston Nth; Parish of St John's Cranbourne w. Christ Church, Tooradin; St John's Blackburn (125th Anniversary); Brimbank Anglican Church (Confirmation).

THE COMMUNITY: A successful AGM today!

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 (Ray Powell).

The Week Ahead

Monday, 16th	10.00am	Holy Eucharist at Grace McKellar
Tuesday, 17th	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	7.00pm	Meditation in the Chapel
	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday, 18th	8.00am	Meditation in the Chapel
	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
Thursday, 19th	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	7.30pm	Choir Practice

NEXT SUNDAY: 22ND NOVEMBER -FESTIVAL OF CHRIST THE KING

Readings: 2 Samuel 23.1-7; Psalm 132; Revelations 1.4b-8; John 18.33-37

REMINDER - THE 'CHRONICLE' – it's still not too late for a contribution to the December *Chronicle* – reminders, dates of coming activities for the first months of 2016, or other Christ Church items of interest – just send them to Phillip at spswain@westnet.com.au. The *Chronicle* is being put together now, so contributions are requested by **Monday, 23rd November** at the absolute latest.

REMINDER - ROTARY CLUB OF GEELONG once again is taking orders for Christmas Hams, Turkeys or Puddings. Copies of the Order Form are with the sides-persons (see flyer in coffee area). Further enquiries to Neil Thomas – neilt3@gmail.com – deadline for orders is **1st December**.

REMINDER - STALL IN THE COFFEE AREA: There is no Christmas market this year. Therefore, during November and December, Syama is prepared to man a stall in the coffee area after the morning services to help compensate for the lack of the market. Vegetables, fruit, preserves, cakes, slices, etc. are needed to sell on the stall and buyers are required! Let us give it a go! (Barbara Peek)