

## FUND RAISING & SPECIAL EVENTS

### REMINDER - FOOTY PARKING

Next Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> July at 5.45pm

Play starts at 7.50pm when the Cats play Sydney in what is shaping up to be a huge match - all helpers are welcome!



### THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm

A service to acknowledge the work of volunteers, supporters and donors of the Meals Program  
Supper to follow in the Church Hall



### WINTER CABARET/DINNER

Saturday Evening, 16<sup>th</sup> July

6.30pm for 7.00pm in the Church Hall

'Wear your glad rags!'

Bring some friends!!

*On arrival:* Nibbles, sherry or fruit juice

*Main:* Roast dinner or vegetarian option, followed by

*Dessert plus Afters:* Biscuits & cheese, tea & coffee

*Entertainment:* Ron Sudden on piano & vocals;

Maureen Sudden - vocals; Daryl Gugger - vocals

*Cost:* \$30 - tickets available at all services!!

### CHRIST CHURCH SOCIAL CLUB

*Singalong, Port & Pudding*

Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm at Merle's

Bring your voices!!

*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.*

### SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2016

*Liturgical Colour: Green*

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

*9.30am: Children's & Family Service (CAFS)*

#### Sentence

*The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ask therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.*

#### Prayer of the Day

*God of the covenant,  
in our baptism you called us  
to proclaim the coming of your kingdom:  
give us courage, as you gave it to the apostles,  
that we may faithfully witness to your love  
and peace in every circumstance of life:  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer,  
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: 413; 168; 511; 453

5.15pm: 168; 453

Psalm Response:



O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you for - ev - er.

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## The Vicar Writes



Naaman was commander of the armies of Syria and somehow contracted leprosy. He was cured by following the instructions of the prophet Elisha, the powerful disciple of Elijah. God's power resides in the words of great saints and the saints themselves are present in their words. That's why we feel a part of the Lord's activities when we hear about them, that's why we perceive the blessings of the Lord in our lives when we

seek to follow the Lord's instructions in Scripture. The same blessings become manifest in us when we seek the guidance of the Lord within our hearts and seek to follow God's will in our lives.

Christ sent his disciples to Tyre and Sidon (in Lebanon) and to other places outside of Israel. There were many Jews of the Diaspora living in these places and many of these were Hellenistic Jews, that is Jews who also followed Greek philosophy. It was these people who first embraced the teachings of Christ and not the orthodox Jews who were held back by their pre-conceived ideas about who and what the Messiah was. The Hellenistic Jews appreciated the more philosophical nature of Jesus' teachings and his emphasis on love, service and compassion. Jesus taught to serve God by serving others and not merely by blind adherence to dogma. For Jesus the word of God was living and written in people's hearts. Jesus commented how easily the people living outside of Israel responded to grace, both Jews and non-Jews responded with joy upon hearing of Christ.

Jesus empowered his disciples and that process has continued through the chain of Apostolic succession. Why should we doubt this? The Lord lives in every heart and responds to those who respond to him. When a person receives grace they can pass it on to others like a good virus. Jesus said that anyone who hears his disciples hears him and anyone who receives them receives him. The same is true today, if we reject the representatives of Christ in his Church we reject him. If we understand how the Church is the Body of Christ and serve the saints with humility we shall attract many blessings from the Lord who loves his servants. We must have the confidence that Christ loves us, loves his Church and loves the world. This will lead us to a proper attitude of service that will take us straight through the gates of heaven.

It is the eternal nature of Christ to serve and sacrifice himself to his Father, God the source of all being. When we understand that Christ is the ground of our own being we may also understand how natural it is to live in Christ and allow ourselves to become one with the sacrifice of Christ. Our surrender to Christ within will enable us to be his instrument. We will adopt the mood of service and humility and acknowledge that we have no independent power to do anything. Christ lives in us and through us and it is he that serves, prays, meditates, and worships. Our duty is to serve Christ in his service to the Father, and we should try not to get in the way.

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The Eucharist embodies this principle, for it is the re-presentation of the one eternal sacrifice of Christ. The actions of blessing, nourishing and absolving that take place in the Eucharist are all the work of Christ. The words of Christ form the whole work of the Eucharist and the priest, ministers and the congregation form the body of Christ and act as the Lord's instruments. In the same way that we are instruments for Christ's work in the Eucharist we may be Christ's instruments in everything we do and be a light to the world by his grace.

The Lord be with you,

Fr Russell

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### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**THE WORLD:** Peace and stability in troubled lands.

**THE CHURCH:** Church of Papua New Guinea; Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander people of Australia; ACCESS ministries; Holy Trinity Hastings; St Peter's Fawkner (60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary).

**THE PARISH/COMMUNITY:** Care and safety on our roads during the school holidays.

**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. We remember with thanks: John Fisher, bishop and Thomas More, martyrs, d.1635 (Wednesday).

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer in the Chapel
	7.00pm	Meditation in the Chapel
Wednesday, 6 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Meditation in the Chapel
	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
	7.30pm	Healing Service
Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer in the Chapel
	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup>	5.45pm	Footy Parking
Saturday, 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Working Bee

**NEXT SUNDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY - EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/SEA SUNDAY**

**Readings: Amos 7.7-17; Psalm 82; Colossians 1.1-14; Luke 10.25-37**

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**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS 2016** are here to purchase (see Gai), including pre-order forms for both the books and digital memberships. Cost this year is **\$60 (\$12** of which comes back to Christ Church. Orders can be either in cash or by credit card.

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