

## FUND RAISING & SPECIAL EVENTS

### 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



### REMINDER - WINTER CABARET/DINNER

Next 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.*

### EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Liturgical Colour: Green

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

#### Sentence

*Do to others as you would have them do to you.*

*Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return.*

#### Prayer of the Day

*Eternal God,  
you have taught us through Christ  
that love is the fulfilment of the law:  
help us to love you with all our heart,  
with all our soul, with all our mind,  
and with all our strength,  
and our neighbour as ourselves;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who 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: Christ Church Service

Hymns: 9.30am: 445; 420; 217; 411

5.15pm: 445; 411

Psalm: 9.30am: 'Bring to the Lord a Glad New Song'

Choir only

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## The Vicar Writes



The story of the Good Samaritan has been the standard illustration for what it means to serve God by doing good to others for 2000 years. Jesus pointed to the universal meaning of the commandment to love God and neighbour as self. By neighbour many Hebrews would have thought that only implied fellow Jews but Jesus challenged

them by giving an example of one of their enemies, a Samaritan who was able to follow the command of God better than a Levite and a priest who passed by a beaten and robbed man without stopping.

The divine vision of Jesus is that he saw every child of God to be equally important whether they are rich or poor, man or woman, Greek or Jew. The Lord is the source of all life and is equally present everywhere, why can't we see that? I remember the song put your hand in the hand of the man from Galilee that says take one look at yourself and you will look at others differently. How true that is! Through introspection we may find that the Lord is in our hearts calling us to follow him, be his friend and live in his love. If we find the Lord in ourselves we also see that he resides within others. Every person is a Temple of God, even if they don't know it. Therefore connecting with the lord in ourselves helps us to love and respect others.

It is more important therefore to try to change ourselves than to try to change others. Look at the change that occurred in the heart of Saint Francis, he went from a young, rich party animal to a selfless saint. He didn't try to change others but his example and teachings have influenced millions of lives down through the ages. If we want to make the world a better place we should make our heart softer and open to God's transforming love and wisdom. That will improve everything and everyone around us through the work God will carry out in us. Trying to make everyone else in our own image will only put people off but when a person is filled with the love of God they make painless changes within their own hearts and lives and in the lives of those who contact them.

When we learn to see beyond ourselves we may find peace of mind is waiting there and the time will come when we see where all one in the Lord and his love will flow within us and on to all around us. Jesus said no one comes to the Father but by him, think about it. That means all who come to God come through Jesus. Jesus is saying he is the Christ who resides in all hearts and is the life of all that lives. Therefore when someone turns to God or seeks truth it is Jesus as the Christ within that leads the soul to freedom. No one is excluded.

With the proper wisdom, motivated only by love and compassion we may also grow into a universal view of God and grow beyond those limiting thoughts that imprison our mind to belonging to a small exclusive group rather than to all of existence. We may then understand why Jesus gave the example of the Samaritan as being of good faith to people who had excluded the Samaritans from their view of salvation.

The Lord be with you, Fr Russell

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### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**THE WORLD:** Peace & tolerance in the world; all those in a position of governance.

**THE CHURCH:** Episcopal Church in the Philippines; Diocese of Rockhampton; Aged Care Ministry; Parish of St Paul's Inverleigh w. St John's Bannockburn and Church of the Epiphany, Meredith; Council of Christian & Jews AGM; St Alban's Coburg West/Pascoe Vale; Christ Church Melton (Confirmation).

**THE PARISH/COMMUNITY:** Homes & families of our Parish and the wider community; safety & care on our roads again this week, as families begin another school term.

**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 (Helen Elkington; Marjorie Farrow; Lily Seymour). We remember with thanks: Sydney James Kirkby, bishop, pioneer of outback ministry and the Bush Aid Society, d.1935 (Wednesday).

**REST IN PEACE:** Agnes Jickell; Bruce Thomson.

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### THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>Monday, 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Service</b>
<b>Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer in the Chapel</b>
	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Meditation in the Chapel</b>
<b>Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Meditation in the Chapel</b>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>
<b>Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer in the Chapel</b>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Pastoral Care Meeting in Vicarage</b>
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>

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### NEXT SUNDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY - NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Readings: Amos 8.1-12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1.15-29; Luke 10.38-42**

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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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