

# Upcoming Events



## Reminder: Special Working Bee

Next Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> June  
commencing at 9.00am

All welcome!!

Remember: Many hands make light work!!

## Reminder: Winter Woollies Market!!

*Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> June from 9.30am to 1.30pm*

*\* So keep knitting, baking, bottling, potting... ..*

Don't forget to tell your friends,  
relations & neighbours!!!

[For further information, please contact Ruth on 0425 785 694]



## Reminder - Services Resume

All normal services recommence the  
*week beginning Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> June:*

Holy Eucharist at 8.00am;  
10.00am (previously 9.30am)  
& 5.15pm on Sundays.

Morning Prayer at 8.30am on Tuesdays & Thursdays;  
Meditation in the Chapel at 7.00pm on Tuesdays & Wednesdays;  
& Holy Eucharist at 10.00am on Wednesdays.

[Due to Covid-19 restrictions there will, however,  
be minor changes to all services]

*We acknowledge the Wathaurong people of the Kulin Nation as the traditional custodians of the lands on which Christ Church and its building now stand.*



The Anglican Parish of  
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"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.

## TRINITY SUNDAY

7<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Liturgical Colour: White

### Sentence

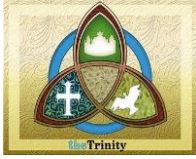
Proclaim the Name: "The Lord, the Lord,  
A God who is merciful and gracious, slow to anger  
and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness."

### Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you have given to us your servants  
grace by the confession of a true faith  
to acknowledge the glory  
of the eternal Trinity,  
and in the power of the divine majesty  
to worship the Unity:  
keep us steadfast in this faith,  
and evermore defend us  
from all adversities,  
for you live and reign,  
one God, world without end. Amen



## The Vicar Writes



The Holy Trinity is the Christian concept of God based on the revelation of God in the incarnation of Jesus Christ. In the simplest terms, Jesus prayed to the Father and spoke of sending the Holy Spirit. The Hebrews took it that the Christians were worshipping three Gods, and so the leading Christians put their heads together and tried to explain

how the one God can manifest in multiple ways and in the incarnation of Christ three principle ways.

Genesis has God speaking in the plural *“let us make them male and female after our own image... and thus the Lord created them male and female after his own likeness.”* (Genesis 1:26&27). The word for Spirit in Hebrew ‘Ruach’ indicates a female entity, and so the Christians argued that the plural (let us create them in our likeness) referred to the Holy Spirit.

Jesus is also seen as the first born over creation through whom God creates in the power of the Holy Spirit, and so God is not only seen as Trinitarian in the incarnation of Christ, but as an eternal reality that exists before and after creation.

The fact is the one God manifests in infinite ways; all life comes from God and all variety of beauty. Though God manifests infinite worlds from His being He loses nothing from Himself because He is truly infinite. God is the infinite, inexhaustible source of everything, everything emanates from God and there is nothing equal to or greater than God. The definition of God is that God is the Supreme Being, the One without a second; the Supreme Person whom no one is equal to or greater than. All beings who are emanations from the Lord are sustained and maintained by the Lord. Everything rests on the Lord as pearls are strung on a thread. Everything is dependent on the Lord and all manifestations from the Lord are interdependent on each other. Plants are dependent on water; we are dependent on water and plants; everything is dependent on air and the sun. In so many ways we are interdependent with nature and all nature comes from God, we are all dependent on God.

Life is therefore relational by nature due to an in-born dependence and interdependence. This situation reflects the eternal nature of God who is Supreme Love itself and therefore by nature relational. To be or exist only is not authentic existence. Authentic existence is to be in relationship. The concept of God as Holy Trinity points to the reality of the One God existing as many for the sake of relationship. Perfection therefore is to be eternally established in a relationship with the all-perfect, all-powerful God who is all-loving, kind, merciful, compassionate, ever-blissful and always ready to exchange in loving relationships with His children whom He has made for that purpose.

So let us re-commit ourselves to the God of love this Trinity Sunday and rejoice in His eternal nature as perfect friend and beloved.

The Lord be with you, Fr Russell

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### *‘A Prayer for Holy Trinity’*

*Father, we praise thee, now the night is over;  
active and watchful, stand we all before thee;  
singing we offer prayer and meditation:  
thus we adore thee.*

*Monarch of all things, fit us for thy mansions;  
banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending;  
bring us to heaven, where thy saints united  
joy without ending.*

*All-holy Father, Son and equal Spirit,  
Trinity blessed, send us thy salvation;  
thine is the glory, gleaming and resounding  
through all creation. Amen*

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### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**THE WORLD:** The Holy Trinity shows us that God is a community, three Persons in one God. We need others to love and this time of trial around the globe is one where we find that God has given us many others in the global community to love and care for (*Source: ABMI*). All those affected by the devastating cyclone in West India.

**THE CHURCH:** Anglican Church of Mexico; Diocese of Willochra; Parish of St Thomas, Winchelsea w. Holy Trinity, Barrabool and St Paul's Deans Marsh.

**THE PARISH/COMMUNITY:** That our Christian life may be authentic and grounded in the divine love for others; and give thanks for all those who radiate God's love to others and pray that we may all become more and more like them.

**THOSE IN SPECIAL NEED:** Those on our prayer list and in our hearts.

**THE DEPARTED:** Our own departed and those whose yearly remembrance falls at this time (Joan Holloway). We remember with thanks: Barnabas, Apostle and Martyr (Thursday).

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### **NEXT SUNDAY -14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2020 – THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRIST**

**Readings: Exodus 24:3-8; Psalm 116; 1 Corinthians 10:14-21**

**Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26**

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**THE GEELONG INTERFAITH NETWORK** invites all who are interested to join in (or observe) a “Zoom” discussion at **5.50pm to 6.30pm next Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> June** on the Topic **‘Insights from isolation... how has your faith helped you during this period? What positive changes have we seen?’**

For information about the 'link' please contact the Rev. Tim Gibson

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