



### Sometimes a Light Surprises

Sometimes a light surprises  
 the Christian while he sings;  
 it is the Lord, who rises  
 with healing in his wings:  
 when comforts are declining,  
 he grants the soul again  
 a season of clear shining,  
 to cheer it after rain.

In holy contemplation  
 we sweetly then pursue  
 the theme of God's salvation,  
 and find it ever new;  
 set free from present sorrow,  
 we cheerfully can say,  
 "Let the unknown tomorrow  
 bring with it what it may."

It can bring with it nothing  
 but he will bear us through;  
 who gives the lilies clothing  
 will clothe his people too:  
 beneath the spreading heavens  
 no creature but is fed;  
 and he who feeds the ravens  
 will give his children bread.

Though vine nor fig tree neither  
 their wonted fruit should bear,  
 though all the field should wither,  
 nor flocks nor herds be there;  
 yet God the same abideth,  
 his praise shall tune my voice,  
 for, while in him confiding,  
 I cannot but rejoice

[William Cowper (1731-1800) – TIS128]



## 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.

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8<sup>th</sup> November 2020

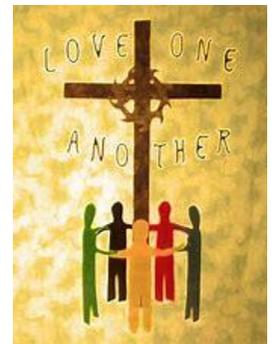
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### Sentence

'No one has greater love than this,  
 than to lay down one's life for one's friends.  
 You are my friends,' says the Lord, 'if you do what I command you.'

### Prayer of the Day \*

**Almighty God,**  
 whose sovereign purpose none can make  
 void:  
 give us faith to be steadfast  
 amid the tumults of this world,  
 knowing that your kingdom shall come  
 and your will done, to your eternal glory;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
 Spirit,  
 one God, world without end. Amen



## The Vicar Writes



Next Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November, marks the end of the First World War in 1918 when we remember with gratitude those who fought, stayed at home and gave their lives fighting to protect the freedom that we often take for granted. The sacrifice made by the people at that time who stood up to the evil of fascism is glorious because in their sacrifice they went way beyond themselves and laid down their life so that future generations may enjoy the privilege of living in a country where some freedom of speech and free choice still remains.

In devotional surrender, one dies to self and lives for God alone and, similarly in sacrifices performed for one's country such as going to war to defend civil liberties, a soul grows into a level of selflessness that draws the grace of God and sets an example for all generations that standing up against fanaticism is sometimes a necessity.

While many men and women were away, others stayed at home and kept the country running. Many women joined the armed forces, and, in particular, those women who stayed at home ran most of the welfare activities in society through the church guilds, Mothers' Union and GFS. The sacrifices made brought the country together and a great unity and pride in the nation was born out of it.

If we want a sense of unity in society today, we need to encourage people to render service to others and go beyond themselves. The church remains a place where the opportunity for service is available. Here at Christ Church Geelong we set a fine example through the meals program of what can be achieved, even during uncertain times, if we set our minds on helping others.

It is every important to be selfless in our service and have no agendas, Selfless service will bring unity and strength and agendas bring poison. Pray to the Lord that our purposes may always remain pure and free of selfish intent, then we will attract the blessings of the Lord.

The Lord be with you, Fr Russell

### **\*\* REMINDER – CHRIST THE KING/PATRONAL FESTIVAL**

*Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November*

Please note that it is planned – unless circumstances change once again – to commence services on the above

Sunday at: 8.00am, 10am & 5.15pm

*Further details soon!!*



**KEEP FRIDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 4-7PM FREE**

**PLANS ARE AFOOT!**

*Watch for further details next week!!*

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**THE WORLD:** The peace and security we enjoy; we remember those who in time of war faithfully served their country; we pray for their families, and for ourselves whose freedom was won at such a cost; make us a people zealous for peace, and hasten that day when nation shall not lift up sword against nation neither learn war any more (APBA); the United Nations, its peacekeeping work and acts of mercy.

**THE CHURCH:** The work and witness of the Anglican Church of Japan (ABM).

**THE PARISH/COMMUNITY:** All victims of violence, and care and safety around the neighbourhood.

**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 (Mary McQuillan; Ref. Ron Cross). We remember with thanks: Charles Simeon, priest and evangelist, d.1836 (Thursday).

**NEXT SUNDAY – 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020**

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Readings: Judges 4.1-10; Psalm 123;**

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30**



**REMINDER – 2020 ANNUAL GEELONG MEETING**

**Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> November after the 10.00am service**

Nominations for Parish Council will close **next Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> November** and are to be sent/given to Fr Russell

Note any reports to be presented at the AGM should be also sent to the office by **next Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> November** to enable distribution at our proposed services on **22<sup>nd</sup> November – Christ the King!** \*\*

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

*Thank you to everyone who contributed to this appeal. As a result of your generosity, you enabled us to forward 27 beautiful boxes for children in Fiji, Cambodia, Mali and Madagascar (Jan McGowan)*

