



# The Anglican Parish of Christ Church Geelong



"A community of faith in service to others"

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## Thy Hand, O God, Has Guided

Thy hand, O God, has guided  
Thy flock, from age to age;  
The wondrous tale is written,  
Full clear, on every page;  
Our fathers owned thy goodness,  
And we their deeds record;  
And both of this bear witness;  
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings  
To greatest as to least;  
Thy bade men rise, and hasten  
To share the great King's feast;  
And this was all their teaching,  
In every deed and word,  
To all alike proclaiming  
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness,  
Through many a scene of strife,  
The faithful few fought bravely,  
To guard the nation's life.  
Their gospel of redemption,  
Sin pardoned, man restored,  
Was all in this enfolded:  
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless?  
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?  
Shall we evade the conflict,  
And cast away our crown?  
Not so: in God's deep counsels  
Some better thing is stored;  
We will maintain, unflinching,  
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,  
Nor leave thy work undone;  
With thy right hand to help us,  
The victory shall be won;  
And then, by men and angels,  
Thy name shall be adored,  
And this shall be their anthem:  
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

[Basil Harwood (1859-1949) – TNEH 485]

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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.

## FOUNDATION FESTIVAL

11<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Liturgical Colour: White

### Sentence

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

### Prayer of the Day \*

Almighty God,  
your Son Jesus  
was the stone rejected by the builders,  
and, by your doing,  
he has been made the chief cornerstone:  
grant that,  
by the power of his Spirit working in us,  
we may become living stones  
built up into your dwelling place,  
a temple holy and acceptable to you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end. Amen



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 Vicar Writes**



Today we celebrate the foundation Day at Christ Church Geelong in honour of the laying of the foundation stone of the church building on October 7 1843 By The Right Reverend Bishop Broughton. Christ Church like any place of worship is a holy place where the Supreme Lord is worshipped and people may come to receive the Lord's grace. When worship is conducted in a building by faithful people it carries the vibration of that worship and prayer and thus develops a spiritual atmosphere.

All places of worship are made holy by the faith community that attends there and all faith communities are made up of individuals who to varying degrees have placed their lives in the hands of the Lord. Our reading today from the gospel of Matthew speaks of the necessity of making God the foundation of our being. God is the source of life and being within everyone but unless we acknowledge that and act accordingly, we will be blind to the Lord's presence.

Although we are restricted from attending worship at the moment, we may still be aware that God is behind and within our being and life and that without the Lord we can do nothing. Because the Lord is with us in this body temple, we will be attentive to Him and worship and honour that divine presence within. From this devotion we will grow in faith and in the qualities of spirit. The first quality will be humility which is derived from understanding the greatness of God and our insignificance, God becomes our focus and not our ego.

Tolerance will then develop by the Lord's grace as we become aware of our own weakness and tendency to forget the Lord even though we endeavour to always remember Him. We become tolerant and forgiving of not only our own mistakes but of the failings and mistakes of others. From forgiveness we become less likely to make trespass or offence against others, this is the main impediment in developing love for God.

Gradually becoming free of offences against others we grow in love and with that there is an equal growth of joy, our lives become a sign of God's grace and a sign of hope for others. As we become closer to the Lord God leads us intuitively into a deeper communion with Him and simultaneously gives us the understanding of how we might lead others to the Lord as well. The light of God's wisdom removes all darkness from our hearts and the path opens before us.

In this way Christ is the true foundation of a person of sincere faith. When a community is made up of sincere disciples of the Lord it must grow and flourish, nothing can get in the way of the love of God, not even these restrictions. The foundation of a life in God is enough. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and everything else will be added unto you.

The Lord be with you,  
Fr Russell

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## **UPDATE – OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

If you would like to take part in the Christmas Box Program this year, there are several ways of doing so:

- You may prepare a box yourself and bring it to the church before the end of October; or
- Donate individual items for us to pack into boxes at the church (deliver as soon as possible please); or
  - Make a donation to assist with the delivery cost.

Please contact Jan McGowan on 0409 176 409 for further information!



## **REMINDER - TOMATO PLANTS**

Laurie Christian will be selling a limited number of tomato plants this month (Sweet Bite – tall vine type; and a mix of tommy toe and grape). They will be **by order only**; and he will let people know when to pick them up from the Church.

Email: [larchrn@iinet.net](mailto:larchrn@iinet.net) au or **Mobile: 0421 011 279** (Amended)

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## **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**THE WORLD:** Peace and stability amongst all nations!

**THE CHURCH:** the Church of the Province of Uganda; Diocese of The Northern Territory; Evangelism in the Diocese; St Augustine's Mentone; Healesville with Yarra Glen; St Peter's Brighton Beach; Diocese service at Moorabbin; St Faith's Burwood; St Philip's Collingwood. Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Korea, the *Daehan Seong Gong Hoe* (ABM)

**THE PARISH/COMMUNITY:** That we may express our discipleship of Jesus by authentically following in the Way (ABM).

**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. We remember with thanks: Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer, England, d.1845 (Monday).

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## **NEXT SUNDAY - 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020** **TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Readings: Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99;**

**1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

**Gospel: Matthew 22:15-33**

