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The Anglican Parish of Christ Church Geelong



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CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS MARKET

Friday, 4th December 4-7pm



Sponsored by Tango Geelong

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THE TWELVE TINS OF CHRISTMAS *Christmas Raffle*

Tickets will be available from **next Sunday, 29th November** and the draw will be on **Sunday, 20th December**.

*The major prize this year
is a Margaret Tembo Quilt!!*

**Please support this, our first fundraiser for the new
Parish financial year.**

Tickets: \$2 each; \$5 for 3; or \$10 or 7



TRINITY COLLEGE presents:

'The Kingdom of God is Near: Studies on the Readings for Year B'

by Zoom conference **U Saturday, 28th November/ 9.30am to 12.30pm.**

Cost \$25 / \$20 concession. Led by the Rev Dr Bob Derrenbacher and Dr Rachelle Gilmour, this is a day for clergy and lay people to be enriched by the readings from Mark and elsewhere in the Bible for the forthcoming Church Year B.

For further information and to register go to www.trybooking.com/647150
or email to theologyevents@trinity.edu.au or call 03 8348 7127.

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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.

CHRIST THE KING

22nd November 2020

Liturgical Colour: White

Guest Celebrant & Preacher: Bishop Kate Prowd

Holy Eucharist: 8.00am & 5.15pm (inside)

10.00am

(outside)

Sentence

O shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his face with songs of joy.

Prayer of the Day *

God of power and love,
who raised your Son Jesus from death to life,
resplendent in glory to rule over all creation:
free the world to rejoice in his peace,
to glory in his justice, and to live in his love.
Unite the human race in Jesus Christ your Son,
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.

The Vicar Writes



We warmly welcome Bishop Kate Prowd today as she joins us to celebrate Christ the King. For Christians Christ is the king of their hearts but he is nothing like a worldly king whose interest is in exploiting his citizens for as much as he can get. Christ is the servant King who reveals the eternal nature of the Supreme

Absolute Truth as embodying service, sacrifice, love and self-giving. Christ is the personal face of the Supreme Consciousness who loves every individual soul who has its origin in Him and is part and parcel of that Supreme Consciousness as much as a particle of sunlight is part and parcel of the sun.

In Ezekiel we read about the shepherd King David who is referred to in 34/23 as he who tend the sheep on behalf of the Lord. In this reading God speaking through Ezekiel declares that God will... "Myself tend My sheep... I will search for the lost and bring back the strays" (34/15). Just as the Hebrews saw God ruling through David so the Christians saw God fulfilling the plan for salvation through Jesus Christ. Therefore Christians see Jesus Christ as the Shepherd King who brings back the lost and leads his sheep through the valley of the shadows of death, the material world back home to the eternal heaven of God. Christians don't make the mistake of thinking the promise land to be anything physical that can be fought over but rather the transcendental home of all souls at the feet of the Supreme Lord.

Saint Paul speaks of the kingly power of God in Jesus that is above all worldly rule and authority. That power is from Christ who is at the right hand of God and emanates from the heavenly realms. The right hand of God indicates the will of God and Christ the Word of God embodies that will and therefore manifests the power of God in every way. That power continues to work in those whose hearts are properly attuned to Spirit, working in an attitude of service and divine love. Jesus himself instructs us on the symptoms of one working in divine consciousness. Such a person will be seen to view all living entities alike. They will honour everyone as a soul who has the Lord residing within their hearts as their friend and guide. With that divine wisdom to inspire them, servants of God set about feeding the hungry, visiting the sick in hospital and the lost in prison. They will show hospitality to strangers and give drink to the thirsty.

This is a great challenge to the fundamentalists who use God as an excuse to dishonour others because they don't "believe". These words of Christ are condemnation to the fanatics who blow themselves up and kill others out of desperation and ignorance. These words also challenge the atheists and pseudo spiritualists who think that there is no God superior to their own self. Only one who honours and loves God can truly honour others because everyone is dear to the Supreme Lord. The basis of saintly behaviour is that such dealings are pleasing to the Almighty and by pleasing God the devotee experiences the gift of divine joy and enlightenment that empowers them to draw nearer to God's presence. As one draws nearer to God's presence, they intuitively know how to please God more by their activities until they are so attuned to God that the will of God works perfectly in them as it does in Lord Jesus Christ. This is truly oneness with God and with God's will.

May God bless us with wisdom and love that we may awaken in this divine consciousness.

Fr Russell



Today's flowers have been donated by Jan Watson in loving memory of her husband, Geoff, whose birthday was on 8th November.

ANNUAL REPORTS AVAILABLE TODAY!!

Don't forget to bring your copy to the meeting following the 10.00am service next Sunday, 29th November - First Sunday of Advent

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THE WORLD: Those suffering the aftermath of natural disasters, including Nicaragua.

THE CHURCH: The Church of Bermuda; Diocese of Armidale; Archdeaconry of Box Hill; St Matthew's Ashburton/Melbourne CSI; Christ Church, St Kilda; St Jude's Carlton; Christ Church Geelong; Christ Church Cathedral, Newcastle.

THE PARISH/COMMUNITY: "Believing and doing cannot in fact be separated in the Christian life. Both are essential and interdependent. Jesus is Lord of all our believing and all our doing." (Source: ABM). All who celebrate our Christ the King services in the church today!

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 (Marie Taylor; Ray Powell). We remember with thanks: James Noble, pioneer Aboriginal deacon, d.1941 (Wednesday).

The Week Ahead

Tuesday, 24th	8.30am Morning Prayer in the Chapel
	7.00pm Meditation in the Chapel
Wednesday, 25th	8.00am Meditation in the Chapel
	10.00am Holy Eucharist
	7.30pm Healing Service
Thursday, 26th	8.30am Morning Prayer in the Chapel

NEXT SUNDAY - 29TH NOVEMBER 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings: Isai8ah 64.1-9; Psalm 80.1-7,17-19;

1 Corinthians 1.1-9; Gospel: Mark 13.24-37



WANTED

Syama would like to have some help in the Vicarage Garden. If you have some spare time and would like to help, please contact Syama (or speak to Fr Russell).