



Services Resume

Please note that all normal services recommence the *week beginning Sunday, 28th 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]

Special Working Bee



Please note there is a special working bee on: *Saturday, 13th June commencing at 9.00am* to assist in preparation for the above services.

Everyone welcome!!

Remember: *Many hands make light work!!*

Winter Woollies Market!!

We are also pleased to advise that the Market will now be held on:

Saturday, 27th 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]



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 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.

DAY OF PENTECOST

31st May 2020

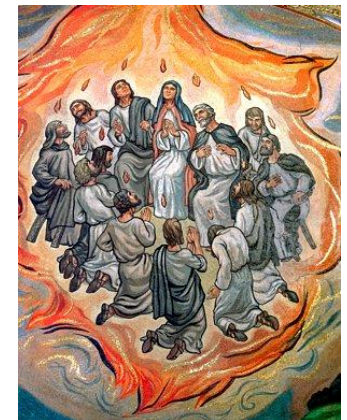
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Sentence

'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,' says the Lord;
'and let the one who believes in me drink.
For out of your heart shall flow rivers of living water.'

Prayer of the Day *

Almighty God,
at the feast of Pentecost
you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples,
filling them with joy and boldness
to preach the gospel:
empower us with that same Spirit
to witness to your redeeming love
and draw all people to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end. Amen



The Vicar Writes



Pentecost celebrates the birthday of the Church because it is the day the Disciples of Christ along with thousands of others received the Holy Spirit. This occurred at the festival of Pentecost at Jerusalem fifty days after the Passover. Jesus had resurrected and appeared to his disciples many times and had just ascended to heaven only days before. Now the disciples along with Mary, the mother of the Lord, were filled by the Spirit to such an extent that they heard the mighty voice of Spirit that sounded like a rushing wind and great storm. Tongues of fire or great effulgence engulfed them, and they were empowered to speak in such a way that people from many cultures and nations heard them and understood their every word.

Jerusalem was a place of pilgrimage for people of all walks of life, Hebrews, Hellenistic Jews (influenced by Greek culture and philosophy), Greeks, Romans, Persians, Indians and Egyptians would have been present at this great time. The people affected by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost were people from all of these nations. That's why Saint Thomas preached in India and later traders found well established Christian communities in several parts of India long before the Church sent missionaries there.

The receiving of the Holy Spirit is a great mystery and it has many implications we may consider. To begin with everyone has the Holy Spirit because the Spirit of God gives all life, breath, guidance and everything to everyone. The Spirit is the source of all life so what does it mean the disciples received the Holy Spirit? Although the Spirit is the source and maintainer of all life, not everyone has developed the perception of heavenly things and not everyone is able to give perception of heavenly things and the understanding of God to others. To impart authentic knowledge of God is only possible for God to do and so one must be empowered by God to do it. The Disciples of Christ were empowered to spread the love of God in Christ to others and Christianity spread like wildfire as a result.

Many of the disciples present had journeyed with the Lord through trials and tribulations and had been purified by hearing from the Lord about heavenly things. Their hearts had been prepared and love of God was reigning supreme in their hearts. Now they were gifted with powerful perception of Spirit, first by hearing the sound of the Spirit as a rushing wind, by feeling great joy, being filled with light and guided by intuitive wisdom that enabled them to speak effectively of God to others.

Prophets before the time of Christ in all major religions speak about the almighty voice of God resounding like thunder or being like a trumpet or a great wind. The event of Pentecost established divinely inspired prophets within Christian circles who were empowered to spread the news of God's love in Christ. The Apostles were able to heal and purify others and to grow the Church into the worldwide institution it became. The Christian Church went beyond the ethnic and social divisions that usually plague human society and remained unified for 1000 years before its split East from West, it was another 500 years before dissenters and politicians caused further splits and disintegration within the Body of Christ.

The same potential for unity remains at least in the hearts of people; the unity of being gathered around the presence of Christ in the Eucharist, being guided by the intuitive wisdom of Spirit from within and the rendering of devotional service to the Lord through prayer and works of kindness. There are many ways to interpret the Bible, each interpretation having its own merits and producing many styles of approach to God. It is for this reason that the Bible alone, isolated from tradition has not been, nor will ever be a source of unity. Though we are divided externally, the many traditions within Christianity can stand united on many fronts.

The whole of existence is forever in a state of unity in diversity, and so it is by God's plan that the Church must work in the same tension. Though we may not come together fully externally, we can increase in spirituality and by the grace of Christ and the Holy Spirit share the love of God in Christ and lean to love despite differences. As Saint Paul said, there is nothing on earth or in heaven that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

The Lord be with you, Fr Russell

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THE WORLD: "Come, Holy Spirit, enlighten the minds of women and men of medical science who are working to find a solution to this viral infection. Guide their research and help them discover what you provide in creation, sure ways of control, protection, inoculation and healing. Strengthen them in their tiring work and enrich in them the virtue of hope." (*Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney*).

THE CHURCH: Anglican Church of Melanesia; Diocese of Riverina; Girls' Friendly Society; St John the Baptist, Wantirna South. We hear from St Luke (*Acts 2.1-21*) of the '*Birth of the Church*' where the Holy Spirit descends on the believers who then speak in many of the languages of the then known world. Today, we have many people living in Australia who speak languages other than English, our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and those from overseas who have chosen to call Australia home. At this time of crisis, pray that we might be able to befriend someone from a new culture and show them God's love through our love for them (*Source: ABM*). Give thanks for the work of those who translate the Scriptures into languages that have not yet had a version of the Bible.

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 (Tony Hart; Eric Crutch; Stella Kelly; Kath Climpson). We remember with thanks: Martyrs of Uganda, d.1886; John XXIII bishop of Rome, reformer, d.1963; Janani Luwum, archbishop of Uganda, martyr, d.1977 (Wednesday).

NEXT SUNDAY -7TH JUNE 2020 – TRINITY SUNDAY

Readings: Exodus 34.1-8; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13.11-13

Gospel: Matthew 28.16-20

