

An update from the Parish Incumbency Committee....



We continue in regular contact with Archdeacon Jill and Bishop Kate (and now Bishop Brad Billings). We are still hopeful of an announcement soon, but who knows when that might be. Some background – when the vacancy was announced the question arose of where a new vicar would live. Would we need to lease the vicarage to a family or business? Regardless, it would need some improvements before it was ready for use.

The first task was to get a report from structural engineers. We used the same company as used before for the church and the vicarage, but they were very busy and we did not receive their completed report until the end of January this year.

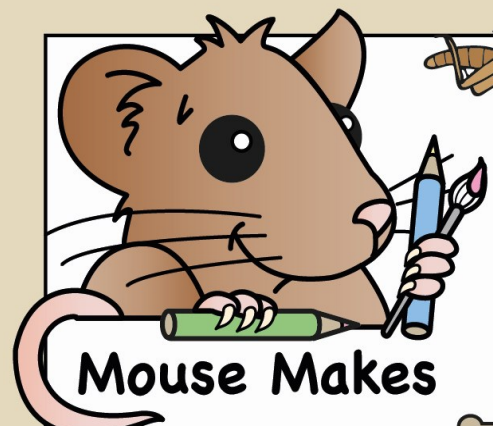
By then we had held interviews with prospective clergy, made our choice and heard that the Archbishop had offered the parish to the chosen priest - who accepted the offer, subject to clearances, and would be happy to live in our vicarage.

Since then plumbers and electricians have been working in the vicarage, the interior has been repainted, and new carpet has been laid. The carpenter has done some repairs and is currently

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Mouse Makes

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Read - Exodus 7:19

2
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In which places were the frogs found?
Read - Exodus 8:3-4

3
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Read - Exodus 8:16-17

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Swarms of Flies
In which land were the flies not be found?
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GOD • PLAGUES • MOSES • AARON
WATER • BLOOD • STAFF • RIVER • NILE • FISH
FROGS • SWARM • GNATS • DUST • FLIES
GROUND • DEATH • ANIMALS • SOOT
BOILS • PEOPLE • HAIL • THUNDER • FIRE
MAN • BEAST • LOCUSTS • WIND • LAND
DARKNESS • FIRSTBORN • MIDNIGHT

(from p.1) rehanging doors after the re-carpeting. We are very grateful to Bruce Twaddell and Prue Fidge for the help they have given.

The vicarage is all looking very fine and we really hope that we can tell you more about the appointment of our new Vicar soon.

(Judy, Sue and Shurlee)

Archdeacon Jill writes...

"it's great to hear that the renovation work on the vicarage has gone so well"

...and Bishop Brad has added -

"I echo Archdeacon Jill's congratulations on your diligence in preparing the vicarage, and I am very conscious as I come into the role of area bishop of your patience, and that of the congregation, as this process unfolds!"



Supporting the Anglican Church in the NT

The 5c Collection allows us to get rid of loose change (those pesky 5c pieces!) and is sent to the Anglican Board of Missions for use as ABM sees fit. This year this money (the last amount forwarded was over \$550) will go with the request that it be used in the Anglican Diocese of the NT. If you'd like to contribute to this cause, please see Jan or Ruth.

(The Counting Elves)

BAPTISMS AT CHRIST CHURCH 21 May 2023 -

Kinsley Carol
ERNSTZEN - parents
Marcel and Leanne

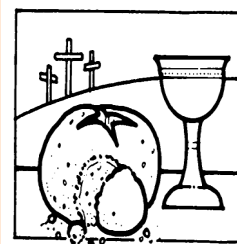


MARRIAGES AT CHRIST CHURCH

3 1st March 2023 - Helen YEATS and Trent POPELIER

FUNERALS & MEMORIAL SERVICES ACROSS THE PARISH COMMUNITY

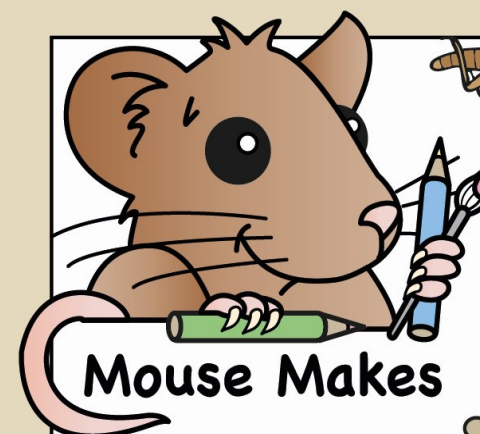
9TH MAY 2023 - Russell EDWARDS (23 August 1936 to 9 May 2023) - the loved husband of Margaret, together they worshipped and shared in the life of this faith community for over 26 years. His Service of Thanksgiving was held at Christ Church on Thursday **May 18th**, with many parishioners and Parish clergy in attendance. Russell will be greatly missed - and our thoughts are with Margaret at this time.



Home Communion

Our Clergy are always happy to take Communion to those who cannot come to church for health or other reasons.

please speak to Fr Barry or one of the **Ministry team** to arrange this....



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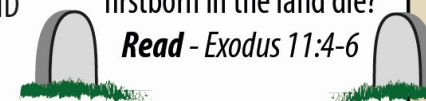
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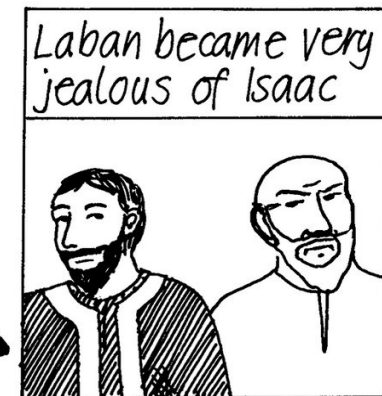
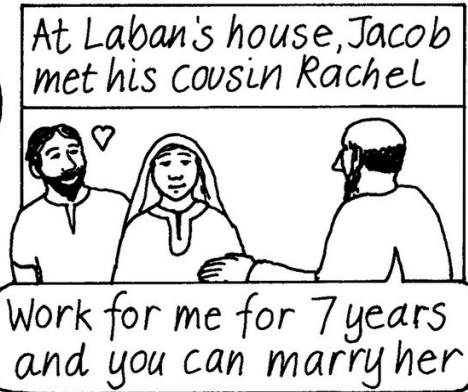


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NOTES FROM PARISH COUNCIL



The March to June quarter has seen Parish Council very busy with property matters. A successful parish clean up was held on 1st April and considerable work has been going into refurbishment of the vicarage. Many parishioners took the opportunity to see the changes in the vicarage post the 8.00am and 10.00am services on 30th April.

Upcoming work will focus on Safe Ministry compliance. Considerable work began on this with previous Parish Councils, and we are grateful to Judy Staples for her work in this area. For those not familiar with *Safe Ministry* and *Child Safe Parishes*, more information will become available over the coming months. To summarize, *Safe Ministry* covers standards of ensuring the safety and well being of both children and vulnerable adults in the church community. Additionally there are eleven standards that apply specifically to ensuring child well being in the church setting. It is important to note that compliance with these standards applies to a range of community organisations and institutions, and not just the church. However there is an expectation of screening processes for church volunteers, to which parishioners will need to have increased awareness and commitment. A church self assessment in regards to these eleven Child Safe Standards will also be involved over the coming months. These Standards are a requirement from the Victorian Government and as such are a legislative rather than Diocesan or parish requirement. It is vital that Christ Church develops systems to comply with this legislation. Joy Baxter and Sue Murrant from Parish Council will be leading this work over the next few months.

(Sue Murrant, Church Warden)

..OOPS!!! A CORRECTION FROM P4 OF the MARCH CHRONICLE -

In "from the Wardens" on page 4 of the March 2023 Chronicle the thanks should have been to the Belmont Lodge of Harmony and Prudence for their help in tidying the Vicarage Garden - many thanks from the Parish for all your efforts!!!

Thanks to the great bunch of helpers who attend the monthly working bees (2nd Saturday each month, from 9am).

**GREAT
WORK
AND
WELL
DONE**

Parish Working Bees

The contribution to the upkeep of the Church grounds and more recently the Vicarage that all of you make, is much appreciated. Whether you are there every month on the second Saturday or if you get along to only a few of these sessions, you are helping to keep the Church grounds tidy. Those who have not yet ventured out please do come along and join in the work and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee after we finish.

(Don Patterson)

(** and see pix of some of the recent WB activity on p.8)



PARISH FUND RAISING COMMITTEE



Our next major fundraising effort - the Winter Woolies Market - will be over by the time you are reading this! Next the Fundraising Committee will turn its attention to a broader fundraising strategy. Fundraising ideas are welcome and any parishioners who would like to be on the Committee or support it, would be most welcome.



Please see Sue Murrant, Jan McGowan or Ruth Christian for more details.

REGULAR SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH

Eucharist - Sundays at 8am, 10am & 5.15pm

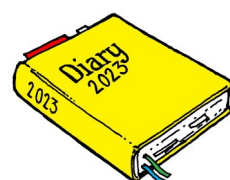
Wednesday at 10am.

Meditation - Tuesday at 7pm and Wednesday at 8am (Side Chapel)

Healing Services - 2nd & 4th

Wednesday each month, at 7.30pm*

* from February to December



**Dates for
your
diaries!!!**

4th June - Trinity Sunday
23rd July at the 10am
Eucharist - Episcopal Visit by
our Regional Bishop Brad
Billings
6th August - Transfiguration
of our Lord



Growing Christian
Communities -
reaching those
who wouldn't go
to church...

...this video (10 mins.) about church
planting was shown at a recent Diocesan
Synod -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aSUFyRb0uQc>

and highlights the experiences of several
parishes, including at Whittington, and
includes comments from Bp Kate.

**Do look at this clip - what could it
mean for us at Christ Church?**



Morning Teas after Church

THE PARISH NEEDS YOU!!!

Can you help with the morning tea
roster after the 10am Eucharist on
Sundays? The Parish needs
volunteers willing to help with
morning teas - either on a once-off
basis or to become part of the
regular roster.

If you're interested and would like
to help in this way please speak to
Evelyn Twaddell at the 10am
service.

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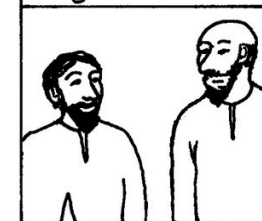


At Laban's house, Jacob
met his cousin Rachel



Work for me for 7 years
and you can marry her

7 years later



Can I marry
Rachel now?

But Laban tricked him
into marrying her sister
Leah



So Jacob worked 7 more
years to marry Rachel



Then he said to Laban

As you aren't paying
me wages, can I have
the black sheep?



Laban agreed, but that day
he moved all the black
sheep far away



But God blessed Jacob
and his black flock grew



Laban became very
jealous of Isaac



Your father doesn't like me
any more. We need to go back
to my home.



They waited until
Laban was away..

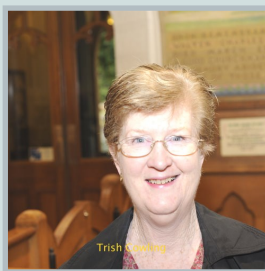


but he was told ...

Jacob!



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Puzzle Solutions

...(but always have a go first!)

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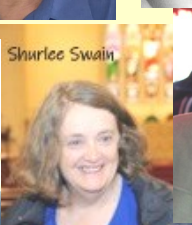
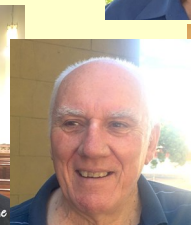
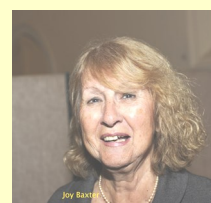
YOUR 2023-24 PARISH COUNCIL



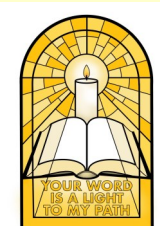
Wardens

(above from L) -
Susan Murrant,
Don Paterson & Judy Munro

Parish Council (clockwise from L- below)
Joy Baxter, Wayne Bickerdike (Treasurer),
Pru Fidge, Bruce Twaddell, Shurlee Swain,
Bill Johnsen, & Heather Game



Acting Vicar - Fr Barry Smith



**Assisting Clergy at Christ
Church** - Fr John Howells, Fr
Andrew Constance, and Rev
Jen Dunn

**Incumbency Committee
2022-23** - Shurlee Swain, Judy
Munro and Sue Murrant

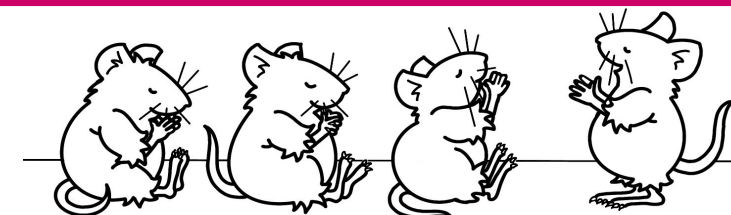
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NEWS FROM DAVID AND EMA WETHERELL



In April David and Ema travelled back to Suva, Fiji to visit friends and family - their first lengthy visit back for 25 years! The visit included a function in Suva for extended family and friends, and also an opportunity to catch up with Ema's nephew Manoa Kamikamica many times in Suva, starting with his Solevu (reception) on 8th April at the British Legion, held to mark Manoa's appointment as in late December as Fiji's Deputy Prime Minister. Ema, Manoa and David are pictured above at the Solevu.

David writes...."Fijians are a religious people. The Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka and his Deputy Manoa attend the Wesley Circuit Methodist Church in central Suva. An ecumenical service was attended by government and opposition MPs after Christmas 2022, whilst football matches are often preceded by prayer, and car journeys and morning tea start with grace. Fiji's population is one million."



The **Web Page**
is at

<https://christchurchgeelong.com.au>

**Do you use email?
We need your e-address if
we are to keep in touch!!**



...looked at the
parish web page
recently?



If you can't get to church, or prefer worship or quiet time at home, our Parish Web Page has many resources... including the weekly *Parish Press*, and the quarterly *Chronicle*; recent *services and sermons* (recorded most weeks); video/audio recordings of some previous services (eg from *Holy Week 2022*); the daily *scripture readings*; *Holy Days* for each month; *hymns* to sing ... and news about the Parish course!! **and lots more too!!!**

THE COMMUNITY MEALS PROGRAM UPDATE FOR APRIL-MAY

After a number of lean months financially there is better news!! The Program will receive a \$5000 grant from Give Where You Live. The Dimmick Charitable Trust have indicated that their gift to the Program this year will be \$15000. We have just banked \$500 from The Lions Club of South Barwon and there have been 2 donations of \$500 each and another for \$200 from private citizens.

The number of guests served at breakfast, the evening meal and through the Emergency Cupboard, are all high – this results in greater amounts of foods being purchased to meet these needs. *Barwon Health* will be on the premises in May to provide their annual flu injections to guests.

The *Melbourne Anglican Foundation* have been in touch and will attend the Program (expected to be on 24th May) to include footage in a video they are producing on homelessness, to be screened at the next Clergy Conference.

Jan McGowan (Program Director)

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Footy Parking 2023 - UPDATE!!!!

The 2023 season is well underway, and though the Cats took a couple of weeks to find their premiership mojo they played pretty well for 5 weeks after Round 4.... And, OK, a bit of a stumble in May....but it's still a while until the finals and the Cats will be there! This year there are **NINE** Cats home games at Kardinia Park (GMHBA Stadium), with six matches scheduled during June to August.

The remaining Cats home games are on -

Thursday 22nd June at 7.20pm - Cats v Melbourne Demons

Sunday 9th July at 1.10pm - Cats v North Melbourne

Saturday 15th July at 7.25pm - Cats v Essendon

Saturday 29th July at 1.45pm - Cats v Fremantle

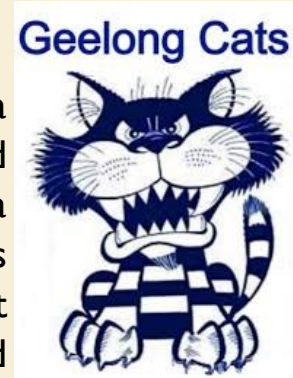
Saturday 5th August at 7.25pm - Cats v Port Adelaide

Sat/Sun 26-27 August -Cats v Bulldogs (match details not yet announced)

There will be reminders about these games in the Parish Announcements as the these dates get closer - but put the dates in your diaries now, and call Phillip on 04481 18302 if you'd like more details.

Footy Parking is fun and easy to do, takes only a couple of hours before home game starts, and is an important fund-raising

source for the Parish. **GO CATS!!!**



SOME NEWS FROM KIRSTY MUNRO...

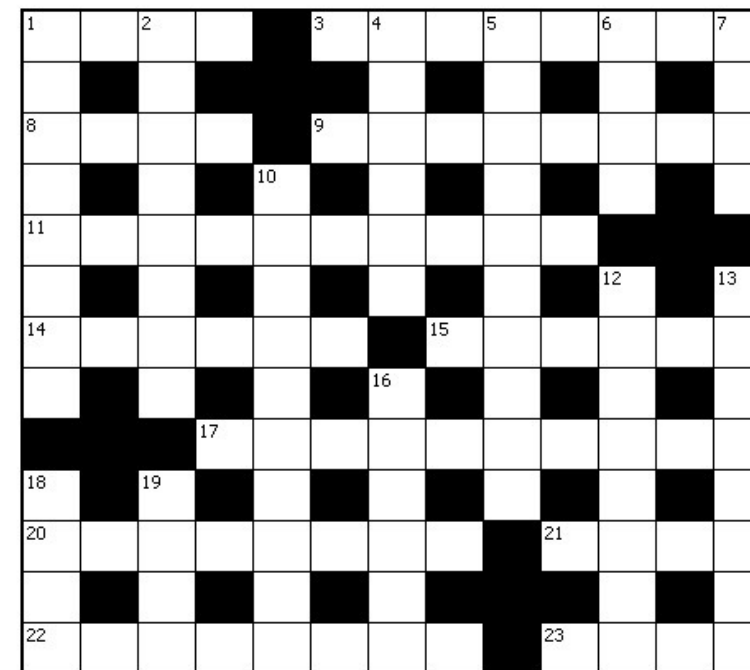
Kirsty Munro and her son David, ambassadors for *Opportunity International Australia*, recounted their recent trip to Colombia in a radio interview "Sunday Night with Lynn Arnold", the former premier of South Australia and honorary assistant priest at St Peter's Cathedral in Adelaide. The interview was on Sunday 14th May 2023 on *Radio Station 1079 Life* (South Australia).

Lynn Arnold writes "...Here is the link to my interview with Kirsty and David about the Munro/Perry family's fascinating and thoughtful trip to Colombia.... During the conversation we discussed deep issues of our contemporary world where both poverty and plenty abound side by side and where societies sometimes have to confront past and ongoing social conflict."

To listen to the interview (without ads) just go to -

<https://on.soundcloud.com/jwzNZdJM3tTSSQsq7>

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PUZ?LES

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Crossword Clues

Across

- 1 See 23 Across
 3 Where the thief on the cross was told he would be, with Jesus (Luke 23:43) (8)
 8 Invalid (4)
 9 Blasphemed (Ezekiel 36:20) (8)
 11 Adhering to the letter of the law rather than its spirit (Philippians 3:6) (10)
 14 Shut (Ecclesiastes 12:4) (6)
 15 'This is how it will be with anyone who — up things for himself but is not rich towards God' (Luke 12:21) (6)
 17 Mary on Isis (anag.) (10)
 20 Agreement (Hebrews 9:15) (8)
 21 Native of, say, Bangkok (4)
 22 Deaf fort (anag.) (5-3)
 23 and 1 Across 'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of — to work it and take — of it' (Genesis 2:15) (4,4)

Down

- 1 Struggle between opposing forces (Habakkuk 1:3) (8)
 2 James defined this as 'looking after orphans and widows in their distress and keeping oneself from being polluted by the world' (James 1:27) (8)

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4 'The one I kiss is the man; —

- him' (Matthew 26:48) (6)
 5 'Be joyful in hope, patient in — , faithful in prayer' (Romans 12:12) (10)
 6 St Columba's burial place (4)
 7 Swirling current of water (4)
 10 Loyalty (Isaiah 19:18) (10)
 12 'God was pleased through the foolishness of what was — , to save those who believe' (1 Corinthians 1:21) (8)
 13 Camp where the angel of the Lord slew 185,000 men one night (2 Kings 19:35) (8)
 16 'There is still — — — Jonathan; he is crippled in both feet' (2 Samuel 9:3) (1,3,2)
 18 David Livingstone was one (4)
 19 Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (1,1,1,1)

AT MY LOWEST: GOD
 IS MY HOPE
 AT MY DARKEST: GOD
 IS MY LIGHT
 AT MY WEAKEST: GOD
 IS MY STRENGTH
 AT MY SADDEST: GOD
 IS MY COMFORTER



Some High Days to note for June - August 2023

June 2023

4th June - Trinity Sunday

11th June - Barnabas, Apostle and Martyr

24th June - the Birth of John the Baptist

29th June - Peter & Paul, Apostles and Martyrs

July 2023

1st July - the Coming of the Light

- First missionaries to the Torres Strait

3rd July - Thomas, Apostle and Martyr

25th July - James, Apostle and Martyr

29th July - Mary and Martha of Bethany

August 2023

3rd August - Stephen, Deacon & Martyr

6th August - the Transfiguration of our Lord

15th August - Mary, Mother of our Lord

24th August - Bartholomew, Apostle



(from p.13) a saint who was so much like us. Wanting to follow Jesus, but finding himself weak; eager to serve, but unable to back words up with deeds. And yet, through all that, God's grace triumphed in Peter's life. We know that he will be saved here as he steps onto the wild water to reach Jesus.

This raging element is a parable of life, with its storms and challenges for Peter and for all of us. Just as the sea threatens to swallow the boat and the disciples in it, so we know how the world threatens to swallow us up. Each of us, in our discipleship, faces concerns and challenges, anxieties about the present, even despair about the future. Tintoretto is saying to us from this canvas, - Reach out and take hold of the sure hand of our Lord. That will be an anchor for you when the sea of life is calm and when the storm rages. 'Will your anchor hold?' asks the hymn, and we can reply-

*'We have an anchor that keeps the soul, Steadfast and sure while the billows roll;
Fastened to the rock which cannot move, Grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love.'*

The 2022 National Church Life Survey

Many parishioners may recall taking part in February 2022 in the *National Church Life Survey*. The national results project a picture of church life across Australia, but the results for us here at Christ Church offer the following insights....

Our profile reflects those who participated in the Survey but, not surprisingly, is of a congregation with the average parishioner being aged 75 years. Some 68% of parishioners are female, and 13% have come to the parish in the last five years. Some 63% value traditional styles of worship and 60% social justice and community care. Faith is an important part of who we are individually for 97% of parishioners, and some 70% engage in private devotions at least weekly. In connecting as a parish, 91% report a strong sense of belonging and encouragingly 85% reported finding it easy to make friends. We are also well engaged with community with 60% being involved with other community groups outside of church. Some 86% also report feeling at ease in sharing their faith with others.

Perhaps we can consider how we use this as we prepare for our new vicar?

(Sue Murrant)

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A Prayer for use during our Vacancy



Pray for Fr Barry, our Wardens & Parish Council.... for the Incumbency Committee... for Bishop Brad & Adn. Jill...

... and of course pray for our new priest

Bountiful God

Give to this parish a pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry, and enable us to fulfill our calling. Give to those who will choose wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us all give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake, AMEN



CHRIST CHURCH MEN'S LUNCHEES UPDATE!!!

The monthly Men's Lunches are continuing - a bite to eat accompanied by lively discussion during which almost all of the world's problems are solved... well, nearly, anyway....

The Lunches are on the **SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM 12 NOON**, and are held at the **RSL Club** (Barwon Heads Rd., Belmont). **Come along if you can!!!**

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A WORD TO NEWCOMERS.—Please drop a Post Card to the Vicar, or give a note to the Verger, and you will at once receive a visit from the Clergy.

The Vicar is at Home on Thursday Evenings for all who desire to see him.

THE CHURCH IS OPEN DAILY 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., for those who desire to think, to meditate, to PRAY.

... the first present day *Chronicle* was in December 2007, but this photo (see left) shows that the name was used for the Parish Newsletter as early as March 1913. How many names of office holders do you recognise? Did Rev Warner really reside at the Albert Coffee Palace? Did Miss Lawson decide who sat next to whom in allocating seats? ...and in those times the church was open at 9am and 6pm (or was it between 9am and 6pm?) for those wanting to think, meditate or pray.....

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... Parish Pix !!



...anyone for silver beet?
Or tamarillos??



**Working
bees
around the
grounds**



...and there's ALWAYS a yummy
morning tea!!!

God in the Arts ~

Editor: The Revd Michael Burgess (Parish Pump, UK) continues his series on God in the Arts with a look at 'Christ at the Sea of Galilee' by Tintoretto. It hangs in the National Gallery of Art in Washington DC, and this graphic is in the public domain. You can view it online at: <https://images.nga.gov/>



**'He gave us eyes to see
them': Tintoretto's
'Christ at the Sea of
Galilee'**

In 1833 Mendelssohn composed two overtures inspired by the sea. 'Fingal's Cave' portrays the gentle roll of the waves and the call of the wind on the waters around Staffa. 'Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage' paints a sea journey when the fog lifts, the sky clears, the safety of

land beckons and the boat arrives in the harbour.

This painting shows us a very different picture of the sea. It is 'Christ at the Sea of Galilee' by Tintoretto. He was an Italian painter of the Renaissance period who worked in Venice until his death in 1594. All his paintings are marked by intensity and drama, whether it is the Last Supper, the Conversion of St Paul, or this canvas. Tintoretto worked quickly and so single-mindedly that he was nicknamed 'Il Furioso.' And it is the fury of the sea that is captured here. Not the lazy waters of Venice or the calm seas of Mendelssohn's music. Now the sea and the sky above are in torment and revolt, and the world is dominated by the violence of this storm.

The Sea of Galilee is like that. One moment, the sky is clear and windless, the next, a gust can whip up the waters into anger. In Scripture the sea is always an element to fear. For the psalmist the sea contains creeping things innumerable and even monsters. For John in the book of *Revelation*, the sea ceases to exist when the new heaven and the new earth appear. The threat of that element is pervasive in this painting. The sail of the boat bends with the raging of the wind, and the vessel is tossed up and down – so near the shore, and yet so far. Above, the clouds frown.

But enfolding the scene are two signs of hope and life. To one side we see a tall tree in leaf and growing. At the other side is the tall figure of Jesus: a sign of safety and hope to the disciples, floundering in the boat. His feet are just vague outlines in the water, but His hand is firm as He beckons to His followers. Peter, brave and head-strong as ever, begins to climb out of the boat with no immediate sense of danger. This month of June ends with his feast day when we celebrate (to p.14)

NOAH AND THE ARK – A 2023 VERSION

In the year 2023 the Lord appeared unto Noah and said to him "Once again, the earth has become too wicked to continue. Build another Ark and save two of every living thing. You have six months before I will start the unending rain for 40 days and 40 nights."

Six months later, the Lord looked down and saw Noah weeping in his garden, but no Ark. "Noah", He called, "I'm about to start the rain! Where is the Ark?" "Forgive me Lord", begged Noah "but things have been difficult. I needed approval from Building Regulations because the Ark was over 30 square metres. I've been arguing with the Fire Brigade about the need for a sprinkler system. My neighbours claim that I should have obtained planning permission for building the Ark in my garden because it is a development of the site, even though in my opinion it is a temporary structure, but the roof is too high.

The Local Area Access Group complained that my ramp was too steep and the inside of the Ark wasn't fully accessible. Getting the wood has been another problem. All the decent trees have Tree Preservation Orders on them and we live in a Site of Special Scientific Interest set up in order to preserve various endangered species like the Orange Bellied Parrot. I tried to convince them that I needed the wood to save the parrots in the Ark - but no go!

When I started gathering the animals the RSPCA sued me for intending to confine wild animals without the proper paperwork. The Local Council, the Environment Protection Agency and the River Catchment Authority have ruled that I can't build the Ark until they've conducted an Environmental Impact Study on your proposed flood. The Trade Unions insist that I can't use my sons to build the Ark; I can only employ members of the Shipbuilding and Allied Trades Union. Finally, Customs and Excise have seized all my assets, claiming I am going to attempt to leave the country illegally with endangered species."

So, forgive me Lord, but it will take me at least another ten years to finish this Ark." Suddenly the skies cleared, the sun began to shine, and a rainbow stretched across the sky. "No need for me to destroy the world after all," observed God. "The matter is already in hand".

(from p.11) *having ripped off a great deal of old fencing. Whoever fixed the fencing failed, and later that night all 43 cows in the field escaped, and ended up in the Colonel's flower-filled front garden, where they chomped everything in sight.*

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



more Parish Pix



CONCELEBRATION - MAUNDY THURS- DAY 2023

*From L - Fr Peter Martin,
Fr Barry Thompson, Fr
Ron Noone, Fr John, Fr
Barry, Rev Jen, and Fr
Irwin Faris*

During the Maundy Thursday Eucharist on 6th April 2023 Fr Barry invited all Anglican Ministers in the congregation to join in Concelebration in the Sanctuary.



**A new surface for the parking areas
on the old tennis courts (Feb 2023)**



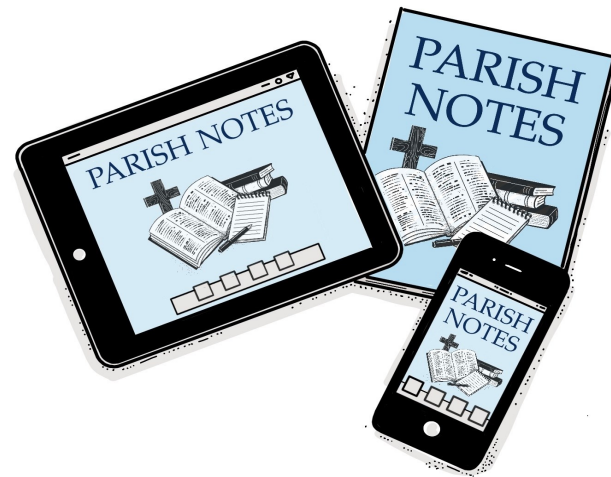
Odds 'n Sods !!



HELPING WITH FLOWERS

If you'd like to help with flowers for church, why not

- ♦ join the Flower Roster;
- ♦ Offer flowers from your garden;
- ♦ make a donation to buy flowers.... see **Jan McGowan** for more details!



KEEP ON SAVING!! * STAMPS

- for ABM
- * **CORKS** and **GLASSES**
- * **SHOE BOX GIFTS** - for Operation Christmas Child & Missions without Borders (baskets are @ the church entry)

Situations Vacant

There are **always** volunteer things you can do at Christ Church, such as -

- ♦ **Church sitting** - weekdays 12-2pm
 - ♦ **Sides persons/welcomers,** &
 - ♦ **Servers, Readers & Intercessors** for Sunday & weekday services
 - ♦ **flower arranging** in Church
 - ♦ help with **monthly working bees**
 - ♦ collating the weekly **Parish Press**
- talk to a Council Member if you're interested! Don't leave it for someone else!**



CHURCH SITTERS ARE STILL NEEDED!!!!

Even though things are more like "normal", volunteer tasks are necessary again. It's great to share our church with Geelong people & visitors to the city...but some parishioners have not returned since lockdowns, and we need volunteers to keep the church open between 12-2pm on weekdays. What about you? R U interested?

Talk to Jan McGowan — 0409 176 409



Church Working Bees

WBs are held on the **2nd SATURDAY from 9am** each month (or as needed)... There are **ALWAYS** jobs to do.... Come along and lend a hand! ... yummy morning tea and it's fun as well!

Planned Giving Envelopes ...

If you are now using ADF for giving and no longer use the weekly envelopes, please let Fr Barry, or one of the Ministry Team or Jan McGowan (0409 176 409) know ... so we only print those that are needed !!

The 5c Appeal

Keep saving those annoying 5c pieces (& other coins you'd like to donate!). Put your coins in the collection tin at the Church entry. ...you know, it's amazing what can be done with small change!! We can report that \$550 has just been banked – this will go to ABM. Thank you all & keep those coins coming for the counting elf!!



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St James the Least of All

Editor: The Rev Dr Gary Bowness (Parish Pump, UK) continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace', the elderly Anglo-Catholic vicar in St James-the-Least Parish, to his nephew Darren, a recently ordained curate.....

Beware the church microphone

The Rectory
St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren



Despite my assurances that it was unnecessary, it was kind of you to loan us your sound equipment, so we could experience the advantages of using radio microphones in church. Your assurance that everyone would then be able to hear with absolute clarity seemed to miss the point that everyone does not necessarily want to do so.

I have no doubt that members of your congregation hang on to your every word, eager to make sure you remain theologically sound. But for us, those who had blissfully slumbered throughout my sermons for the last 30 years found themselves unable to filter out a single syllable.

Colonel Wainwright decided to change the start of his Bible readings from the customary "Here beginneth..." to "Testing, Testing" before giving the microphone a good biff, which made the vergers dash outside to check if yet another gargoyle had fallen from the roof. Also, forgetting that microphones pick up asides just as effectively, his own comment to his wife in the front pew "I thought I read that rather well" did nothing for the pride he has always cherished for his humility.

I was also not convinced that the 16th century workmen who had devoted the greater part of their lives to reverently carving the Chapel altar had intended it to support an electronic console that would have been at home in an aeroplane cockpit.

However, the event which finally decided us against microphones came an hour after the service. Several of the choir boys had crept back into the church and decided to improvise a rock concert with their guitars and the mikes turned up full blast. The church exploded in a perfect cacophony of noise which panicked a nearby horse and rider - the horse bolted down the road, which caused two cars to veer violently to avoid it. One car ended up in a pond, the other in a field, (top.12)

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