

CHRIST CHURCH—GEEELONG
AN ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA



THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

3rd March 2024

"What does the Lord require of me?"

NOTICES



Footy Parking – hard to believe but the 2024 AFL season is only a few weeks away! The Cats have **NINE** home games this year, and all the details will be included in the coming *Chronicle* – BUT the first one is on **Saturday 16th March** starting at 7.30pm when the Cats play St Kilda.... So as usual we'll be offering Footy Parking in the church grounds starting **TWO HOURS** before the first bounce. Footy

Parking is a really important contributor to parish funds, raises those funds from outside the congregation, and costs nothing at all save for a couple of hours of time before each home match starts. Want to join the Footy Parking team? It's easy to do, fun, and all you really need is a friendly smile. Contact Phillip for more information on 0448118302.

Wheel Chair and Walker

We are looking for a Wheel chair and a Walker donations from any Good Samaritans. At times we, as the Church are faced with challenging situations that require us to have these items. Please speak to the Church Wardens or the Vicar if you have one to donate.

Easter Raffle

Go in the draw for some fantastic Easter prizes. Tickets available now. \$2.00 a ticket or buy in bulk at 3 for \$5.00 or 7 for \$10.00. Tickets available Sundays from Ruth Christian. Thanks for your support. Sue Murrant.

Working Bee

The next Working Bee will be on **Saturday the 9th March** from 9am to 11am approximately. Work will include weeding, sweeping and clipping etc. we may have a rubbish skip on site to use to clear out the shed.

Mothering Sunday

Next Sunday (Lent 4) is also the Mothering Sunday.

NOTICES CONT...



The Chronicle – the March edition of the Chronicle is now available – collect your copy from the Crossing Table. They are all labelled and addressed, and every copy that's collected saves the costs of posting them out! Lots

of news and information from across the parish, including the details of Holy Week and Easter services. Happy reading.

Phillip Swain

Music at the Basilica 2024: "A VOICE, LENT TO MUSIC" – Join Frank De Rosso (organ) and associate artists in a journey of music and poetry, leading up to Easter. Sundays 5.00 to 5.30pm at Basilica of St Mary of the Angels -136 Yarra Str. See Notice Board for more dates!

LENT 3 VICAR'S NOTE

Dear people of God,

I write this note in high spirits and full of gratitude. All this is due to training I have been to which was about Leading Your Church Into Growth simply known as **LyCIG**. This ran for three days (Tuesday – Thursday) at Cathedral Room – Cardinal Knox Centre in East Melbourne. The Diocese of Melbourne has organized this Conference and brought the two facilitators; Revds. Sue Cooke and Peters Leech who came all the way from the UK to journey with us for these three days.

One can only emphasize how brilliant and inspiring the training was as it provided tools necessary for Church growth and when we talk about growth, often we think about the numbers only. Well, this **LyCIG** course provides insight as to how the Church should also grow. Growth is natural and it is inevitable. The example given can be that of our Church that has been in existence for more than 180 years since the foundation stone was laid. In the last 180 years, this Parish has gone through some many faces as it embraced change that was necessary has seen it going and being self-sustained.

In **LyCIG**, they talk about growth that is both *Numerical*, *Missional* and *Spiritual*. The training also highlights the 4Ps as a model to be used to facilitate the growth that we all need. This model was used by St Paul especially while in Athens

(Acts 17). The **4Ps** are **P**rayer, **P**resence, **P**roclamation and **P**ersuasion. For us to understand how we go forward with the process, we need to find out what type of congregation we are. There are at least two types namely The Maintenance Church or The Mission Church. All these will be unpacked as we move forward especially after Easter, as we got to carefully journey through the Season of Lent already in full swing.

As we embark on this journey of collectively Leading our Parish into Growth, I am going to need some people who are passionate about Church Growth. I will approach parishioners who will be trained and help us take this project forward. Where will our Parish be in the next fifty years and what will it look like in terms of numbers including young people, spiritually and in its mission to make disciples for Jesus? I am therefore calling you all to please join me in praying the following prayer daily as we intentionally ask God to enhance the growth God has in store for Christ Church – Geelong. The following Prayer has been written specifically for growth:

**God of Mission,
who alone brings growth to your Church,
send your Holy Spirit to give
vision to our planning,
wisdom to our actions,
joy to our worship
and power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
in spiritual commitment to you,
and in service to our local community,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

May Christ inspire each and everyone of us to play part as we venture into this face in the life of our Parish collectively towards the direction of where God wants us to be at this time of our existence. I am yours, humble in the service of Christ.

Rev Lankiri Thaba, Vicar.
Lent 3

Please note there is a Hearing Loop installed in the Church that provides a wireless signal picked up by the hearing aid when it is set to 'T' (Telecoil).

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Organist	Mr Winton Barry
Office Admin.	Mrs Makay Thaba

Reminder - Lenten Groups have already begun.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, 5th	Meditation in the Chapel at 7.15pm
Wednesday, 6th	Holy Eucharist at 10am

NEXT SUNDAY: 10TH MARCH 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT'

Services: Said Eucharist at 8am, Sung Eucharist 10am & said Eucharist 5.15pm every Sunday.

**Readings: Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22;
Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21**

We acknowledge the Wadawurrung people of the Kulin Nation as the traditional custodians of the lands on which Christ Church and its building now stand.

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