

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).



The Anglican Parish of  
Christ Church Geelong



"A community of faith in service to others"

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## Reminder - Start-up Sunday

### Raffle

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

Drawn following the 10.00 am  
service this morning

### Barbecue

Come and join us for a barbecue lunch  
following the 10.00am service today to welcome  
our new Locum, The Reverend Graeme Perkins

We will provide sausages, hamburgers  
and vegetarian alternatives, plus  
bread, tea, coffee, soft drinks and ice cream  
- crockery and cutlery will also be supplied.

Please bring a salad or dessert to share  
A - K salad;      L - Z dessert  
(or your favourite dish)

This will be a great opportunity for fellowship  
as we enjoy each other's company!



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.

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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.

### FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

6<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Liturgical Colour: Green

Holy Eucharist: 8.00am; 10.00am; 5.15pm

### Sentence

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,  
and was buried, and was raised on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures, and appeared to many.

### Prayer of the Day \*

Most holy God,  
in whose presence angels serve in awe,  
and whose glory fills all heaven and earth:  
cleanse our unclean lips  
and transform us by your grace  
so that your word spoken through us  
may bring many to your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen



\* You are invited to join in this Prayer immediately before today's readings.

Service Setting: 'The Christ Church Service'

Hymns: 10.00am: Leaflet; 398; 658; 560



I will give thanks to you O Lord with all my heart.

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## A REFLECTION FROM FATHER GRAEME



This is my first Sunday amongst you as locum / parish priest. I have little understanding why I was approached regarding this position; since my retirement some years ago I have purposely kept a low profile, staying under the radar, occasionally assisting the local vicar with holiday relief and satisfied with this expression of my vocation.

Some years ago, I was blest to lead a Geelong Parish, and it was then I had some contact with Christ Church. I felt then it to be the unofficial Cathedral of Geelong, fulfilling that role well.

Knowing I have had some dealings with regional cathedrals, perhaps that is why I was chosen, or is it because I have a good knowledge of the Geelong area, or perhaps there was just no one else scraping the bottom of the barrel!

All of that aside, I'm very happy and proud to be able to call you my parishioners and I hope you will happily come to call me your priest in the short time we have together.

So begins the researching and the calling of a suitable person!

Jesus, in the Gospel of Luke today, was also looking for suitable people, he had just been rejected from his hometown synagogue.

He, therefore, looked elsewhere for places to preach, to inspire and to heal. He chose to go to Lake Gennersaret (another name for the Sea of Galilee). He was seeking others who would support him and be inspired by him and, eventually, be able to lead the early church without his physical presence.

He chose fishermen, Peter, James and John - each becoming strong leaders of the Christian church. Could we say he commissioned them, or can we dare say he ordained them, and set them aside for his ministry?

Please pray for me as I will pray for you, together we will prepare this Parish to find our next priest, commission that person and then, together in unison, say "do not be afraid as from now on you will be catching people".

Fr Graeme

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*Please pray for the Parish Incumbency Committee which, together with the Bishop, will seek for us a new Parish Priest.*

*Members of the Committee -  
Judy Munro, Shurlee Swain & Sue Murrant.*

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*Note Gluten Free wafers are available,  
please tell a sides person if you require them!*

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*Please note there is a Pastoral Care Meeting  
next Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> February, at 10.00am in the School Room.*

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### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**THE WORLD:** Peace and stability in the world; those affected by natural disasters.

**THE CHURCH:** The Church of Ireland; Anglicare Australia; Korowa Anglican Girl's School; St John's Camberwell; St John's Highton (Confirmation); St Paul's Cathedral, Caulfield North. 'Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia (ABM)'.

**THE PARISH/COMMUNITY:** 'Lord, take whatever gifts you find in me and turn them towards the establishment of your kingdom (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 (Pam Firth; Lois Hustwaite).

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### SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Next Sunday -13<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Readings: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1;  
1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Gospel - Luke 6:17-26



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**ACT FOR PEACE** has set up an online page for members of churches to help our Tongan neighbours at this urgent time of need. To help communities in Tonga, you can give online to: <https://afp.org.au/helptonga>

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**REMINDER - THE CHRONICLE:** The first edition for 2022 is due in early March!! If you have any details of items and forthcoming events, etc. please send to Phillip Swain by email: [spswain@westnet.com.au](mailto:spswain@westnet.com.au)

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### REMINDER - REQUEST FOR HELP FOR ITEMS FOR REFUGEES AT THE NORTH GEELONG SECONDARY COLLEGE

With the new school year starting, there is a request for socks (black or white), folder for note-taking (5 subjects in the one folder), pencils, pens etc, pencil cases, money etc.

(Later the request will include black scarves and gloves).  
Please place in the clothes basket in the coffee area. Several shops have discounts on items at this stage. Thank you, Barbara Peek.

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