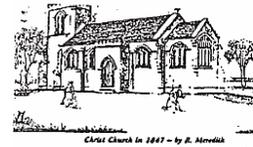


Please note there is a Hearing Loop installed in the Church that provides a wireless signal picked up by the hearing aid when it is set to 'T' (Telecoil).



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# Fr Russell & Syama's Farewell

**NEXT SUNDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY,**

**FOLLOWING THE 10.00AM SERVICE**

This will take the form of a barbecue lunch in the church grounds (weather permitting).

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

Please BYO - alcoholic drinks, if you wish, plus a salad or dessert to share (A - - salad; L - Z dessert)

Offers of help in setting up and clearing up would be appreciated.

All enquiries to Jan on 0409 176 409

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE NEXT SUNDAY!!**

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.

Locum Vicar:	The Rev'd Dr Ronald Noone	Ph: 5221 8055
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Associate Priest:	The Reverend John St Q Howells	
Organist:	Mr Winton Barry	
Office Administrator:	Mrs Patricia Cowling	

### 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.

### BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

9<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Liturgical Colour: White

Holy Eucharist: 8.00am; 10.00am; 5.15pm

### Sentence

The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased.'

### Prayer of the Day \*

Spirit of energy and chance, in whose power Jesus was anointed to be the hope of nations: be poured out also upon us without reserve or distinction, that we may have confidence and strength to implant your justice on the earth; through Jesus Christ. Amen



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

Service Setting: 'The Christ Church Service'

Hymns: 10.00am: 188; 409; 419; 194

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## REFLECTION ON THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



Jesus' baptism and our own differ to the extent that his seems to be unnecessary. The one who is without sin seeks a baptism of repentance. This act forms an important part of God's self-emptying when Jesus fully identifies with humanity. When we are baptised our sins are forgiven and we become the adopted children of the Father and are claimed for the Kingdom of God. As we try to live our lives by the values of the Kingdom we try to 'keep it real' as some younger people might say, by facing who we are and acknowledging our sinfulness. We can also be assured by the gift of the Spirit given in baptism and rejoice in the knowledge that we continue under God's constant loving care and forgiving grace.

Fr. Ron

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*Please remember to wear your name tag to make it easier for the rest of us, and especially Fr Ron, to recognise you!*

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### REMINDER

If you wish to contribute to a news sheet of appreciation for Fr Russell to mark his retirement, please send in what you have appreciated or valued about his ministry over the past 10+ years – a few words, a paragraph or a memory about his service will be fine.

These will be compiled and presented to him at the farewell function next Sunday!

Please indicate if you are happy for your name to be included in the message – no indication will result in your name being included!

Judy Munro has offered to collect and edit the contributions, which can be sent to her by email: [brumunro@ncable.net.au](mailto:brumunro@ncable.net.au) – or you can leave an envelope on the Crossing Table at church.

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### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**THE WORLD:** Peace, stability and reconciliation amongst all nations.

**THE CHURCH:** Iglesia Anglicana de Chile; Locums and all retired clergy; Caulfield Grammar School; Holy Trinity, Bacchus Marsh w. Christ Church, Myrning and St George's Balliang; St Mary's Camberwell South; and 'Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (ABM).'

**THE PARISH/COMMUNITY:** 'Give thanks for, and pray for, all who are preparing for baptism this year (ABM).' All community service personnel.

**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: Roberta Patterson; Chris Muir. We remember with thanks: William Laud, archbishop of Canterbury, martyr, d.1645 (Monday); Sava, first bishop of the Serbian Church, d.1235 (Friday).

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### SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY:

Next Sunday – 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11;  
Gospel – John 2:1-11

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### REMINDER: CHRIST CHURCH BOOK GROUP

The first book for discussion this year is Sarah Bachelard's "Experiencing God in a Time of Crisis" - A major focus of her work is the relationship between personal spiritual formation and our capacity to act in the world in ways that enable reconciliation, justice and true community.

Sarah Bachelard is the founder of the Benedictus Contemplative Church based in Canberra.

The group will commence on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February at 2.00pm in the School Room. Cost \$31 (please pay Jo Dalzeil).

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**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)

