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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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

15th May 2022

Liturgical Colour: White

Holy Eucharist: 8.00am; 10.00am (Sung) & 5.15pm

Sentence

'I give you a new commandment,' says the Lord, '
'that you love one another.

As I have loved you, you also should love one another.'

Prayer of the Day *

We behold your glory, O God,
in the love shown by your Son,
lifted up on the cross and exalted on high:
be glorified anew in the love we have for one
another as disciples of the risen Lord Jesus,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen



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

Service Setting: 'The Christ Church Service'

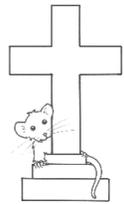
Hymns: 10.00am: 147; 699; 434; 217

Psalm Response:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise the Lord.

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WORSHIPPING AT HOME - for those who can't get to church, or who prefer to join in worship from home, the Parish Web Page at <http://www.christchurchgeelong.com.au/> includes lots of things you can do from your living room - including the weekly *Parish Press* and the quarterly *Chronicle* to read; recent sermons/services to watch & join in (the readings and sermon are recorded in most weeks, and where possible other parts of one of the Sunday services are included too); video/audio recordings of some previous celebrations (e.g. from *Holy Week 2022*); the *daily scripture readings*; *Holy Days* for each month; even *hymns* you can sing along to ... and news from across the Parish of course... Just go to the web page and follow the links to "What's on now" and "Worshipping at home"... but do join us in worship at Christ Church if you can - we like to see you!

REMINDER - FOOTY

The next Cats' game at home is **next Saturday 21st May**, when they take on **Port Adelaide** starting at 1.45pm, so we'll offer parking in the church grounds from about 11.45am.



The Cats then have another home game the very next week - on **Saturday 28th May**

when they play the Adelaide Crows starting at 1.45pm. If you'd like to help with footy parking on either of these dates, and help raise funds for the Parish in this easy & fun way, contact Phillip on 0448118302. Go Cats!!!!

WINTER WOOLLIES AND OTHER WONDERS MARKET

Saturday, 4th June - 9.30am to 1.30pm

Tickets for Quilt Raffle available - we hope you will take books to sell to your family, friends and neighbours - please!

Tickets and details in coffee area.

Sign-up sheets for volunteering on Friday, 3rd and on the day on the crossing table - also flyers and posters for distribution.

If you plan to bake, could you indicate on a separate sheet - we are looking at allocation of space!

Any queries? Check with Ruth - 0425 785 694



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.



Reflection for the Fifth Sunday of Easter - Stewardship

Today as the Easter season draws to a close, we have Jesus' final command. He knew he was going - "You cannot go where I am going". He was going on a journey on which none of them could accompany him, taking a road to his true home along a path he had to walk alone.

Before leaving He gave the commandment "to love one another as I have loved you." Jesus loved the disciples unselfishly - His one desire was to give of himself to those he loved. His love was sacrificial: His love meant that on the cross he willingly died for his friends.

He understood his disciples; it is only by living with someone that you learn their moods, irritations and weaknesses. Jesus had lived with these people day and night for many months, and He knew all that there was to know, but He still loved them.

Jesus' love was forgiving; those closest to Him had forsaken him and really did not understand what was happening, but He forgave them.

Today as we consider our annual pledge, we acknowledge the great love that Jesus had for his disciples and how we should in turn do so for others. Jesus in his short ministry was as a rabbi, a teacher providing education, pastoral care and leadership, officiating in the formalities of the Jewish faith. In Jesus' time, primary schooling was received from parents and the local temple. Secondary schooling and university was achieved by attaching yourself to a rabbi, to be his disciple to learn from him. In return you supported your rabbi, and the income of each individual, of each student, was the income of all. The underlying principle was that the disciples were responsible for the material needs of their rabbi.

Centuries later nothing has changed - we too are responsible for the material needs of our rabbis - our priests. For better or worse, the Anglican Church for centuries has maintained a professional priesthood, and now there are 632 professional clergy in the Melbourne dioceses and 3,831 across the Australian church. Without doubt, the costs of a priest is the biggest strain financially on a Parish.

It is a good opportunity, before the appointment of your new priest, for you to be asked to consider the amount of financial commitment you will make to support your priest. The core formula for a Parish is not the church building or the organisations, etc. If you take these away, what is left is a 'rabbi' and the disciples learning and worshipping God and loving one another.

It is an impossible task for a priest to please everyone - Jesus certainly did not - and we need to look beyond their personalities. Your priest will not and cannot be Jesus, but I have not met one who in their own way has not genuinely tried to be unselfish, sacrificial and forgiving; trying hard to love, care and understand their parishioners. They will fail, for they are not God, but they will try very, very hard, and for that very purpose at ordination they pledge their lives.

A parish should be able to support its priest solely from the collections; sadly this parish cannot do so at this time. Please consider and pray for this very important principle, one that has lasted for centuries and began with our Lord's and his disciples' example.

Please consider this in your prayers today.

Fr Graeme



STEWARDSHIP

We thank Barry Cashmore for agreeing to be the Parish Recorder for our Stewardship cards and envelopes. Barry has been a parishioner for many years and has a long history of service in this parish.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THE WORLD: Peace and reconciliation amongst all nations.

THE CHURCH: The Scottish Episcopal Church; Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia; Archdeaconry of Frankston; St Nicolas' Mordialloc; Holy Trinity Coburg; St John's East Malvern. 'Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Kenya (ABM)'

THE PARISH/COMMUNITY: 'Jesus Christ, hell's Destruction, May I not be an impediment to your mission, but rather may I conform my mind to yours (ABM)'

THE DEPARTED: Our own departed and those whose yearly remembrance falls at this time (Cynthia Cranstoun; Dale Firth; Syd Tate). We remember with thanks: Dunstan, archbishop of Canterbury, d.988 (Thursday).

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, 17 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	7.00pm	Meditation in the Chapel
Wednesday, 18 th	8.00am	Meditation in the Chapel
	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
Thursday, 19 th	8.00am	Morning Prayer
Saturday, 21 st	1.45pm	Footy Parking

NEXT SUNDAY: 22ND MAY - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

'THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL TEACH YOU EVERYTHING'

Readings: Acts 16.9-15; Psalm 67;

Revelation 21.10-14 & 22-22.5 Gospel: John 14.23-29



MOTHERS' DAY RAFFLE

Congratulations to the prize winners: Amanda Scott, Barbara Peek, Jenny Dunn, Joy Freijah, Angela Welsh, Rae Medlock, Heather Game and Julie-Anne Broughton. We raised \$170, which brings the raffle total to \$1,551 - a fine palindromic number!! Thanks to all who took part!



The Chronicle – the next *Chronicle* is being put together in the next week or so and should be in your hands at the Sunday services on **5th June**.... so watch out for your copy, and happy reading!