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"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.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

20th March 2022

Liturgical Colour: Purple

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

Sentence

'As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts,'
says the Lord.

Prayer of the Day *

O God, the fountain of life,
to a humanity parched with thirst
you offer the living water that springs
from the Rock, our Saviour Jesus Christ:
stir up within your people the gift of your Spirit,
that we may profess our faith with freshness
and announce with joy the wonder of your love.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen



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

Service Setting: 'The Christ Church Service'

Postlude: "Short Prelude & Fugue in C" – JS Bach

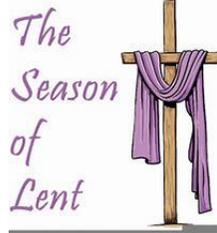
Hymns: 10.00am: 594; 430; 456 (2); 530

Psalm Response:



O God you are my God, and earnestly I will seek you.

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The
Season
of
Lent

REMINDER SPECIAL SUNDAY SERVICES FOR LENT

Service times:

8 am, 10am (Sung) and 5:15 pm

27th March Fourth Sunday in Lent

Theme: *New Life - Mothering Sunday*

Mention of: *Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
Day of Remembrance on 25th March

3rd April Fifth Sunday in Lent **

Theme: *Neither do I Condemn*

** *Holy Baptism during the 10am service*

DEDICATION OF A PAINTING BY KENNETH JACK

Today we are dedicating the generous gift of a painting by the artist, Kenneth Jack, AM MBE RWS AWI (1924-2006), donated to us by Trish Cowling in memory of her husband, Gary, the previous organist at Christ Church and a faithful parishioner for many years.

The painting is a watercolour of Christ Church, Geelong in 1952

Kenneth Jack's paintings are heavily influenced by the grandeur, colour and rhythms of the Australian landscape in which he lived.

He completed a Drawing Teacher's certificate before WWII broke out and found himself in the RAAF where he published his first works of art and, during that time, produced an amazing 500 or so pieces.

Although his artwork was predominantly acrylic, he began to favour watercolour. His drawings & paintings of seascapes showed a stunning use of colour and light.

In the 1950's also, the Victoria and Albert Museum in London purchased some of Kenneth Jack's abstract prints, and he went on to win multiple prizes for his work, as he captured the awe-inspiring beauty or fury of Mother Nature!

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.

A REFLECTION FROM FATHER GRAEME



Today's Gospel begins by referring to an event involving Galileans.

Pilate believed that Jerusalem needed an improved water supply. He proposed to finance it with monies from the temple, but this idea caused havoc, violent protests, etc.

It came to a head when some soldiers mingled with the protesting crowds disguising their battledress with cloaks, to disperse them. It all turned ugly, and many were killed.

Jesus' challenge to the Jewish leaders, 'repent or you will perish', sounds a bit harsh, but remember Jesus had foreknowledge; he could see the destruction of Jerusalem which came in A.D.70.

He could also see that if the Jews went on with their rebellious ways they would simply commit national suicide, as Rome would lose patience. He was saying, stop your behaviour! Is it so bad that Pilate wants to improve the water? Is it so bad that the temple money should be used for that purpose? If you go on the way you are you will all perish!

History has given many examples – the Gospel reading is referring to one in Jewish history. However, we see in the present time a war that appears to be motivated by the selfish motives of a few.

From my personal experience travelling about Russia for a few weeks, without any doubt the majority of Russians, and I would assume (never been there) Ukrainians, are Godly and loving people. They are suffering because of a few seeking an earthly kingdom not a heavenly one.

In your quiet moment of prayer in this church this morning, please uphold the innocence of this and other wars, and pray for all national leaders everywhere as they seek what is good for their people and not what is good for self!

Fr Graeme

REMINDER – FROM THE INCUMBENCY COMMITTEE

Please remember to complete the form issued last week (if you need a copy, please speak to one of the sides-persons) and place in the box on the crossing table, or send by email to Judy Munro, Susan Murrant or Shurlee Swain.

Don't forget to come along **next Saturday, 26th March** and share ideas at a Parish Consultation with Archdeacon Jill!

A light lunch will be served from 1.15pm before the meeting at 2pm.

For catering purposes, a sign-up sheet is on the crossing table!

REMINDER – EASTER RAFFLE

Tickets: \$2 each; 3 for \$5; or 7 for \$10. Handcrafted prizes, including chocolates - please see display in the coffee area. Raffle will be drawn on Easter Sunday.



IN REMEMBRANCE AND DEDICATION OF DOROTHY ALDRIDGE

'Years mind' – 20th March 2022 (today) Died: 2nd March 2014

Dorothy was a faithful parishioner from 12 years of age, since the time she arrived in Geelong from Portland. She married Colin, and was the mother of six children. She was actively involved in parish life as a long-term

member of the Choir, the ladies' working guild and a

faithful member of the 8 o'clock congregation! John Aldridge (son)

Please, in your prayers today, remember Dorothy and others who have been significant in your lives, and who are now enjoying the

clear shining light of paradise – Fr Graeme

"Into your hands Lord we commend her spirit, Alleluia Alleluia"

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THE WORLD: An end to tyranny amongst all nations!

THE CHURCH: La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico; Diocese of Bendigo; Tintern Grammar; St Mark's Fitzroy. 'Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of South East Asia (ABM).'

THE PARISH/COMMUNITY: "Lord, on the day of Resurrection Mary Magdalene mistook you for a gardener; come, I pray you, into my soul and nourish it, that I may bear fruit for you (ABM).'

THE DEPARTED: Our own departed and those whose yearly remembrance falls at this time (Dot Aldridge; Robert Haywood; Robin Cooper; Doris Redhead). We remember with thanks: Thomas Cranmer, archbishop of Canterbury, martyr and liturgist, d.1556 (Monday); Thomas Ken, bishop of Bath and Wells, teacher, d.1711 (Tuesday); Paul Couturier, ecumenist, d.1953 and Oscar Romero, archbishop of Salvador, d.1980 (Thursday); the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Friday)

Home Fellowship Lenten Groups continue again this Week!!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, 22nd	8.30am	Morning Prayer (by phone)
	7.00pm	Meditation in the Chapel
Wednesday, 23rd	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
	7.30pm	Holy Eucharist
Thursday, 24th	8.00am	Morning Prayer (by phone)
Saturday, 26th	2.00pm	Parish Consultation

NEXT SUNDAY – 27th March 2022 – FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Readings: Joshua 5:2-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:11-32

OFFERS OF SIMNEL CAKE FOR NEXT SUNDAY WOULD BE APPRECIATED!

Reminder – Parking at Christ Church: Parishioners are welcome to park in the church grounds during the week, but please do not park in the reserved parking bays, i.e. those marked with a specific number plate or a business name. The leasing of parking spaces from Monday to Friday brings much-needed income to the Parish!