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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.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022

Liturgical Colour: Green

Holy Eucharist: 8.00am; 10.00am; 5.15pm

FAREWELL FOR FATHER RUSSELL & SYAMA

*Thank you to everyone who helped to make this such a joyous gathering!*

*It was a wonderful team effort with so many people offering to help.*

*For the sixty-three people who attended it was a time of fellowship and an opportunity to get together and enjoy this special occasion - and we couldn't have asked for better weather!*

We now look forward to our annual

# Start-up Sunday

To be held on 6<sup>th</sup> February

*Please mark the date in your diary now so we can build on last Sunday's gathering, welcome our new Locum Vicar, and get the year off to a great start!*

*More information next week, including details of our own first raffle for the year.*

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.

Sentence

Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah,  
'The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives.'

Prayer of the Day \*

Life-giving God,  
who sent your Son Jesus to proclaim  
your kingdom and to teach with authority:  
anoint us with your Spirit,  
that we too may bring good news to the poor,  
bind up the broken-hearted,  
and proclaim liberty to the captive;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
and 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: 179; 207; 474; 531

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### PRAYER FOR AUSTRALIA DAY

We bless you, God of the universe, for this land, for its contrasts of landscape and climate, for its abundance of wealth and opportunity. We bless you for our history, with all its struggles in adversity, its courage and hope. Give us in our diversity tolerance and respect for each other and a passionate commitment to justice for all. Bless us so that we might be a blessing to others. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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### REFLECTION ON THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



When Jesus stood to read and speak in the synagogue in his home town, the words were not his own. The prophet Isaiah's words would have been very familiar to his hearers. What was new is the 'today' in which God seeks to become a reality to those who are mentioned by Isaiah - the poor, the blind, the captives and the persecuted. Ever since that day in Nazareth it is true for anyone who reads or hears this message.

The same Spirit that was upon Jesus has been given to his followers who have come to realize that God could come to them 'today' to heal and transform. The 'today' could be any day or all days. Equally, the message of God's grace cannot be heard without the possibility of God's judgement. This provokes the hostility that comes with the start of Jesus' ministry in Galilee and follows him all the way to Jerusalem to his death and our salvation.

Fr. Ron

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### *Reminder - Home Communion*

*Please let the Clergy or Wardens know if any, through sickness or infirmity, are unable to get to Church and would like to receive Holy Communion at home.*



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### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**THE WORLD:** Those suffering the aftermath of natural disasters, including Tonga.

**THE CHURCH:** Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui; Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander people of Australia; Hume Anglican Grammar School; St John's Blackburn; St Thomas' Moonee Ponds. 'Give thanks for the Anglican Church of Korea (ABM).'

**THE PARISH/COMMUNITY:** 'Lord, loose me from anything that binds me in mind, body or spirit, so that I might share in the glorious freedom you offer to all who listen to your voice (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.

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### Presentation of Christ in the Temple/'Candlemas'

Next Sunday - 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Readings: Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 24; Hebrews 2:14-18;

Gospel - Luke 2:22-40

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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 - ANGLICAN IDENTITY IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT

**Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> February: 9.30am - 3.30pm, Trinity College, Parkville.**

**\$50 / \$35 concession (pensioners and theological students)**

This seminar looks at what might be entailed in being and living as a genuinely broad church, which is much more varied than its historical roots in the Church of England. It will ask which doctrines and practices are negotiable (or not), and how a variety of interpretive approaches to Scripture, tradition and reason might be held in tension. Led by the Rev'd Dr Fergus King, Trinity College Theological School, Prof Charlotte Methuen, University of Glasgow (joining remotely), and the Most Rev'd Maimbo Mndolwa, Primate of the Anglican Church of Tanzania (joining remotely).

For more info and to register go to: [www.trybooking.com/BVMVD](http://www.trybooking.com/BVMVD) or email to: [theologyevents@trinity.ed.ua](mailto:theologyevents@trinity.ed.ua) or phone: 03 9348 7127

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