



REACH OUT



Redevelopment Update

ORIGINAL PLAN (2010)

The original plan in 2010 was to sell the tennis courts and the hall land plus the strip of land behind the tennis courts. Then the developer was to build 8-10 apartments on the land. We would own 3 of these one and two bedroom apartments and obtain the rent for them. We would use the money for mission in the church: eg employ a children's or family worker

NEW PROPOSAL BEFORE THE DIOCESE & PARISH - 2011 PROPOSAL

1. to sell the tennis courts and the land behind the tennis courts ONLY.
2. to retain and not sell the current hall land.
3. remove the current hall and contract the developer to build 2 two bedroom apartments and 1 three bedroom apartment on the

current hall site. The parish will retain ownership of the three buildings. (we would gain the income from these three apartments which would be used for mission in the Church)

4. to allow the developer to build 6-8 apartments on the tennis court site, which will be a good fit with the local area, and the Church property.
5. allow the developer to spend \$100,000 on modernizing the current kindergarten which will become our new hall. This will include putting in a new kitchen and storage areas and repainted etc the area.
6. to give to the Diocese for future generations the balance of the project monies. This will be necessary in order to obtain permission for the development to go ahead.

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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH ESSENDON
JULY 2011

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BENEFITS FOR US.....

1. We retain more of our land and only sell the tennis court land, which delivers no benefit to the parish.
2. When the apartments are built, we will have another stream of income that can be used for mission, (eg employ children's or family worker to build up our church)
3. We will have a "new" hall and kitchen in the old Kindergarten building.
4. We will have improved our assets and equity.
5. We will still have room for future expansion if needed.

IN THE LAST 6 MONTHS the Warden's with Fr John and the Diocese have been...

1. Looking at the titles of the land that the church, hall and tennis courts are on and established correct boundaries.
2. Establishing the valuation of the tennis court land.
3. Inviting expressions of interest from developers to develop the site. Five Companies put in an expression of interest to develop the site and two have been short listed and we are currently negotiating with them to get the best outcome for the parish and

Diocese.

4. We are currently talking with the Diocesan Property Committee to inform them of our plans and for permission to continue negotiating with the 2 short listed companies.
5. When we have a final proposal from the chosen developer we will inform the Parish. The Vestry and congregation will need to vote on the proposal for the project to go ahead.
6. It will then be another 6-12 months for permits etc and another 9-12 months to build.

THERE WILL BE ON SUN 10th JULY A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER CHURCH AT 11.00 am TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSAL AND TO SEEK APPROVAL IN PRINCIPAL FOR THIS PROJECT. A VESTRY MEETING WILL FOLLOW THE MEETING.





FJ's reflection

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

CONFIRMATION

I am currently preparing a few people for confirmation. It is planned to have a confirmation service in the parish in early October.

EssACC

Aberfeldie, Strathmore and Essendon Parishes recently played carpet bowls together at the Strathmore Bowling Club. It was a great night with Thea "killer" Cooper & Sue Mac bowling really well. Thank you to Strathmore for organizing this great night. A combined service at Aberfeldie was held recently. Rev'd Kenneth Lay (Aberfeldie) celebrated the Eucharist and Rev'd Sophie Watkins (Strathmore) preached. It was a lovely day and thank you to Aberfeldie for making us welcome.

SEEING THE PARISH WITH FRESH EYES

Ken Morgan from the Diocese recently led a workshop on "seeing the parish with fresh eyes" as part of the Diocese program of "Making known the Word of God known"... A small group from the parish with members from the Sandringham Parish attended the workshop. The parish group is exploring ways to connect with the people moving into the many apartments being built around the Church in Essendon. Watch this space for more information or talk to FJ.

SOMETHING TO PONDER... Where Earth Meets Heaven

Once there were two monks who sat together, reading out of a very old book. The book said that at the end of the world there would be one place where heaven and earth would meet and the kingdom of God would begin. So the two monks decided to go in search of that place and not come back until they had found it.

They wandered up and down the highways of the world, exposed themselves to all sorts of danger, took all kinds of risks, suffered all kinds of setbacks, and were tempted many times to give up the search. The book had said that when one got to the right place, there would be a door there, and all a person had to do was knock and it would open and there one would stand: right in the kingdom of God.

Finally, they found the door they were looking for. They knocked on it, and their hearts beat faster as it began to open. They stepped over the threshold and what did they find? They were right back in their own monastery!

They looked at one another and then it dawned on them what the book had meant to say: that the place on earth where heaven and earth meet, and where the kingdom of God begins, is the place where God has put us to live.

The Lord be with you...

Your Vicar

Fr John

Ladies @ Leisure @ the Keilor Pub



Last Sunday, several cars containing twelve ladies in total, headed north to the historic Keilor Hotel. As we walked inside, taste buds were excited at the prospect of a warm, hearty lunch with lots of cheerful conversation.

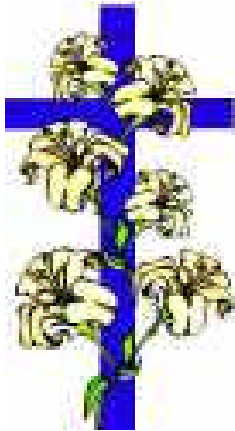
Most of us ordered drinks and placed our orders. There were many tables catering for eight to

twelve diners and we were fortunate to occupy two tables of eight. The smaller group received their meals first which were eaten appreciatively.

However, due to a lack of communication between the waiter and the chef, the second table only received their meals after the first group were well and truly finished! Their sense of humour never wavered and was rewarded with free dessert and coffee – after their main meal, of course.

We enjoyed each other's company and are looking forward to next month when we will be visiting the Sun Theatre in Yarraville to see a movie and partake of a coffee. Why don't you join us? You never know what can happen!





Requiem Mass

Wednesday - 27th July

10.00 am held in the Lady Chapel

We will remember the recently departed,
and also those from our remembrance list
(May—October)
whose years mind occurs during this time

Jesus talked about money. Matthew quotes Jesus talking about money 109 times; Mark, 57 times; Luke, 94 times; and John 88 times. Jesus talked about money and materialism five times more often than any other topic! No wonder someone said that Jesus preached the 'Sermon on the Amount.'

-Felix Lorenz Jr

"The Golden Age only comes to men when they have forgotten gold."

-G.K. Chesterton

"The dead take to the grave, clutched in their hands, only what they have given away."

-DeWitt Wallace



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PARISH PANTRY

Could donations of small packets of cereal and 2 minute noodles be donated as we have run out of them.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Sue MacMillan



While waiting for his car to be serviced, an elderly gentleman and the other customers in the waiting room of a car dealership had to tolerate a woman who talked loudly non-stop on her mobile phone, revealing details of her personal life and problems.

Finally, the senior man could not resist the temptation to tell the woman: "You know, Superman isn't the only one who misses the telephone box."

The woman finally stopped talking.



WE NEED MORE LADIES
TO ASSIST ON THE ROSTER
WITH FLOWERS
IF YOU CAN HELP
PLEASE TALK TO SUE MAC

WE ALSO NEED MORE PEOPLE
TO ASSIST WITH THE
MORNING TEA AFTER CHURCH
ON SUNDAY.
IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE
TALK TO MARGARET ELSEY

EssACC 2011 DATES

**Aberfeldie, Strathmore &
Essendon Anglican Churches
working together...**

EssACC COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday 17th August 7.30 pm
At Aberfeldie

EssACC DINNER
Friday 26th August
Organised by Strathmore
Venue and time to be confirmed...

COMBINED SERVICE
Michaelmass Sun 25th Sept
9.30 am at Christ Church Essendon

EssACC COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday 26th October 7.30 pm
At Essendon

Chairman for 2011 Fr Kenneth Lay
(Aberfeldie)
Secretary for 2011 Chris Angus
(Essendon)

Around the Parish



Left: Sue Mac bowls at the EssACC bowls night at Strathmore Bowls club. It was a great night with Thea “killer” Cooper bowling really well. It was a pity there were not more present...

Below middle: Ken Morgan from the Diocese recently led a workshop on “seeing the parish with fresh eyes” as part of the Diocese program of “Making known the Word of God known”...

Below bottom: Fr John recently cooked a roast meal for the ladies of the Church. Pictured are some of the ladies who were present...



July Saint: St Benedict of Nursia



St. Benedict, born in Nursia, Italy, around the year 480, was the founder of the Benedictine order and is the patron saint of Europe. People throughout the world revere him as the founder of Western monasticism and celebrate his feast day on July 11th.

Benedict was the son of wealthy Roman parents, who sent him to

study in Rome. He was repelled by the sinful atmosphere there and decided to become a hermit, retiring to a cave near the town of Subiaco. He founded 12 monasteries in the vicinity of Subiaco, and, eventually, founded the great Benedictine monastery of Monte Cassino, which lies on a hilltop between Rome and Naples.

While living at Monte Cassino, St. Benedict wrote The Rule of St. Benedict. Consisting of a prologue and 73 short chapters, The Rule describes how to live a Christian life in a community of Monks (or Sisters) and how a monastery should be organized and led. One of the most important documents of Western Civilization, it became the foundation of the Western monastic movement, which helped to spread Christianity, learning, and civilization throughout Europe after the fall of the Roman Empire.

Nearly all that we know of the life of St. Benedict comes from the biography written by Pope St. Gregory the Great (ca. 540-604). St. Gregory's biography of St. Benedict is very short, and is available today. St. Benedict died at Monte Cassino in 547. He was buried beside his sister, St. Scholastica (ca. 480-543), who also followed the monastic way of life and remained close to Benedict throughout her life.

The Anglican Benedictine Abbey at Camperdown (below) in Victoria follows the rule of St Benedict which about gaining a balance between prayer, rest and work.



Reflections on the Eucharist

This is a series of reflections on what we do each Sunday at the Eucharist so as to help us understand more what we do and why.

PART 27 OFFERING

In all the Eucharistic Prayers there is a prayer of offering. The questions we need to ask are: To whom is the offering made? What/who is offered? Who makes the offering? To what ends is the offering made? You find the answers when you listen carefully to the Eucharist Prayer.

In every case the prayer of offering is addressed to the Father.

We thank you that by your grace alone you have accepted us in Christ; and here we offer you a spiritual sacrifice, holy and acceptable in your sight. Through Christ receive this our duty and service, and grant that we who eat and drink these holy gifts may, by your Holy Spirit, be one body in Christ, serve you in unity and peace...

We make our offering to give praise and thanksgiving to God and so that we may be filled with grace and blessing. We wish to be brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit as the 'one body of Christ'.



PART 28 INTERCESSIONS

Hebrew Scriptures provide many examples of great leaders who intercede on behalf of their sinful people. Christians came to believe that there is one intercessor who brings the merciful God and needy humankind together in a unique and enduring way—the man Christ Jesus who gave himself to redeem humanity—he is the true High Priest.

In the Eucharistic Prayer, after we have united ourselves with Jesus in offering his perfect sacrifice to the Father, we pray 'for the church and its members, living and dead, who are called to share in the salvation and redemption purchased by Christ's body and blood.'

In your grace and mercy, bring us to the joy of your eternal kingdom with all the company of the redeemed. May we praise you in union with them, and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ, from whom all good things come.

We pray especially that we will someday enjoy the fruits of Christ's sacrifice at the heavenly banquet...

The Sacraments – Part 6 – Anointing the sick



During Christ's time on earth, people believed that sickness and sin went hand in hand. That is, sickness was either a punishment for sins, or the sick person had fallen victim to demons. Thanks to advances in science and medicine, we now know this is not the case, and that all sickness has a natural cause, and certainly not a supernatural one. Notwithstanding this, people who are gravely ill and may be in a very weakened state, or in incredible pain that takes over

their whole being cannot concentrate on anything else, and their spiritual life is severely compromised as a result. They are not committing sin however! It needs to be perfectly understood that the sacrament of anointing the sick, sometimes called Holy Unction is to give people strength in their illness and healing by God if it is His will.

During his earthly ministry, Christ healed the sick both spiritually and physically and gave his disciples the power to heal in his name, which through apostolic succession, bishops and priests are empowered to do today. The primary purpose of anointing is to strengthen the sick person spiritually, which helps the patient to better cope with their illness or pain. The Holy Spirit is present at every anointing, and strengthens the patient spiritually. There are many times when the person's body cannot take any more, and God in his infinite wisdom and mercy allows them to die and they are spiritually strengthened to embark on this journey by the anointing. It is not infrequent for the sick person, having been spiritually strengthened, to experience a flow through to the physical, with the result that they do recover.

I experienced this first hand with my own father. Being a painter and decorator by trade, Dad spent 50 years breathing paint and solvent fumes which took a terrible toll on his health. This gave rise to a debilitating and wasting lung disease, with Dad being in and out of hospital for the last six or seven years of his life. In 1999 Dad was rushed into hospital suffering respiratory arrest, and we his family were called in because Dad was dying. Dad's parish priest was out of Melbourne for the day, however, as soon as he received the message on his answering machine he rushed straight in. Meanwhile we got the Roman Catholic chaplain who administered the last rites to Dad. Next day Dad was sitting up in bed, the chaplain looked in, and said to Dad, "You're still here? Yesterday I thought you were a goner for sure." Such is the power of the Holy Spirit. Dad lived for three years after that. It is indeed advisable for people who have a family member or loved one who is gravely ill or dying to avail themselves of this very important sacrament. It is available in both the Church of England (Anglican) and the Roman Catholic churches.

The oil used for this purpose is kept in a small metal container called a oil stock; it has a screw on lid which seals it, and prevents the Holy Oil leaking out. The oil used for this

purpose is virgin olive oil which is consecrated by the bishop at the Chrism Mass held on the Tuesday or Wednesday of Holy Week leading up to Easter every year. The bishop also consecrates the oils used for baptism and confirmation during this mass. The prayers said over the three oils are to consecrate them for their intended purpose. They have to be kept in three separate containers. There is one type of container which has three compartments which screw into the base of the others, each one marked with each oil's purpose. This can be carried about in a pocket always ready for anointing, emergency baptisms or confirmations.

This sacrament is administered by a bishop or priest who prays over the sick person, praying that their sins be forgiven, and if it's God's will, that their health be restored. The forehead and hands are anointed with the Holy Oil in Christ's name, and in the name of the Father and Holy Spirit. In days gone by, the organs of the five senses of sight, hearing, smell, touch, and taste were anointed. That is, the eyelids, ears, nose, hands and the lips. All who are anointed with this oil are anointed by the Holy Spirit, the oil being the outward or visible sign of this. This sacrament was instituted by Christ himself, who said "I came that you may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10) and also "Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:22). It is indeed comforting to know that in our suffering, Christ is there for us, and helps us to face what we must. This sacrament is the visible sign of Christ holding us in his tender embrace.

Christine L. Robins B Th



Ted wasn't much cheered by the Chaplain's visit

Fresh Expressions of Church

fresh
expressions



What is a fresh expressions of church?

A fresh expression is a form of church for our changing culture, established primarily for the benefit of people who are not yet members of any church.

It will come into being through principles of listening, service, incarnational mission and making disciples. It will have the potential to become a mature expression of church shaped by the gospel and the enduring marks of the church and for its cultural context.

(The incarnation happened when God became human through Jesus and immersed himself in human life. 'Incarnational mission' means being involved in the everyday lives of the people you are called to serve.)

This definition is a bit of a mouthful but it does make some important points.

It emphasises four things in particular.

missional – serving people outside church;

incarnational – listening to people and entering their culture;

educational – making discipleship a priority;

ecclesial – forming church.

If a local church is describing an initiative as a fresh expression, again does the venture meet these criteria? Let's be relaxed if it doesn't – it could still be a worthwhile project. But at least the church wouldn't be raising false expectations.

So if you are doing something new mainly for churchgoers or are running a parents and tots group but have no plans for it to become church in its own right (perhaps forming a cell church among the parents and carers), both could be really valuable. But they would not be fresh expressions according to our definition.

Might we all be helped by using 'fresh expressions' in a careful way? Other terms that cover fresh expressions of church are: emerging church, new forms of church, new ways of being church and church plants.

At the heart of fresh expressions is a different way of thinking about church. Many existing churches operate with a 'you come to us' mindset.

'Would you like to join us?' is an invitation to come to 'our' church, set out as we like, at a time that fits us, in a style that we have pre-arranged. The flow is from outside-in: from the world into the congregation.

Fresh expressions have a 'we'll come to you' mindset instead. They start not with an invitation ('Come to us on our terms'), but with an offer ('We're willing to come to you, serve you and stay with you. If you want, we'll also help you to be church in a way that suits you - in your style, not ours').

The aim is not to provide a stepping stone into existing church, but to form new churches in their own right. The flow is from the congregation to people outside – not inward, but outward.

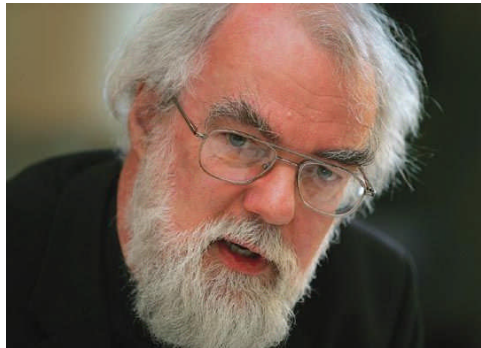
Fresh expressions is a new mindset, not a new model of church to be copied. It is a mindset that starts not with church, but with people who don't belong to church.

Mixed Economy

What does a 'mixed economy' church involve?

Where did the phrase 'mixed economy' church come from? The term was first used by Archbishop Rowan Williams to refer to fresh expressions and 'inherited' forms of church existing alongside each other, within the same denomination, in relationships of mutual respect and support.

Archbishop Rowan Williams said the following in Dec 2005....



... I've talked quite a bit about the church of the future as a mixed economy, meaning by this that there's no one kind of church life that captures everything, that does every kind of job. We need both a traditional parish doing its work really well and some quite new kinds of venture, some new kinds of initiative, that's what I mean by a mixed economy and I think that's where the health of the church of the future is going to lie. We do need to recover confidence in the God of mission in the Church. We need to recover the sense that the agenda isn't something that we set or the world sets but that God sets, that God has a vision for human beings which he wants us to pursue with Him, and that He will give us the resource that we need. And I think unless we have a really strong, a really overwhelming sense of gratitude to God, then we're not going to get that confidence back.....



Fr John is currently preparing 2 small groups for confirmation. In the first group is Emily Showler and Sarah Trezise (see above). In the other Group is Pam Cox & Ian Brown. Please pray for these people as they explore the Christian faith and prepare to be confirmed.

In My Quiet Corner

I sometimes ask myself, as I grow old with age, how do I grow old with God. One of my readings Psalm 71:17-21 quotes “When I am old and grey headed O God, do not forsake me, until I declare your strength to this generation.”

Our senior years can be viewed as a pleasantly useless era, when we qualify for retirement benefits, senior discounts, and have a lot of free time to do nothing, or, we can see them as a time of great opportunity to be used for God. There is so much left to do - we can serve as mentors, teaching wisdom and virtue.

Seniors like myself, can point to the ancient paths of holy living, and encourage young believers to walk in them (Ps 71:18). There is power in the example of an ordinary life, lived with an awareness of God’s presence. Seeing Him in everything, and doing all things for him. The mark of a mature soul, going about ordinary tasks, of quality and humility, living in joy, leaves behind the fragrance of Jesus’ love.

Even if our journeys lead us to illness and weakness, and we are confined to our homes, and then to our beds, our years of fruitful service need not be over. Prayer is one of the special privileges of infirmity and in the end, may be its greatest benefits.

Above all, love can remain our last and best gift to God and to others. Mentoring, being a godly example, praying and loving, are the opportunities of growing old with God.

Rosalie Baldrey

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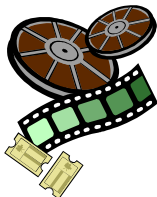
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Tuesday to Friday 10 am-4 pm
Saturday 9.30 am to 12.30 pm

Ladies @ Leisure

Sunday 31st July
Sun Picture Theatre
at Yarraville, plus coffee

(see notice board 2 weeks prior for
details and times of movie.
Leaving from Church)



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PARISH DIARY JULY 2011



SUNDAY 3rd – OS 14

- 8.00 am Eucharist
- 9.30 am Sung Eucharist
- 1.00 pm Wedding

Monday 4th - Vicar's day off

Wednesday 6th

- 10.00 am Healing Eucharist
- 4.00 pm Confirmation Prep
- 7.30 pm Confirmation Prep

SUNDAY 10th – OS 15

- 8.00 am Eucharist
- 9.30 am Sung Eucharist
- 11.00 am Congregational meeting
Vestry

Monday 11th - Vicar's day off

Tuesday 12th

- 10.30 am Craft at Skyways

Wednesday 13th

- 10.00 am Eucharist
- 11.00 am Bible Study
- 4.00 pm Confirmation Prep
- 6.30 pm North West Regional meeting
- 7.30 pm NO confirmation Prep

SUNDAY 17th OS 16

- 8.00 am Eucharist
- 9.30 am Sung Eucharist

Monday 18th - Vicar's day off

- 9.00 am OpShop Committee meeting

Tuesday 19th

- 9.30 am Craft

Wednesday 20th

- 10.00 am Eucharist
- 4.00 pm Confirmation Prep
- 7.30 pm Confirmation Prep

Thursday 21st

- 1.00 pm Home Communion

SUNDAY 24th – OS 17

- 8.00 am Eucharist
- 9.30 am Sung Eucharist

Monday 25th - Vicar's day off

Tuesday 26th

- 9.30 am Craft

Wednesday 27th

- 10.00 am Eucharist
- 1.15 pm Essendon Nursing Home
- 2.00 pm Trevi Court Mass
- 4.00 pm Confirmation Prep
- 7.30 pm Confirmation Prep

Thursday 28th

- 1.00 pm Home Communion

SUNDAY 31st – OS 18

- 8.00 am Eucharist
- 9.30 am Sung Eucharist
- Ladies@Leisure @ Sun Theatre

Monday 1st - Vicar's day off

Tuesday 2nd

- 9.30 am Craft
- 7.00 pm Men's Dinner Group (Linc's)

Wednesday 3rd

- 10.00 am Healing Eucharist
- 4.00 pm Confirmation Prep
- 7.30 pm Confirmation Prep

Friday 5th July

- 7.30 pm Film Night

SUNDAY 7th – OS 19

- 8.00 am Eucharist
- 9.30 am Sung Eucharist

Please see weekly pew sheet for any changes in parish diary.