



REACH OUT

EssACC Michaelmass



ANNUAL EssACC MICHAELMASS
Sunday 25th September
at 9.30 am
at Christ Church Anglican, Essendon
Preacher: Rev'd Kenneth Lay
Clergy & Parishioners from
St Aidan's Strathmore and
St Andrew's Aberfeldie will join us.

St. Michael, who ranks among the seven archangels, is also one of the three angels mentioned by name in the Scriptures, the others being St. Raphael and St. Gabriel. In the Apocalypse (chapter xii) we find the most dramatic reference to St. Michael. Here John recounts the great battle in Heaven, when the wicked angels under Lucifer revolt against God, and how Michael, leading the faithful angels, defeats the hosts of evil and drives them out. He is the special patron of the Police.

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FJ's reflection

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

WE NEED ONE ANOTHER...

When you love someone or have a close friend, you like to spend a lot of time with them. You talk about all kinds of things - your hopes and dreams; you laugh about the funny things and cry about the sad things; and you are happy over the exciting things. When you hurt the other person you feel guilty until you make up. You give thanks when you receive a gift. And when you are in trouble, you ask your friend for help. In other words, we share the whole of ourselves with those we love because we enjoy being with them.

That's also what being a Christian is about loving God so much that you want to spend time with him, talking and sharing.

Yet, I see a lot of "part time friends" or "fair weather friends" when it comes to our Church and people loving God. They only want to come and worship God if they have nothing better to do. They only want to go to Church when it suits and definitely do not want to make a commitment. Once a month is seen as good enough while apathy and complacency reign.

A MODERN PARABLE A son and his father were once sitting in front of a glowing fire. The boy asked his dad, "Why do we go to Church ?" The father said, "Just watch this coal son, and tell me what you notice." Then he took a coal from the fire with tongs, and put it on the hearth. Soon the glow from the coal dimmed and after a little while it went black. The fire in the grate remained red and glowing. "What happened?" the dad asked. The boy replied, "The coal on its own cooled down and went out, Dad." "Yes," the father said. "It's the same with us as followers of Jesus. **We need one another to keep faith active and strong.** On our own we soon find the presence of Christ grows dim.

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CONFIRMATION SERVICE - PLEASE NOTE THIS....

A confirmation service will be held on Sunday 2nd October at 3.00 pm with Bishop Philip Huggins. There will be 6 people confirmed and 2 people baptised. This is an important service which ALL the parish should attend. On the Sunday 2nd October there will be a 8.00 am Eucharist BUT NO 9.30 am service. This has been moved to 3.00 pm with the confirmation service. There will be a afternoon tea to follow the service (ladies a plate please)

Please pray for our confirmees who are..... Emily Showler, Sarah Trezise, Pam Cox, Ian Brown, Megha Balakrishnan & Nikhil Joy.

RECEIVING COMMUNION AT FRONT STEPS

The committee looking into how we use our space in the church has suggested to Vestry that we should have a six week trial to explore the possibility of receiving communion at the front steps of the sanctuary. It was noted that many elderly were having trouble getting up and down the steps and it was thought that we should trial receiving communion at the steps. Fr John would love to hear comments, ideas and suggestions.

RE-DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

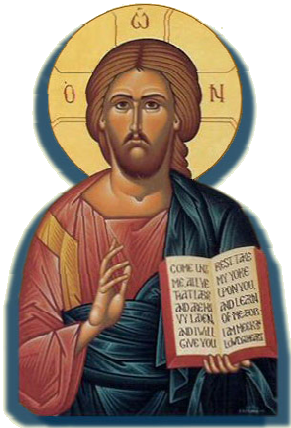
There have been a number of meetings between the Developers, the Diocese and the Parish exploring the designs of the apartments to be put on our land. Some early plans have been posted on the board in the Parish Office. Hopefully we will all agree to the plans soon and have them pass the Diocese Building Committee and then the Developer needs to get the Building permits and then building can commence...

The Lord be with you...

Your Vicar

Fr John

HOW CAN WE BECOME A WELCOMING CHURCH?



Below are some suggestions:

- 1) Speak to people. There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
- 2) Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown and only 14 to smile.
- 3) Call people by name. The sweetest music to many ears is the sound of one's own name. (Please wear name tags to help)

- 4) Be friendly and helpful. As you would have others, be friendly and helpful to you.
- 5) Be cordial. Speak and act as though everything you do is pleasurable. Be positive—no one like negative people
- 6) Have a genuine interest in people. People like to be noticed and appreciated.
- 7) Be generous with praise and cautious with criticism. Overcome them with goodness.
- 8) Be considerate of other's feelings. Try walking in their shoes.
- 9) Be thoughtful of the opinions of others. Respect their viewpoints.
- 10) Be alert to give service. What counts most in life is what we do for others.



Sunday 2nd October



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Anglicord 2012 Calendars



The much loved and highly sought after Australian Anglican Church Calendar is now available to buy in its 2012 edition. Now in its 18th year, this wonderful publication demonstrates the great diversity of Anglican Churches across Australia: large, small, urban and rural. The Primate of Australia, the Most Rev'd Dr Phillip Aspinall, reminds Anglicans that the calendar raises funds for the work of AnglicORD, an Anglican overseas relief and development agency. Calendars are available for order now - order form can be found on the notice board in the narthex, or just call Margaret Eelsey on 9390 9234 and she will add your name to the form. Cost is \$15 per calendar. Money would be appreciated when ordering. **ORDERS CLOSE ON SUNDAY 9th OCTOBER SO WE CAN GET THEM WELL BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR**

When you quit going to church

Your condition is a matter of grave concern to God

Jesus pictured a shepherd, whose concern for a sheep away from the fold caused him to leave ninety-nine sheep in the fold and go out and painstakingly search for the one which was missing (Luke 15:4).

You are depriving yourself of spiritual health

The failure to worship and serve God results in the shrivelling of the soul. Your spiritual nature cannot survive if you do not feed it. Your absence from church diminishes and weakens you.

Your talents and abilities are being wasted

Jesus taught that we have all been given the opportunity and ability to serve God in some way (Matthew 25:14-15). When you fail to do your part as a member of God's work force, then the cause of Christ suffers. You are needed.

You are letting your influence work against God and his church

Although you do not intend it so, your example says to all who observe your life that the church is not important and that God may safely be ignored. It is especially tragic that those who read this message in your example are often your own children and grandchildren.

Others need you and you need them

We need the mutual encouragement of one another in living the Christian life. By your absence from church you deprive others of the encouragement you could give them, and you deprive yourself of the strength which they could share with you.

Your separation from God may become a permanent one

Life is uncertain. We have no guarantee of what the future holds. Though you intend to come back to God, life may end too soon. The emphasis of the Bible is always upon now (2 Corinthians 6:2).

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MY HOUR IN CHAPEL

“My hour in chapel is more important than I can fully know myself. It is not an hour of deep prayer, nor a time in which I experience a special closeness to God; it is not a period of serious attentiveness to the divine mysteries. I wish it were! On the contrary, it is full of distractions, inner-restlessness, sleeplessness, confusion, and boredom. It seldom, if ever, pleases my senses. But the simple fact of being for one hour in the presence of the Lord and of showing Him all that I think, feel, sense and experience, without trying to hide anything, must please Him. Somehow, somewhere, I know that He loves me, even though I do not feel that love as I can feel a human embrace, even though I do not hear a voice as I hear human words of consolation, even though I do not see a smile as I can see a human face.

Still the Lord speaks to me, looks at me, and embraces me there where I am, still unable to notice it. The only way I become aware of His presence is in that remarkable desire to return to that quiet chapel and be there without any real satisfaction. Yes, I know this, maybe only retrospectively, that my days and weeks are different days and weeks when they are held together by these regular “useless” times.

God is greater than my senses, greater than my thoughts, greater than my heart. I do believe that He touches me in places that are unknown even to myself. I seldom can point directly to these places; but when I feel this inner pull to return again to that hidden hour of prayer, I realise that something is happening that is so deep that it becomes like the river bed through which the waters can safely flow and find their way to the open sea.”

Henri J. Nouwen

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September Saint: Martyrs of Papua New Guinea



The feast day of the Martyrs of Papua New Guinea is September 2nd was chosen for their memorial by the Synod of the Diocese of New Guinea as being close to the presumed end of the killings.

The martyrs included well over 300 people including Anglicans, Roman Catholics and Lutherans. Many were from New Guinea, England and Australia and they were Priests and lay people (Anglicans 12, Roman Catholic 197, Evangelical Church of Manus 5, Lutheran 16, United Church 77, Salvation Army 22, Seventh Day Adventists 4)

Following the attack on Pearl Harbour on December 7th 1941, the Japanese forces quickly advanced through South East Asia, threatening the security of Papua New Guinea.

On 31st January the Bishop of New Guinea, Philip Strong radioed a message to all mission stations. This message has become famous in the annals of Christian missionary history. It began:

"As far as I know, you are all at your posts, and I am very glad and thankful about this. I have from the first, felt that we must endeavour to carry on our work in all circumstances, no matter what the cost may ultimately be to any of us individually.... we could never hold up our faces again, if for our own safety, we all forsook Him and fled when the shadows of the Passion began to gather round Him in His Spiritual and Mystical Body, the Church in Papua. Our life in the future would be burdened with shame and we could not come back here and face our people again; and we would be conscious always of rejected opportunities..... No, my brothers and sisters, fellow workers in Christ, whatever others may do, we cannot leave. We shall not leave. We shall stand by our trust. We shall stand by our vocation. We do not know what it may mean to us. Many already think us fools and mad. What does it matter? If we are fools, 'we are fools for Christ's sake'. I cannot foretell the future. I cannot guarantee that all will be well – that we shall all come through unscathed. One thing only I can guarantee, is that if we do not forsake Christ here in Papua in His Body the Church, He will not forsake us. He will uphold us; He will sustain us; he will strengthen us, and He will guide and keep us through the days ahead.... Let us trust and not be afraid."

The Bishop then personally visited all mission stations and twice was fired upon, once in the mission vessel, the "Maclaren-King" and once on the beach at Buna.

The Anglican martyrs were:

John Barge (Priest), England
Marjorie Brenchley (Nursing Sister), Queensland
John Duffill (Builder), Queensland
Leslie Gariadi (Evangelist), Papuan
May Hayman (Nursing Sister), Victoria
Henry Holland (Priest), New South Wales
Lilla Lashmar (Teacher), Adelaide
Henry Matthews (Priest), Victoria (Moyston & later Qld)
Bernard Moore (Priest), England
Mavis Parkinson (Teacher), Queensland
Vivian Redlich (Priest), England
Lucien Tapiedi (Teacher), Papuan.

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 32 AGNUS DEI BREAKING OF BREAD COMMINGLING

During the Breaking of Bread we say or sing the **Agnus Dei** (Lamb of God) which is usually said/sung three times.

The Agnus Dei is derived from Syrian sources, and recalls the words of John the Baptist to his followers. Having denied that he was the long awaited Messiah or Elijah, John points to Jesus and said: "There is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world..." John refers to Christ as the true Passover Lamb who conquered death in the sacrificial offering of his own death,

All four accounts of the institute of the Eucharist record that Jesus in accordance of Jewish custom, broke bread at the Last Supper. It was given special meaning in the early Church as a sign in which the disciples at Emmaus knew their risen Lord. The Priest breaks the Host (Priest's wafer) during the Agnus Dei.

Having broken the host, the Priest places a small portion of it in one of the chalices and says quietly: "May the mingling of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it."



There is a long and complicated history behind this gesture. It was introduced in the eighth century from Syrian origin. The bringing together the consecrated elements was seen by some Christians as signifying the resurrection of Jesus Christ just as the separate consecration of the bread and wine symbolised the sacrificial death.





The Cry of a Father's Heart from
Genesis to Revelation.

My Child....

You may not know me, but I know everything about you...Psalm 139:1 I know when you sit down and when you rise up...Psalm 139:2 I am familiar with all your ways ...Psalm 139:3 Even the very hairs on your head are numbered...Matthew 10:29-31 For you were made in my image...Genesis 1:27 In me you live and move and have your being...Acts 17:28 For you are my offspring...Acts 17:28 I knew you even before you were conceived...Jeremiah 1:4-5 I chose you when I planned creation...Ephesians 1:11-12 You were not a mistake...Psalm 139:15-16 For all your days are written in my book...Psalm 139:15-16 I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live...Acts 17:26 You are fearfully and wonderfully made...Psalm 139:14 I knit you together in your mother's womb...Psalm 139:13 And brought you forth on the day you were born...Psalm 71:6 I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me...John 8:41-44 I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love ...1 John 4:16 And it is my desire to lavish my love on you ...1 John 3:1 Simply because you are my child and I am your Father...1 John 3:1 I offer you more than your earthly father ever could...Matthew 7:11 For I am the perfect Father...Matthew 5:48 Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand...James 1:17 For I am your provider and I meet all your needs...Matthew 6:31-33 My plan for your future has always been filled with hope...Jeremiah 29:11 Because I love you with an everlasting love...Jeremiah 31:3 My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on the seashore...Psalm 139:17-18 And I rejoice over you with singing...Zephaniah 3:17 I will never stop doing good to you ...Jeremiah 32:40 For you are my treasured possession ...Exodus 19:5 I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul...Jeremiah 32:41 And I want to

show you great and marvellous things... Jeremiah 33:3 *If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me...* Deuteronomy 4:29 *Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart ...* Psalm 37:4 *For it is I who gave you those desires...* Philippians 2:13 *I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine...* Ephesians 3:20 *For I am your greatest encourager...* 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 *I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles ...* 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 *When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you...* Psalm 34:18 *As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart...* Isaiah 40:11 *One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes...* Revelation 21:3-4 *And I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth...* Revelation 21:4 *I am your Father and I love you even as I love my son, Jesus...* John 17:23 *For in Jesus my love for you is revealed ...* John 17:26 *He is the exact representation of my being...* Hebrews 1:3 *And He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you...* Romans 8:31 *And to tell you that I am not counting your sins...* 2 Corinthians 5:18-19 *Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled...* 2 Corinthians 5:18-19 *His death was the ultimate expression of my love for you...* 1 John 4:10
I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love... Romans 8:32 *If you receive the gift of my son Jesus, you receive me...* 1 John 2:23 *And nothing will ever separate you from my love again...* Romans 8:38-39 *Come home and I'll throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen...* Luke 15:7 *I have always been Father and will always be Father...* Ephesians 3:14-15 *My question is...Will you be my child?...* John 1:12
-13 *I am waiting for you...* Luke 15:11-32

...Love, Your Dad

Almighty God

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Submitted by Gail Paxman

Ladies@

@ the Theatre

Sunday? No, our leaders can't make it. Saturday afternoon? No, movies not suitable. We were determined to go regardless. So, a flexible group of ladies (5) set out on a Saturday morning in July to see a movie not at the Sun Theatre in Yarraville, but at the Nova in Carlton!

We parked the car at the back of the Nova and were so early that the Box Office wasn't even open! That did not daunt us as it gave us the perfect excuse to head to Brunetti's for a coffee and a macaroon/cake/cannoli.

Back to the theatre we went to see 'Mrs. Carey's Concert'. The film is about Sydney MLC's music department and the school's concert at the Opera House. We saw behind the scenes from every angle including rehearsals eight months beforehand, the music teachers' despair at disruptive behaviour and of course the actual concert and the nervousness of the participants.

Cake ✓ Coffee ✓ Movie ✓. What could there be left to do? Shopping! (We were in Carlton, after all.) Most of us just window-shopped but, one of our group did purchase a lovely outfit. Feeling we'd now ticked all the boxes, we returned to the car and headed home feeling very contented.

Chris Angus



Carolyn, Chris, Barbara, Jilly and Rosalie enjoying their coffee in Lygon Street.

Leisure

@ the Jewish Museum & Synagogue

Ladies@Leisure met Sunday 28th August and headed to the Jewish Museum at St Kilda, with free tickets in hand given by Jillian by her natural ability to be in the right place and the right time.

We were pleasantly impressed by the modern surroundings and professional display. Two year 11 students gave a talk from their recent visit from Poland, this was an international March of the Living programme organised through their school, they provided a power point display and verbal presentation which a room full of people were very interested in.

Seeing the dome of ashes, rooms of shoes, and countless graves had an impact on us all. With them travelled a survivor from the camps, which was extremely brave of that lady in her 70s to return back to a place of such devastation.

We viewed many Jewish photos, torahs, stories and displays of Jewish lifestyles. A lovely lady gave us a walk through the St Kilda Jewish Synagogue which was across the road and explained that it was the third temple built in Melbourne during 1927.

We completed the afternoon by cake and coffee in Chapel St and returned home with more knowledge of the Jewish tradition and enjoying the fellowship with each other.



Carolyn Mathes

For Sale
2 Typewriters

1. Canon AP 200 electronic typewriter, complete with manual, spare ribbon cassettes, correction tape and daisy wheels.
2. Ex parish typewriter - IBM Correcting Selectric III electric typewriter, complete with manual, spare ribbon cassettes, and golf balls.

If you are interested please speak to Margaret Elsey - 9390 9234.



FLOWER ROSTER

We need more ladies to assist on the flower roster—if you can assist please see Sue MacMillan

A six-year-old boy told his father one day, “I’m going outdoors and play ball with God.”

“So how do you play ball with God?” the father asked.

“Oh, it’s not hard at all,” the boy replied. “I just throw the ball up, and God throws it back down to me.”

**CHRIST CHURCH
OP SHOP**

Come and check out the gold mine of items available in the CHRIST CHURCH OP SHOP

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

Ladies @ Leisure

Sunday 25th September
Federation Square &
Ian Potter Gallery

1.30 pm travel by tram
coffee & cake in city



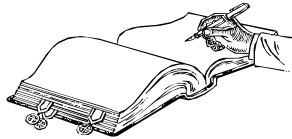
INTERESTING WEB PAGES

www.bom.gov.au
the Bureau of Meteorology website is a great source for Australian weather including forecasts, warnings, radars, uv protection and climate information.

SUNDAY MORNING TEA

We need more people to assist with morning tea after church on Sunday. If you can help talk to Margaret Elsey

From the Registers



Funerals:

John Arthur Davies
Aged 82 years
18th August 2011



EssACC 2011 DATES Aberfeldie, Strathmore & Essendon Anglican Churches working together...

COMBINED SERVICE

Michaelmass Sun 25th Sept
9.30 am at Christ Church Essendon

STRATHMORE FETE

Saturday 15th October

ABERFELDIE FETE

Saturday 22nd October

EssACC COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 2nd November 7.30 pm
at Essendon

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

PARISH INFORMATION

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PARISH DIARY SEPTEMBER 2011



SUNDAY 4th – New Guinea Martyrs

- 8.00 am Eucharist
- 9.30 am Sung Eucharist

Monday 5th - Vicar's day off

Tuesday 6th

- 9.30 am Craft
- 7.00 pm Confirmation Prep (3)

Wednesday 7th

- 10.00 am Healing Eucharist
- 4.00 pm Confirmation Prep (1)
- 7.30 pm Confirmation Prep (2)

SUNDAY 11th – OS 24

- 8.00 am Eucharist
- 9.30 am Sung Eucharist
- 11.30 am Vestry

Monday 12th - Vicar's day off

Tuesday 13th

- 9.30 am Craft
- 7.00 pm Confirmation Prep (3)

Wednesday 14th

- 10.00 am Eucharist
- 4.00 pm Confirmation Prep (1)
- 7.30 pm Confirmation Prep (2)

Friday 16th

- 10 am - 4 pm Book Fair (OpShop)

Saturday 17th

- 9.30 am - 12.30 pm Book Fair (OpShop)

SUNDAY 18th OS 25

- 8.00 am Eucharist
- 9.30 am Sung Eucharist

Monday 19th - Vicar's day off

- 9.00 am OpShop Committee meeting

Tuesday 20th

- 9.30 am Craft
- 7.00 pm Confirmation Prep (3)

Wednesday 21st

- 10.00 am Eucharist
- 4.00 pm Confirmation Prep (1)
- 7.30 pm Confirmation Prep (2)

Thursday 22nd

- 1.00 pm Home Communion

SUNDAY 25th – Michalemass

- 8.00 am Eucharist
- 9.30 am Combined EssACC Service
- 1.30 pm Ladies@Leisure @ Ian Potter Gallery

Monday 26th - Vicar's day off

Tuesday 27th

- 11.00 am Deanery Chapter @ Essendon

Wednesday 28th

- 10.00 am Eucharist
- 1.15 pm Essendon Nursing Home
- 2.00 pm Trevi Court Mass

Thursday 29th

- 12.00 pm Police Remembrance Day Service @ Footscray

SUNDAY 2nd October – OS 27

- 8.00 am Eucharist
- No Service at 9.30 am**
- 3.00 pm Sung Eucharist, Baptism & Confirmation with Bp Philip

Monday 3rd - Vicar's day off

Wednesday 5th

- 10.00 am Healing Eucharist

