



REACH OUT



OPPORTUNITY SHOP continues to grow

CHRIST CHURCH OPPORTUNITY 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**

The Christ Church Opportunity Shop continues to provide a great service to the community. The proceeds from the Op Shop help maintain our Church as well as giving money to many Church and community charities. The Op Shop also regularly contributes to many disasters in our region.

A recently held book fair raised almost \$700.

Thank you to the many volunteers who give their time to support the Op Shop.

Thank you to the Op Shop Committee who manage the activities of the shop.

The Op Shop Annual Meeting will be on Mon 24th October @ 10.30 am @ Christ Church.

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

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FJ's reflection

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

EssACC MICAHELMASS

It was lovely to join together at Essendon with the folk from Strathmore including Sophie and the folk from Aberfeldie including Fr Kenneth on St Michael and all Angels. This is a good annual event which was very enjoyable. Thank you to all who assisted and made the day a great success.

MUSICAL LUNCHEON

Thank you to Sue Mac, Megan Rankin and many many others who worked hard to make the Musical Luncheon a success. Thank you to Katherine Anderson for organising the music.

OP SHOP BOOK FAIR

Well done to the busy workers in the Op Shop for a great book fair where \$700 was made. Thank you to Nell, Chris A and to many others who worked hard to make it a success.

OP SHOP ANNUAL MEETING

The Op Shop Annual Meeting will be on Monday 24th October @ 10.30 am @ Christ Church followed by a luncheon. If you are coming please contact Megan Rankin for catering purposes.

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING 2011

This will be held on SUNDAY 20th NOVEMBER (Christ the King—our patron feast). There will be a 9.00 am PARISH EUCHARIST (NO 8.00 am or 9.30 am Eucharist), 10.00 am COFFEE, 10.45 am ANNUAL MEETING followed by 12.15 pm LUNCH at local Restaurant (venue to be confirmed)

All reports and financial statements for all groups in the parish are to be emailed to (christchurchess@bigpond.com) or given to Fr John to be put in the Annual Report booklet by Sunday 6th November 2011. Please put these details in your diary.

ERNEST BALDREY

As we go to print we heard of the sad passing of Ernest, We will say more about Ernest in the next Edition and encourage all to pray for his soul and for Rosalie and the family.

REDEVELOPMENT

The work continues behind the scenes. We were hoping to announce in this edition that all approvals had been given and all systems were go. However there is an important meeting of the Diocesan Building Committee on Thursday 20th October where building plans will be submitted and after that we hope we will then have all the approvals. The developers will have 6-12 months to gain all the Council building approvals and then work can start ... Wait for further news.

ESSENTIAL SAFETY MEASURES

Government and Diocese regulations demand that we have in place regular inspections of our buildings. The Priest and Wardens are wading through the many pages of paper work to ensue our buildings are safe and meet all requirements... (more paper work)

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

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.

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

SOME THING TO PONDER....

Normally nothing moves more slowly than a church. Religious people have a passion for the old. Some of today's most useful discoveries were made by men who dared to be and think different, and suffered for it. The man with something new always has to fight.

The Church branded Galileo a heretic when he taught that the earth moved round the sun. Lister had to fight the old-line doctors to prove his antiseptic technique, which is standard today in all operations.

The idea that "something always has been done this way" stifles all attempts to improve. And just because something has "never been done this way" may very well be the best reason for trying it.

As motherly Pope John twenty-third put it, "The truths of Christianity do not change, but how we explain them does change."

The Lord be with you...

Your Vicar

Fr John.



10 Questions

JOYCE SMITH

JOYCE SMITH is married to Merv and been very active in our parish. Fr John recently asked her 10 questions...

FJ Where were you born?
Joyce: Springvale, Victoria

FJ Where do you live?
Joyce: In Essendon for over 60 years

FJ Career in life?
Joyce: Typist, mother of three children

FJ If you could change some thing what would it be?
Joyce: I can't say (Joyce laughs)

FJ Favourite holiday destination?
Joyce: Anywhere near the beach

FJ Favourite colour?
Joyce: Purple or blue

FJ Favourite food?
Joyce: Lamb Roast

FJ AFL Football Team
Joyce: Essendon (Of course)

FJ What is one thing you want to do before you die?
Joyce: River Cruise down the Rhine or Danube River

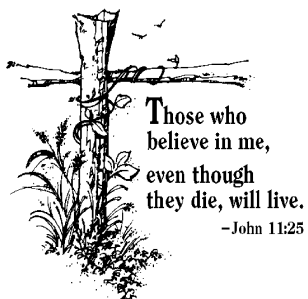
FJ Past and present involvement at Christ Church?
Joyce: Craft Group, Op Shop, Ladies Guild

FJ Thank you Joyce...

All Souls Day Requiem Mass

Wednesday - 2nd November

10.00 am held in the Memorial Garden (weather permitting)



This is the day when we remember the faithful departed, those whose lives were special to us.

If you would like to have someone remembered on the anniversary of their death, please print the details on the list in the church narthex, or contact Margaret Elsey on 9390 9234 with the details. All names will be read out on All Souls Day & on their anniversary date.

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 Elsey 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**



Around the Parish



BOOK FAIR

Nell Axon (84) is surrounded by books and was in the Moonee Valley Leader promoting the OP Shop Book Fair recently. The book fair raised approx \$700.

CRAFT GROUP ACTIVITY



Around the Parish



LADIES @ LEISURE

A small group of ladies met together on Sunday 25th September and headed by tram to Federation Square in the city.

They explored the Tourist Information resources and headed for the Ian Potter Gallery. To their surprise this was a three story building that is free to enter. On the 1st floor was aboriginal art. On the 2nd were early 1830's onward Australian and European art and they did not make it to the 3rd floor due to time for coffee and cake.

After looking through some shops, the three remaining stumbled into the Lindt Cafe where Sue Mac made everyone eat more cake and Carolyn had a eye watering mocha.

They eventually travelled home buying some more goodies on the way and a guilty smile on their faces.

October Saint: St Francis of Assisi



Francis of Assisi was a poor little man who astounded and inspired the Church by actually following all that Jesus said and did, joyfully, without limit and without a mite of self-importance.

Serious illness brought the young Francis to see the emptiness of his frolicking life as leader of Assisi's youth. Prayer led him to a self-emptying like that of Christ, climaxed by embracing a leper he met on the road.

From the cross in the neglected field-chapel of San Damiano, Christ told him, "Francis, go out and build up my house, for it is nearly falling down." Francis became the totally poor and humble workman.

He must have suspected a deeper meaning to "build up my house." But he would have been content to be for the rest of his life the poor "nothing" man actually putting brick on brick in abandoned chapels. He gave up

every material thing he had. He was, for a time, considered to be a religious "nut," begging from door to door when he could not get money for his work, bringing sadness or disgust to the hearts of his former friends, ridicule from the unthinking.

But genuineness will tell. A few people began to realize that this man was actually trying to be Christian. He really believed what Jesus said: "Announce the kingdom! Possess no gold or silver or copper in your purses, no travelling bag, no sandals, no staff" (see Luke 9:1-3).

Francis' first rule for his followers was a collection of texts from the Gospels. He had no idea of founding an order, but once it began he protected it and accepted all the legal structures needed to support it. His devotion and loyalty to the Church were absolute and highly exemplary at a time when various movements of reform tended to break the Church's unity.

He was torn between a life devoted entirely to prayer and a life of active preaching of the Good News. He decided in favour of the latter, but always returned to solitude when he could. He wanted to be a missionary in Syria or in Africa, but was prevented by shipwreck and illness in both cases. He did try to convert the sultan of Egypt during the Fifth Crusade.

During the last years of his relatively short life (he died at 44) he was half blind and seriously ill. Two years before his death, he received the stigmata, the real and painful wounds of Christ in his hands, feet and side.



On his deathbed, he said over and over again the last addition to his Canticle of the Sun, "Be praised, O Lord, for our Sister Death." He sang Psalm 141, and at the end asked his superior to have his clothes removed when the last hour came and for permission to expire lying naked on the earth, in imitation of his Lord.

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 33 COMMUNION INVITATION

After the 'Agnus Dei' Priest pauses to pray, he then genuflects and holding the broken Eucharistic bread and the chalice, shows it to the people. By way of invitation to share in the Holy Communion the priest prays aloud, "This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper."

This is in fact a double invitation; for it refers not only to the Eucharistic banquet, but also the 'wedding feast of the lamb.' The nourishment we take at the table of the Lord is our 'pledge of future glory.'

Again drawing from the words of scripture, the priest and people say together, with a small variation, the words of the humble Roman Centurion: 'Lord I am not worthy...'

PART 34 COMMUNION PROCESSION

Even as far back as Augustine (354-430) it was customary for people to process to the altar. We need to remind ourselves that we do not simply join a queue to receive communion, we, with other members of the community of faith process prayerfully to the Lord's table. We don't talk or chat on the way to or back, we prayerfully walk to and back from the table.

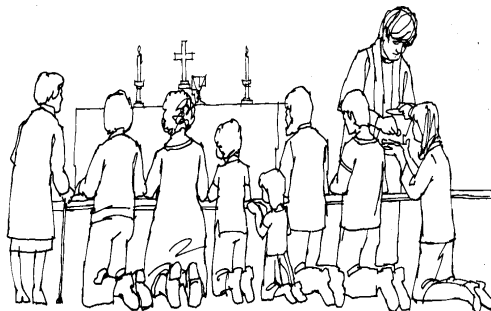


PART 35 RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

The first to receive communion is the Priest, who having prayed quietly to be brought to everlasting life, reverently consumes the body and blood of Christ.

When we receive communion, the Priest holds the consecrated host before us and says: 'The body of Christ' to which we reply 'Amen.' A similar process followed with the chalice.

In the early church, communion was received standing. In Catholic churches this continues although the Anglican practice is to kneel or stand at the communion rail.



Love.

If you have a friend worth loving,
love him. Yes, and let him know
that you love him, ere life's evening
tinge his brow with sunset glow.
Why should good words ne'er be said
of a friend - till he is dead?

If you see the hot tears falling
from a brother's weeping eyes,
share them. And by kindly sharing
own your kinship in the skies.
Why should anyone be glad
when a brother's heart is sad?

If a silver laugh goes rippling
through the sunshine on his face,
share it. 'Tis the wise man's saying -
for both grief and joy a place.
There's health and goodness in the
mirth
in which an honest laugh has birth.

Scatter thus your seeds of kindness
all enriching as you go -
leave them. Trust the Harvest-Giver;
so, until the happy end,
your life shall never lack a friend.

- Author Unknown.
submitted by Neliya Don Leonard



The Knots Prayer

*Dear God:
Please untie the knots
that are in my mind,
my heart and my life.
Remove the have nots,
the can nots and the do nots
that I have in my mind.*

*Erase the will nots,
may nots,
might nots that may find
a home in my heart.*

*Release me from the could nots,
would nots and
should nots that obstruct my life.*

*And most of all,
Dear God,
I ask that you remove from my mind,
my heart and my life all of the 'am
nots'
that I have allowed to hold me back,
especially the thought
that I am not good enough.
Amen*

Author Known To God

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**INTERESTED IN GOING TO
THE HOLY LAND ??**

Talk to Fr John or Carolyn

EssACC INFO

STRATHMORE FETE
Saturday 15th October
Starting at 9 am

ABERFELDIE FETE
Saturday 22nd October
Starting at 9 am

Please support these important
fundraisers

SOME HUMOUR



A father took his daughter to see the pantomime "Snow White and the seven dwarfs" He said, "Did you like that?" "Yes", she said. He said, "And they lived happily ever after." "No," she said, "They got married...!"

A recent study found that the average Aussie walks about 900 miles a year.



Another study found that Aussies drink on average 22 gallons of alcohol a year.

That means that on average, Aussies get about 41 miles

to the gallon!!!

A new Priest was visiting his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Therefore he took out his business card and wrote "Revelations 3:20" on the back of the card and stuck it in the door. When the offering was processed the following Sunday, the Priest found his card had been returned. Added was a cryptic message "Genesis 3:10." Reaching for his bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter. Revelation 3:20 begins "Behold I stand at the door and knock...." Genesis 3:10 reads "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked...."



WHY PEOPLE GO TO CHURCH

An unknown writer offered the following analysis of why some people attend church:

Some go to church to talk and walk.
 Some go there to laugh and talk.
 Some go there to meet a friend.
 Some go there their time to spend.
 Some go there to meet a lover.
 Some go there a fault to cover.
 Some go there for speculation.
 Some go there for observation.
 Some go there to doze and nod.
 The wise go there to worship God.

Calvin seems to have answered every question imaginable, except why Jesus had all the disciples sit on one side of the table at the Last Supper."



It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do a little. Do what you can.

- Sydney Smith

Waiting and Weakness

The Gospel you share with others changes some of them, but not all, so that their rejection of it may force you to think it out more honestly.

The Spirit equips you with gifts you did not have before, yet you still fall lest success makes you hard and threatening to others.

You will struggle to bring your local community nearer to God's rule, and you will be frustrated without losing your nerve, for you know His place is with those who wait, not those who have arrived.

There will be miracles but not too often, for the most precious gift you have to offer others is your weakness.

John Winton
 Bishop of Winchester

Overcoming Fear Through Faith

An inscription above the fireplace of an old English inn says, "Fear knocked at the door. Faith answered; no one was there."

The older we grow, the more we come to grips with this thing called fear - fear of failing health, fear of the future, fear of the unknown, perhaps even fear of age itself.

The first thing we should remember is that fear is nothing to be ashamed of. On the other hand, uncontrolled fear is a poison that can paralyse and immobilise.

One antidote to fear is courage. Courage is not the absence of fear. It is the ability to go ahead in spite of fear. What is the source of courage like this? Its source is faith in God - faith in that power which created the universe and endowed it with such virtues as kindness and love.

Another antidote to fear is a healthy confidence in ourselves, a confidence which says, "With God's help, I can overcome my difficulties or find the patience and strength to endure them."

When fear knocks, let faith answer. With God's help we can overcome our fears.

The vicar's 5 year old boy had been so badly behaved during the week that he told him his punishment would be that he couldn't go to the Sunday School picnic that Sunday.

When Sunday came, the vicar felt he had been too harsh and told his son that he could go to the picnic. The boy looked even sadder.

"What's the matter? I thought you'd be happy to go to the picnic," his father said.

"It's too late," the boy replied. "I've already prayed for rain."



The annual parochial church meeting was straight after the ten-o'clock service

For Sale MAKE AN OFFER!

2 Typewriters both in good condition

Canon AP 200 electronic typewriter, complete with manual, spare ribbon cassettes, correction tape and daisy wheels.

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



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Ladies @ Leisure

Sunday 30th October

Free CBD Bus Tour
including the Observatory Café
and Children's Garden



A date for your diary ...

People's Messiah
Sunday 4th December
2:30pm
Collins St Baptist Church

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:

Mary Bridget Trussler
Aged 81 years
6th September 2011

Edna Joyce Ives
Aged 91 years
12th September 2011



INTERESTING WEB PAGES

<http://ozvta.com/>
The Australian Variety Theatre Archive is devoted to the period of theatrical activity in Australia that might be considered the "golden years" of minstrelsy and vaudeville. It has information on performers, theatres, works and troupes between the mid-1800s and the late -1920s/early -1930s.

JIG SAWS

Do you love them? If so, perhaps you could help. The Op Shop has dozens and does not like to sell them unless they are ALL complete. It is no use just counting the pieces. The puzzle has to be completed before we sell it.

Please contact Sue Mac (9374 2110) and she will deliver a puzzle to you.

PARISH INFORMATION

The Anglican Parish of Christ Church, Essendon is found on the corner of Mt Alexander Rd and Marco Polo Street, Essendon. (Melway Page 28 F2)

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PARISH DIARY OCTOBER 2011



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

Friday 7th

- 7.30 pm Film Night

SUNDAY 9th – OS 29

- 8.00 am Eucharist
- 9.30 am Sung Eucharist
- 11.30 am Vestry
- 2.00 pm Baptism

Monday 10th - Vicar on leave till 19th

Tuesday 11th

- 9.30 am Craft

Wednesday 12th

- 10.00 am Eucharist

Saturday 15th

- Strathmore Fete

SUNDAY 16th OS 29

- 8.00 am Eucharist
- 9.30 am Sung Eucharist

Monday 17th - Vicar on leave

Tuesday 18th

- 9.30 am Craft

Wednesday 19th

- 10.00 am Eucharist
- 7-10 pm Synod

Thursday 20th

- 10.00 am Building Committee
- 7-10 pm Synod

Friday 21st

- 7-10 pm Synod

Saturday 22nd

- 10-5 pm Synod

SUNDAY 23rd – OS 30

- 8.00 am Eucharist
- 9.30 am Sung Eucharist

Monday 24th - Vicar's day off

- 10.30 am OpShop AGM followed by Luncheon

Tuesday 25th

- 9.30 am Craft
- 11.00 am Deanery Chapter

Wednesday 26th

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

Thursday 27th

- 1.00 pm Home Communion

SUNDAY 30th – All Saints Day

- 8.00 am Eucharist
- 9.30 am Sung Eucharist
- 1.30 pm Ladies@Leisure @ CDB Bus Tour

Monday 31st - Vicar's day off

Tuesday 1st November

- 9.30 am Craft

Wednesday 2nd

- 10.00 am Healing Eucharist

