



# REACH OUT

Christ Church Essendon is starting a new multi media Church service on the third Sunday of the month at 5 pm. The service is called REVIVE@5

## Revive@5

The service will be very different from the usual traditional Sunday morning Service and will include DVDs, plunger coffee, modern music and other surprises.

This program is part of the Christ Church's FRESH EXPRESSION and is about exploring different ways of connecting with people and worshipping God.

Instead of being in the Church REVIVE@5 will be in the Parish Centre and will be mainly lay lead and very relaxed. It will not suit everyone, but it will suit those who want a non traditional service.

**The first REVIVE@5 will be on  
Sunday 17th October at 5 pm**  
**The second REVIVE@5 will be on  
Sunday 21st November at 5 pm**

For more info please talk to Fr John or Gail Paxman...



## Come join us for worship



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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH ESSENDON  
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# FJ's reflection

**DEAR PARISHIONERS,**

## **REVIVE @ 5**

This is a new experiment for Christ Church and an attempt to do worship differently. We are not changing the morning services but offering a different style of worship in the evening on a monthly basis for those who would like something different. It is aimed at a young generation and will include multi media and a more relaxed environment. All are welcome to come or to tell others about it.

## **FILM NIGHT**

Recently we had a film night in the Parish Centre which was a great success. We watched an episode of the 1950's TV version of Robin Hood with Richard Greene and then the 1938 version of Robin hood with Errol Flynn & Olivia de Havilland. We hope to have other film nights in the future. Fr John is open to suggestions including Danny Kaye in 'The Court Jester' (1956) so watch out for screening dates.

## **BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY**

This was a great day and there was a good feeling around. Please follow up those you invited and invite them again and again. We are called to be an inviting Church as well as a welcoming Church. Other Churches do it—we need to do it also.

## **MICHAELMASS at St AIDAN'S**

On Sunday 26th September many joined with the Clergy and people of Aberfeldie and Strathmore for a combined Eucharist at St Aidan's Strathmore. It was a lovely experience. Thank you to the Strathmore people for their welcome. Thank you to Fr Kenneth for preaching. Thank you to Sophie for organising the morning.

## **PILGRIMAGE to CAMPERDOWN ABBEY**

The early Church often went on Spiritual pilgrimages to explore their faith and to pray. We are off to the Camperdown Benedictine Abbey on Saturday 30th October. It will be a great day—please see information further in this booklet and put your name on the sheet in the Parish Centre if coming...

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Meeting of the Parish will be on Sunday 14th November starting with a 9.00 am Eucharist followed by a 10.00 am Cuppa and a 10.45 am meeting. All should be

finished around 12 noon. There will soon be nomination forms for the election of 3 additional Vestry members to make Vestry 9 instead of 6 people. Annual Meeting Reports are to be with Fr John by Sunday 31st October so they can be put into a booklet.

### **WOMEN'S GROUP & MEN'S GROUP**

Details of meetings of the new Women's Group and Men's Group are out and I encourage your support of these important opportunities for fellowship with each other.

The Lord be with you...

Your Vicar

*Fr John*

### **PILGRIMAGE TO BENEDICTINE ABBEY OF ST MARK CAMPERDOWN Saturday 30th October**

- 8.00 am Meet at Christ Church  
Essendon —drive to  
Camperdown leaving at 8 am  
sharp
- 10.30 am arrive in Camperdown for a  
cuppa
- 11.00 am chat by the Abbot on the  
Abbey
- 11.45 am **Sext** in Chapel
- 12.30 pm Lunch in Guest house –  
Shared lunch
- 1.00 pm Reflection, Prayer and Quiet  
time
- 2.10 pm **None** in Chapel
- 2.30 pm chat on spirituality / prayer by  
the Abbot
- 3.00 pm cuppa
- 3.30 pm leave Camperdown to drive to  
Essendon
- 6.00 pm Arrive back in Essendon

#### **BRING:**

BYO lunch to share — plus extra food for  
members of the Abbey

Small Donation for the Abbey

There is at the Abbey a small gift shop of  
religious items which you can purchase.

More details in next edition of Reach Out  
and on notice board in Parish Office

### **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**

### **JAZZ & BLUES NIGHT**

FRIDAY 22nd OCTOBER

Christ Church Essendon

7.30 pm

with Greg Jones & Bob Sedergreen

\$20 each

Funds to go to Bush Church Aid Society

### **INTERESTING WEB PAGES**

<http://www.gsv.org.au/>

In the Luke bible study we have just  
explored Luke 3:21-38 Jesus' baptism  
and genealogy. We talked a bit about  
our own family history. The  
Genealogical Society of Victoria  
website has lots of great information  
for people researching their family  
history

# Charlie Schulz Philosophy



This is the philosophy of Charles Schulz, the creator of the 'Peanuts' comic strip. You don't have to actually answer the questions. Just read them straight through, and you'll get the point.

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name five winners of the Miss America pageant.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do?

The point, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. These are not second-rate achievers. They are the best in their field. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.

Easier?  
I love this!

The lesson:

The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards.

They simply are the ones who care the most





# October Saint: St Luke



Luke, the writer of the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, has been identified with St. Paul's "Luke, the beloved physician" (Colossians 4:14). We know few other facts about Luke's life from Scripture and from early Church historians. It is believed that Luke was born a Greek and a Gentile.

Luke's gospel shows special sensitivity to evangelizing Gentiles. It is only in his gospel that we hear the parable of the Good Samaritan, that we hear Jesus praising the faith of Gentiles such as the widow of Zarephath and Naaman the Syrian (Lk.4:25-27), and that we hear the story of the one grateful leper who is a Samaritan (Lk.17:11-19). According to the early Church historian Eusebius Luke was born at Antioch in Syria.

In our day, it would be easy to assume that someone who was a doctor was rich, but scholars have argued that Luke might have been born a slave. It was not uncommon for families to educate slaves in medicine so that they would have a resident family physician. Not only do we

have Paul's word, but Eusebius, Saint Jerome, Saint Irenaeus and Caius, a second-century writer, all refer to Luke as a physician.

We have to go to Acts to follow the trail of Luke's Christian ministry. We know nothing about his conversion but looking at the language of Acts we can see where he joined Saint Paul. The story of the Acts is written in the third person, as an historian recording facts. Luke first joined Paul's company at Troas at about the year 51 and accompanied him into Macedonia where they traveled first to Samothrace, Neapolis, and finally Philippi. When Paul left Philippi Luke stayed behind to encourage the Church there. Seven years passed before Paul returned to the area on his third missionary journey.

In Acts 20:5, the switch to "we" tells us that Luke has left Philippi to rejoin Paul in Troas in 58 where they first met up. They traveled together through Miletus, Tyre, Caesarea, to Jerusalem.

Luke is the loyal comrade who stays with Paul when he is imprisoned in Rome about the year 61: "Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers" (Philemon 24). And after everyone else deserts Paul in his final imprisonment and sufferings, it is Luke who remains with Paul to the end: "Only Luke is with me" (2 Timothy 4:11).

Luke's inspiration and information for his Gospel and Acts came from his close association with Paul and his companions as he explains in his introduction to the Gospel: "Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events

that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus" (Luke 1:1-3).

Luke's unique perspective on Jesus can be seen in the six miracles and eighteen parables not found in the other gospels. Luke's is the gospel of the poor and of social justice. He is the one who tells the story of Lazarus and the Rich Man who ignored him. Luke is the one who uses "Blessed are the poor" instead of "Blessed are the poor in spirit" in the beatitudes. Only in Luke's gospel do we hear Mary's Magnificat where she proclaims that God "has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty" (Luke 1:52-53).

Luke also has a special connection with the women in Jesus' life, especially Mary. It is only in Luke's gospel that we hear the story of the Annunciation, Mary's visit to Elizabeth including the Magnificat, the Presentation, and the story of Jesus' disappearance in Jerusalem. It is Luke that we have to thank for the Scriptural parts of the Hail Mary: "Hail Mary full of grace" spoken at the Annunciation and "Blessed are you and blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus" spoken by her cousin Elizabeth.

Forgiveness and God's mercy to sinners is also of first importance to Luke. Only in Luke do we hear the story of the Prodigal Son welcomed back by the overjoyed father. Only in Luke do we hear the story of the forgiven woman disrupting the feast by washing Jesus' feet with her tears. Throughout Luke's gospel, Jesus takes the side of the

sinner who wants to return to God's mercy.

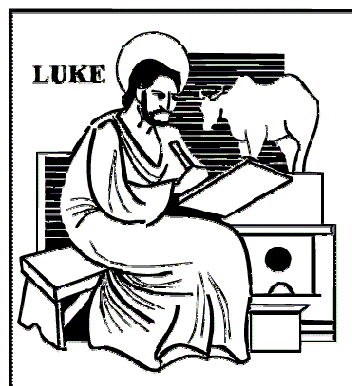
Reading Luke's gospel gives a good idea of his character as one who loved the poor, who wanted the door to God's kingdom opened to all, who respected women, and who saw hope in God's mercy for everyone.

The reports of Luke's life after Paul's death are conflicting. Some early writers claim he was martyred, others say he lived a long life. Some say he preached in Greece, others in Gaul. The earliest tradition we have says that he died at 84 in Boeotia after settling in Greece to write his Gospel.

A tradition that Luke was a painter seems to have no basis in fact. Several images of Mary appeared in later centuries claiming him as a painter but these claims were proved false. Because of this tradition, however, he is considered a patron of painters of pictures and is often portrayed as painting pictures of Mary.

He is often shown with an ox or a calf because these are the symbols of sacrifice -- the sacrifice Jesus made for all the world.

Luke is the patron of physicians and surgeons. His feast day is on 18th October.



## Living Lord

One of the ways I hear from God is through “Godinstances”. I had one of those recently that I thought I’d share with you. As a child and teenager I was a regular church goer. I didn’t learn a lot of hymns because our Sunday School used contemporary music and once I was old enough I became a Sunday School teacher so I didn’t spend much time in the “grown ups” service. I had an extended time away from church and since returning have been worshipping in places that use contemporary music. As a consequence I don’t know many of the hymns sung at the 9:30 am service.

One of the hymns on Back to Church Sunday was Living Lord which I do remember from my teen age years. It was the second time I had been reminded of that hymn recently! Since then the tune and words have remained in my head so I paid attention to God’s prompting and have spent some time reflecting on what the hymn is saying to me.

Through this song I’m reminded that Jesus is the Son of God who was born as one of us, died on Calvary and rose from death to set me free from my sins. Jesus is with me now and every day. He sends the Holy Spirit to break through in my life, to convict me of my sins so I can repent and turn away from them. He pours in his love and goodness. The words go further, encouraging me to think about how God is calling me to live... by singing of my love for Jesus (worshipping God), following the commands we have in the Bible, making a choice to live for Jesus and being a person of prayer.

This is good news... if I choose to I can live in God’s Kingdom right now... unfortunately in the busy-ness of my life it’s easy for me to neglect my relationship with the Living Lord. Is it the same for you? If it is, then you might like to take some time to reflect on the lyrics too. They have certainly helped me to reassess my relationship with Jesus. Feel free to ask me about it one Sunday at morning tea!

Contributed by Gail

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,  
you are one with us, Mary’s son;  
cleansing our souls from all their sin,  
pouring Your love and goodness in,  
Jesus, our love for You we sing,  
living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ now and every day  
teach us how to pray, Son of God.  
You have commanded us to do

this, in remembrance Lord of you :  
into our lives your power breaks through,  
living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,  
Born as one with us, Mary's Son;  
led out to die on Calvary,  
risen from death to set us free,  
living Lord Jesus help us see  
you are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ I would come to you,  
live my life for you, Son of God.  
All your commands I know are true,  
your many gifts will make me new,  
into my life your power breaks through,  
living Lord.

*Patrick Robert Norman Appleford 1960*

## Christ Church, Essendon Opportunity Shop

### **A FEW DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**Working Bee 9.30 am Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Winter stock needs to be removed and our summer stock put out  
so plenty of work to be done. Please come and help -  
refreshments and good company in plentiful supply!**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2010**  
**AGM 10.30 am in the Church**  
**Annual Luncheon 12.00 in Parish Centre**

Please let me know if you can come, as our caterer this year is Fr.  
John Mathes, so we need to know accurate numbers for lunch.

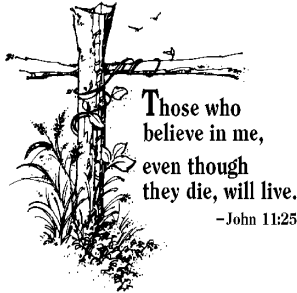
**RSVP 11<sup>th</sup> October**  
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Best Wishes,  
*Megan Rankin*  
(Secretary)

# All Souls Day Requiem Mass

Wednesday - 3rd 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.

## The Vestments – Part 3 ~ The Sacred Vestments.

**Mitre** – A tall 2 sided hat worn by bishops. Because bishops do the work of the apostles, mitres are tongue shaped to remind us of the tongues of fire which alighted on the apostles in the upper room at Pentecost. Eucharistic dress for a bishop is alb, girdle, stole, maniple, cope and mitre, along with the pastoral staff, Episcopal ring and pectoral cross.

**Stole** – This was once a towel or napkin carried by servants, and symbolises servitude. That is, as Christ came to serve, the clergy are to serve God's people. It is the most sacred and most important of all the vestments, and is worn at all the sacraments. It is quite in order for a priest to celebrate the eucharist in a cassock (or cotta) surplice and stole, and indeed, that is the standard in the low church. A deacon was once required to cleanse the sacred vessels as part of their duties, and wear the stole over the left shoulder, which is crossed at the right hip. Bishops and priests wear the stole over both shoulders. Traditionally when wearing full eucharistic vestments priests are required to wear the stole crossed in the front, to wear it uncrossed is a privilege reserved for bishops, archdeacons and canons. Now all wear the stole over both shoulders and uncrossed.

**Maniple** – this was also a towel or napkin carried by servants. It also symbolises servitude, and is thought to have been used to cleanse the sacred vessels after the stole had developed as a vestment. It also developed as a vestment, and is worn by bishops, priests and deacons over the left forearm. The older maniples had a little

tab sewn onto them so they could be pinned onto the sleeve of the alb, however since elastic was invented, an elastic loop is now sewn onto the lining, and fits snugly over the arm, holding the maniple in place. This is far more practical because one doesn't need an assistant to secure it in place. Since Vatican 2 the Roman Catholic church has dispensed with maniples entirely, and many in the Church of England (Anglican) have followed suit. Although this doesn't bother God, it is a great pity because a chasuble completely hides the stole, and the maniple is the only visible sign of servitude available to the congregation. A lavabo towel which is worn over the left forearm by servers whilst the priest is ritually washing his/her hands at the eucharist, demonstrates what the maniple, and before it the stole were once used for.

Chasuble – this was the most common outdoor garment in Roman times, and is similar to the poncho which Mexicans wear. Christ wore one, and indeed, this was the garment that the soldiers drew lots for to see who got to have it. In Christ's time, they were made by forming a circle which provides the opening for the head to fit through. Other threads radiate out from this like the spokes in a wheel, and then the thread is woven through these in a circular spiral format, in much the same way as a spider makes a cobweb. They were completely seamless. Because the chasuble represents Christ's garment, it was traditional to cut it from one piece of material. Often the patterns on many of the brocades and damasks they were made from required them to be made from two pieces of material, with the seams on the shoulders. There are a few different styles of chasuble; such as Roman, Gothic, Polish, etc. Orphreys are the coloured braids sewn onto vestments, on a chasuble there is a single pillar in the centre of the front, which represents the post Christ was tied to when he was flogged, and they form a cross on the back which represents the cross Christ was crucified on. The chasuble teaches us of Christ's passion, and encourages us to be grateful to what he has done for us. Bishops also wear them when celebrating the eucharist.

At every eucharist, we are in Christ's presence. By the power of the Holy Spirit, he is amongst us, and in the bread and wine. The doctrine of Persona Christi teaches us that Christ is the host who invites us to his supper, and it is he who gives us communion. The priest stands in Persona Christi, that is in the Person of Christ. I'm in no way suggesting that the priest is transubstantiated into Christ. That's just not on! However, by the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ can be everywhere, and it is Christ himself who is standing in the Chasuble with the priest giving us communion. This is one of the great Holy Mysteries, way beyond human understanding, and which we accept in faith. Receiving communion is a very intimate moment with Christ, and no human being must ever come between Christ and the communicant. It is absolutely forbidden for the personality of the priest, or any of the ministers to come between Christ and the communicant. Priests and

ministers must not make eye contact with the communicant, and the vestments shield the communicant from worldly things, and point the focus towards Christ.

Humeral veil – this is a long scarf like vestment 21” wide, worn over the shoulders and fastened in front with a clasp. They are white and worn by the priest on Maundy Thursday when actually venerating the Reserve Sacrament, and setting it up for the vigil. It is absolutely forbidden to consecrate bread and wine on Good Friday, communion is taken from the Reserve Sacrament. In churches that don’t have a reserve sacrament they cannot take communion on Good Friday. Instead, they have a service called ante-communion.

All of the sacred vestments, as well as copes and tunicles are in the various colours representing each liturgical season. This can be quite an expensive affair for parishes without much money, and indeed for those who own their own vestments, especially where copes are concerned. A high mass set consists of a chasuble, dalmatic, tunicle, cope, 2 stoles, 2 maniples, burse and veil. A low mass set consists of a chasuble, stole, maniple, burse and veil. A practical and acceptable solution to the problem of cost is to have one set of vestments made from an all seasons material. This material has a beige background, with plant designs woven into it in all the liturgical colours – green, red, gold, purple, blue and pink on the one fabric. Although all seasons material is very expensive, at \$281.00 per metre, compared to a brocade at \$129.00 per metre (today’s prices), it still works out at approximately one third of the price or less, because the labour costs for making each vestment must be added to the cost of the fabric. Indeed, one set of vestments costs far less to purchase than half a dozen sets. England is the only country I know of that produces the traditional brocades, damasks, etc. that traditional vestments are made from. Because demand for such materials is not great, to be economically viable, the mills have to charge a lot more for their product. these days, the cost of such fabrics can be prohibitive, and vestments have to be made from plain materials in many cases.

In order to be properly prepared for the sacred duty they are about to perform, bishops, priests, deacons and servers say a special set of prayers when putting on each item of vestment, that is, they are supposed to! Full eucharistic dress for a priest is alb, amice, girdle, stole, maniple and chasuble. Full eucharistic dress for a deacon is alb, amice, girdle, stole and maniple. and at high mass, a dalmatic is also worn. On the church’s special occasions, copes are worn by priests, deacons and servers. In most cases, servers’ vestments are supplied by the parish, which would preclude copes being supplied due to cost. A server wearing a cope would be a rare sight indeed, unless the server could supply their own.

*Christine L. Robins B.Theol.*

## Robin Hood

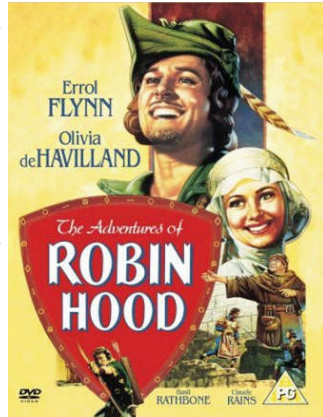
“Robin Hood, Robin Hood, riding through the glen,  
Robin Hood, Robin Hood with his merry men,  
Feared by the bad, loved by the good,  
Robin Hood, Robin Hood, Robin Hood.”

So sang the hearty group who met at the Parish Centre on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September for a trip down Memory Lane. We were ‘treated’ to an episode of the series watched by many of us in the 1960s and we provided a rousing rendition of the above as the credits rolled on.

Then the serious stuff began – Robin Hood (the movie) starring Errol Flynn and the beautiful Olivia De Havilland plus the nasty but rakish Basil Rathbone. Where the first item had been in black and white, the movie was in full colour and thus Maid Marion’s clothes could be fully appreciated (almost a different outfit for every scene!). Did you know that men’s legs look very skinny in tights? Despite this, Robin proved to be a charming, brave and awfully lucky man, evading the noose and winning Marion’s heart.

After the happy ending we shared a delicious supper before eventually making our various ways home. Thanks to all who contributed to such a fun night, especially Father John. There are already suggestions being put forth for the next film night! Perhaps we’ll see YOU there!

*Chris Angus*



Every person who came to Christ in the New Testament had a definite moment when he received Christ, and his life was changed! He was going in one direction and suddenly he was turned by the Holy Spirit and he went in a new direction. That doesn't mean that he became a full, mature Christian at that moment. It means that he started in a new direction. That first step must be taken.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Christ Church Op Shop is looking for volunteers to assist in its program. If you have time available and are interested, please contact Barbara Szczurko  
Ph 9379 8965

### You might be a parish priest if ...

- you've ever dreamed you were preaching only to awaken and discover that you were.
- you'd rather negotiate with criminals than the church organist.
- a church picnic is no picnic.
- you've been tempted to take up an offering at a family reunion.
- you've wanted to lay hands on a deacon, and you weren't thinking of praying for him/her.
- you often feel like you're heading mules rather than shepherding sheep.
- you've never preached on TV - your wife made you get down before you broke something.

*The Anglican Digest*



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### COMING EVENTS ...

#### **MEN'S DINNER GROUP**

TUESDAY 5th OCTOBER  
7.00 pm @ Lincolnshire Arms Hotel

#### **JAZZ & BLUES NIGHT**

FRIDAY 22nd OCTOBER  
Christ Church Essendon 7.30 pm  
with Greg Jones & Bob Sedergreen \$20 each  
Funds to go to Bush Church Aid Society

#### **LADIES LUNCH GROUP**

SUNDAY 24th OCTOBER  
12.30 pm @ SKYWAYS HOTEL  
113 Matthews Avenue, Airport West.

#### **PILGRIMAGE TO CAMPERDOWN ABBEY**

SATURDAY 30th OCTOBER  
Leave 8 am home around 6 pm  
BYO lunch to share— plus extra food for  
members of the Abbey  
See notice on board in Parish Centre for more  
info.

#### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Sunday 14th November  
9.00 am Eucharist  
10.00 am Cuppa  
10.45 am Meeting  
(Reports need to be with  
Fr John by Sunday 31st October 2010)

#### **FEAST of CHRIST the KING**

(Church Festival Day)  
Sunday 21st November  
8.00 am & 9.30 am Eucharist  
Followed by casserole luncheon in hall

#### **MEN'S DINNER GROUP**

TUESDAY 23rd NOVEMBER  
7.00 pm @ Essendon Football Club

#### **CHRISTMAS & END OF YEAR BREAK UP**

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December  
12 noon at Essendon Football Club  
for all Parishioners

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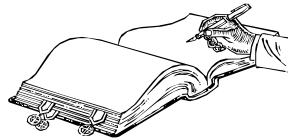
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### From the Registers



#### Funerals:

Ronald Louis Lambert  
Aged 87 years  
7<sup>th</sup> September 2010

Gregory Allan Norris  
Aged 55 years  
27<sup>th</sup> September 2010



### God's kids say the funniest things

A Sunday school teacher said to a little boy in her class:

“So your mother says your prayers for you every night at bedtime. That’s very nice. What does she say?”  
“Thank God he’s in bed!” the little boy

**HAVE YOU SEEN THE  
LATEST ON OUR  
WEB PAGE – CHECK OUT  
[www.essendonanglican.org.au](http://www.essendonanglican.org.au)**

A grandfather was driving his young granddaughter to her softball game when she asked, “Grandpa, did God make you?”

“Yes, indeed, God made me,” her grandfather replied.

“Did God make me, too?” she asked.

“Yes, He did, and He did a good job,” the grandfather answered.

For a few minutes, the little girl seemed to be studying her grandfather, then looked at her reflection in the car mirror.

“You know, Grandpa,” she said, “God’s doing a lot better job lately.”

# PARISH DIARY



# October 2010

## **SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> – OS 27**

8.00 am Eucharist  
9.30 am Sung Eucharist  
11.30 am Warden's Meeting

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup>** – St Francis of Assisi  
Vicar's day off

## **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>**

9.30 am Craft  
7.00 pm Men's Dinner Group

## **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>**

10.00 am Eucharist  
11.00 am Bible Study  
Melbourne Diocese Synod starts

## **SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> – OS 28**

8.00 am Eucharist  
9.30 am Sung Eucharist  
11.30 am Vestry meeting

## **Monday 11<sup>th</sup>**

Vicar's day off

## **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>**

9.30 am Craft

## **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>**

10.00 am Eucharist  
7.30 pm Bible Study

## **SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> OS 29**

8.00 am Eucharist  
9.30 am Sung Eucharist  
5.00 pm Revive@5

## **Monday 18<sup>th</sup>**

Op Shop Annual Meeting & Luncheon  
Vicar's day off

## **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>**

9.30 am Craft

## **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

10.00 am Eucharist  
11.00 am Bible Study

## **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

7.30 pm Jazz & Blues Night

## **SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> – OS 30**

8.00 am Eucharist  
9.30 am Sung Eucharist  
12.30 pm Woman's Group Meeting

## **Monday 25<sup>th</sup>**

Clergy Retreat

## **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>**

Clergy Retreat  
9.30 pm Craft  
11.00 am Deanery Chapter

## **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>**

10.00 am Morning Prayer  
1.30 pm Essendon Nursing Home  
2.00 pm Trevi Court Mass  
7.30 pm EssACC meeting at Aberfeldie

## **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>**

1.30 pm Home Communions

## **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>**

8.00 am Pilgrimage to Camperdown Abbey

## **SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> – OS 31 / All Saints**

8.00 am Eucharist  
9.30 am Sung Eucharist

## **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

Vicar's day off

## **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

9.30 am Craft

## **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

10.00 am Requiem Mass  
11.00 am Bible Study

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