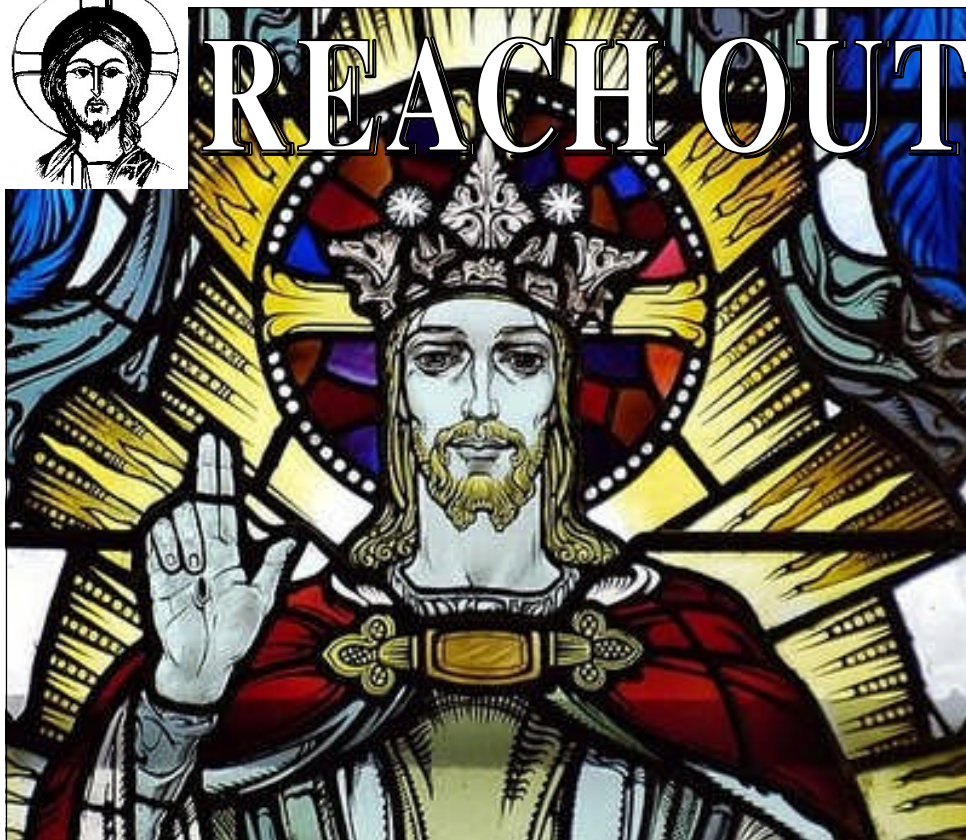




REACH OUT



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For more Annual Meeting Information please see inside.....

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

Vicar: Fr John Mathes

Telephone: 0417 407 768 or 9379 2770



FJ's reflection

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

CONFIRMATION

A wonderful service was held on Sunday 2nd October at 3.00 pm to confirm 6 people and baptise 2. Bishop Philip Huggins was celebrant and confirmed our candidates. (see pics on p 6-7)

ANNUAL MEETING 2011

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NCLS

National Church Life Surveys are held every 5 years and like a census form they check out the health of a parish. We will be doing these forms in November 2011.

ARCHIVES

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ADVENT

At the end of this month is Advent and the start of our preparation for Christmas. Please watch out for information on 9 lessons and Carols and other special services for Advent and Christmas...

REDEVELOPMENT

We are concluding negotiations with the Developers and the Diocese. Title boundaries are being changed, contracts finalised and then the Developers will need to get the Council approvals to start work. There is light at the end of the long tunnel. We hope to print in the next edition of Reach Out final plans.

SOMETHING TO PONDER...

When I was small, my brothers and I were expected to keep the vegetable garden weeded. Of course, we hated the job and we would put it off as long as possible and usually we ended up using a precious Saturday catching up on our work.

One day a visiting uncle rambled into the garden and saw us there scowling at our work. He stopped and asked, "Do you boys know why you're pulling those weeds? It's because they are robbers, stealing food from the vegetables. Now the next thing: do you know how to get this job done quickly and have plenty of time left to play? Divide the garden into six little plots and each of you worry about three of them. Now if you each do one plot every second afternoon, you'll always have your Saturdays free."

The boys followed his advice and had every Saturday free, and were very proud of the neat-looking garden. That uncle taught those boys three lessons about how to handle a hard job:

First, be sure you know why you're doing the job.

Second, think ahead at the job completed.

Third, break down the job into smaller jobs and tackle only one at a time.

The Lord be with you...

Your Vicar

Fr John.

Reverse Christmas Tree

On Advent Sunday, 27th November, our empty Christmas Tree will be placed in the Church. We will decorate the tree with our gifts for underprivileged children, which will then be then distributed by *Anglicare* Broadmeadows Family Services within the Western Region.

Names and ages of 50 children **will be available shortly** — if you are able, please take a tag and buy a gift to help decorate our tree. If you would like to donate gifts but are unable to pick up a tag, please call Margaret Elsey on 9390 9234 and she will organise someone to pick up your gift. Buying for older children is always difficult, but gift vouchers are a great idea.

Anglicare will be collecting the gifts on 12th December to distribute to the children at their Christmas Party.



10 Questions

WAL TINNEY

WAL TINNEY is married to Ruth and has been very active in our parish. Fr John recently asked him 10 questions...

FJ Where were you born?
Wal: Flemington

FJ Where do you live?
Wal: Essendon—all my life.

FJ Career in life?
Wal: Clerk at Olex Cables among
 other jobs

FJ If you could change some
 thing what would it be?
Wal: Get some new legs

FJ Favourite holiday
 destination?
Wal: Touring around Australia &
 Beechworth

FJ Favourite colour?
Wal: Red & Black

FJ Favourite food?
Wal: Any meat dish

FJ AFL Football Team
Wal: Essendon

FJ What is one thing you want
 to do before you die?
Wal: Trip to England

FJ Past and present
 involvement at Christ
 Church?
Ruth: Warden, Vestry. Secretary,
 Treasurer of the Parish

FJ Thank you Wal....

Synod 2011

Fr John, Jamie Lingard and Sue Mac attended Synod this year representing the Parish and below is Sue Mac's report...



This was my first experience of Synod and wow... I had been advised that meetings were long and boring—NOT AT ALL. !!

I thoroughly enjoyed listening to learned people speaking on reports and motions and passing bills about which they felt passionately. Modern technology was evident throughout the sessions; computers, video cameras, microphones and TV screens so that all proceedings were easily heard and seen by all in the Cathedral.

Synod started on the Wednesday night with the Synod Eucharist and the reading of the Archbishop's Synod Charge. This focussed on the main themes of compassion (for asylum seekers, our Pacific neighbours, our national leaders) and the implementation of the Archbishop's vision of "Making the Word of God fully known."

Thursday, Friday and Saturday sessions started with questions from the floor which were later answered by the Archbishop.

Thursday night many motions and bills were passed including the use of independent examinations as an alternative to having our financial books audited. (This is for parish accounts under \$250,000)

Friday night devotions started with "modern guitar music" and prayers. Mr Michael Shand QC (Diocese Chancellor) introduced a couple of complex bills—very legally based, to do with the mechanism for the Episcopal Standards Bill. It was "double dutch" to me until Mr Shand clearly explained the details. What a fine brain and clarity of language he possesses.

Saturday morning began with morning prayer and the business was FINANCE. A comprehensive explanation was given by the Registrar, Mr Ken Spakman. The afternoon saw lots of discussion on the word 'surplus' with reference to the sale of parish property and should the money from sales of property go to the Parish or into setting up new parishes in new growth areas around Melbourne and Geelong.

There were many motions, reports and bills discussed. Some of which were:

- Teaching of religion in schools
- Prevention of violence against women
- Affirming the objectives of the National Churches taskforce on gambling
- The Diocesan budget and financial report
- Reducing the size of synod
- Supporting the Luke 14 programme and establishing an annual Disability Sunday
- Allowing clergy to have a minimum of one week long service leave.

The most moving part of the Synod came at the conclusion when a list of clergy and Synod members who had died since the last Synod were read out. The list included our own Rev David Morrison and Rev Max Seymour. Thanks were given for their lives. On the whole, the Cathedral was full at every session but not necessarily with the same people! Congratulations must go to Fr John who did not miss a single minute of the proceedings—a marvellous exhibition of dedication. I enjoyed the whole experience and heartily recommend all of you to nominate for the privilege of attending.

Sue MacMillan



Around the Parish



CONFIRMEES LtoR Emily Showler, Sarah Trezise (2 young girls in front), Pam Cox at back, Bishop Philip Huggins, Megha Balakrishnan, Nikhil Joy & Ian Brown.

On Sunday 2nd October at 3pm Bishop Philip Huggins (Regional Bishop) confirmed 6 people and baptised 2 people. It was a wonderful celebration, enjoyed by all. Fr John will be starting new confirmation classes early next year.



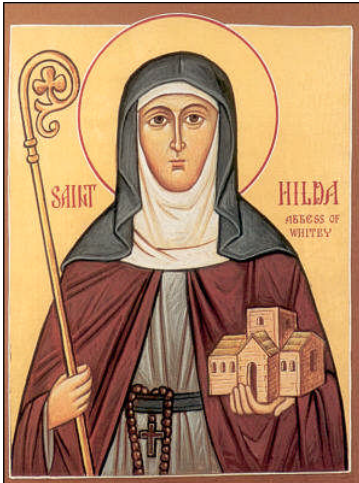
Confirmation



Front LtoR Sarah Trezise, Emily Showler, Hayley Showler (baptised)
 Back LtoR Pam Cox, Ian Brown, Bishop Philip Huggins, Fr John, Megha Balakrishnan & Nikhil Joy



November Saint: St Hilda of Whitby



St HILDA OF WHITBY ABBESS AND PEACEMAKER (18 NOV 680)

Hilda (known in her own century as "Hild") was the grandniece of King Edwin of Northumbria, a kingdom of the Angles. She was born in 614 and baptized in 627 when the king and his household became Christians. In 647 she decided to become a nun, and under the direction of Aidan she established several monasteries. Her last foundation was at Whitby. It was a double house: a community of men and another of women, with the chapel in between, and Hilda as the governor of both; and it was a great center of English learning, one which produced five bishops.

Here a stable-boy, Caedmon, was moved to compose religious poems in the Anglo-Saxon tongue, most of them metrical paraphrases of narratives from Genesis and the Gospels.

The Celtic peoples of Britain had heard the Gospel well before 300 AD, but in the 400's and 500's a massive invasion of Germanic peoples (Angles, Jutes, and Saxons) forced the native Celts out of what is now England and into Wales, Ireland, and Scotland. The invaders were pagans, and missionaries were sent to them in the north and west by the Celts, and in the south and east by Rome and other churches on the continent of Europe.

Roman and Celtic traditions differed, not in doctrine, but on such questions as the proper way of calculating the date of Easter, and the proper style of haircut and dress for a monk. It was, in particular, highly desirable that Christians, at least in the same area, should celebrate Easter at the same time; and it became clear that the English Church would have to choose between the old Celtic customs which it had inherited from before 300, and the customs of continental Europe and in particular of Rome that missionaries from there had brought with them. In 664 the Synod of Whitby met at that monastery to consider the matter, and it was decided to follow Roman usage.

Hilda herself greatly preferred the Celtic customs in which she had been reared, but once the decision had been made she used her moderating influence in favour of its peaceful acceptance. Her influence was considerable; kings and commoners alike came to her for advice. She was urgent in promoting the study of the Scriptures and the thorough education of the clergy. She died 17 November 680.

COLLECT PRAYERS for St HILDA

O God of peace, by whose grace the abbess Hilda was endowed with gifts of justice, prudence, and strength to rule as a wise mother over the nuns and monks of her household, and to become a trusted and reconciling friend to leaders of the Church: Give us the grace to respect and love our fellow Christians with whom we disagree, that our common life may be enriched and your gracious will be done, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN**

Reflections on the Eucharist

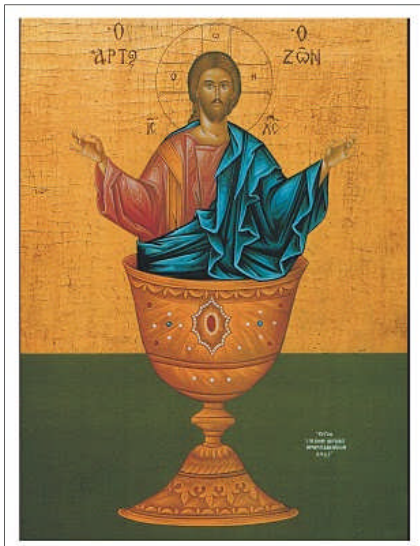
This is a series of reflections on what we do each Sunday at the Eucharist so as to help us understand more what we do and why.

PART 36 CONCLUDING RITE

After receiving Communion we should quietly and prayerfully return to our seat. A hymn may be sung or the choir sing while the priest cleans up the Eucharistic vessels.

The communion rite come to an end with a sentence of scripture (antiphon) and the Post Communion Prayer. This is not a thanksgiving prayer but a plea that the sacrament we have received will be fruitful in our lives.

If there are notices or announcements to be made, they are inserted here. Announcements should be brief and of general interest.



PART 37 FINAL BLESSING

At the end of his gospel, St Luke records that Jesus raised his hands and blessed his disciples; and ' as he blessing them, he departed from them and was taken up into heaven.

The Church continues to blesses in Jesus' name and in the power of his Spirit, concludes the celebration of the Paschal mystery. The simplest form of the blessing is: 'May almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.'

The blessing is a prayer that God, from whom we have just received the greatest gift of all, will continue to grace us with his abiding presence in our daily lives.



PART 38 DISMISSAL

A formal dismissal at the end of the Eucharist is said by the Deacon or Lay Minister. "Go in the peace of Christ." Our response is "Thanks be to God."

The dismissal is not just a sending away but a sending forth.

After the dismissal a hymn may be sung. The priest kisses the altar, as he did when he arrived, and the sanctuary party process out of the church.



INVITATION to the HOLY LAND

Carolyn and Fr John are organising with Inner Faith Travel, a once in a life time trip to the Holy Land to walk in the steps of Jesus. This will be a special opportunity to travel with a friendly group of people with an experienced local tour guide who will safely guide us through Israel as we walk in the steps of Jesus. As well as planning to have a lot of fun and laughter, we also hope this tour will be spiritually encouraging and an uplifting experience.

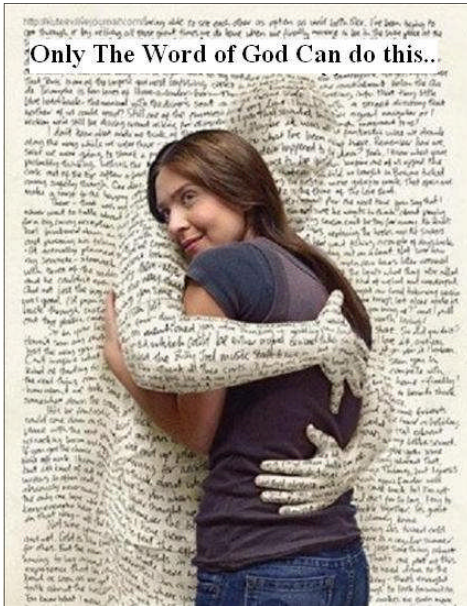
We are wanting to travel with some of our friends and so extend an invitation for you to join us on this special pilgrimage. The trip is from Saturday 12th January to Sunday 27th January 2013. The cost of the trip is just over \$ 6,000 per person twin share (subject to having 15 paying people in the group) A \$300 deposit needs to be paid and the balance to be paid by September 2012

Please see Fr John or Carolyn for a brochure with a lot of additional details. They are happy to answer all your questions and to provide more information.

Come with us and visit Caesarea Philippi, Mt Carmel, Nazareth, Lake Galilee, Capernaum, Dead Sea, Jordan River, Jerusalem and Bethlehem and many other sites. We will sail of Lake Galilee, walk around Jerusalem (the golden city) and see the birth place of our Lord.

Walking in the steps of Jesus





Essendon Combined Charities Card Shop now open

Location: Uniting Church North Essendon,
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Hours - Thursday: 9.30 am — 4.00 pm
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Saturday: 9.30 am — 12.30 pm

Shop will close on Friday December 16th.



Please support the shop again this year.

16 charities represented including Anglicare.



Helen went to church three weeks running,
so she was co-opted to the PCC

RESTRUCTURE OF VESTRY

At the October Vestry meeting, Fr John presented a new proposal for Vestry which was agreed to on a motion. The following is the proposal for your information....

1. That Vestry meets in February, April, June, August and October & December on the 2nd Sunday of the month unless it clashes with Easter etc

Wardens would meet in March, May, July, September & November on the 2nd Sunday of the month unless it clashes with something important.

The Annual Meeting would continue to be at the end of November as per Parochial Government Act requirement.

If there is a need, additional meetings can be added with 21 days notice to Vestry Members

2 That each Vestry member be given a portfolio of special responsibilities
Suggestions only: pastoral care, catering, Stewardship, Social and fundraising, Grounds and maintenance of buildings, Mission & Fresh Expressions, Financial matters, Spirituality, Music, Children's ministry, Church growth & attendances, Mission to the elderly, Communications in the parish, Prayer....
Fr John is open to other suggestions.....

A Vestry member may have the same portfolio for several years while others may change their portfolio yearly.

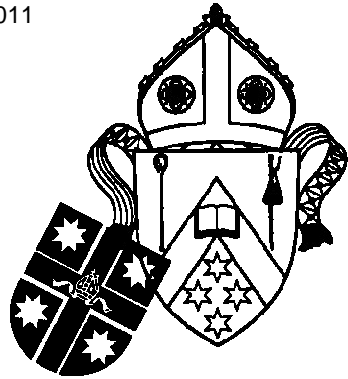
The Parish Priest will always have the portfolio of worship and liturgy
During December / January the Parish

Priest with the Vestry member will draft a job description to bring to February meeting for approval.

Each Vestry member will work with the Parish Priest on these portfolios during the year and give reports at the Annual meeting next year.

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John Mathes
October 2011



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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

FOR YOUR DIARY—more details coming

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9.30 am Sung Eucharist

Advent 2 (Sunday 4th December 2011)

8.00 am Eucharist

9.30 am Sung Eucharist

Advent 3 (Sunday 11th December 2011)

8.00 am Eucharist

9.30 am Sung Eucharist

Advent 4 (Sunday 18th December 2011)

8.00 am Eucharist

9.30 am Sung Eucharist

7.00 pm 9 Lessons and Carols

CHRISTMAS EVE

(Saturday 24th December 2011)

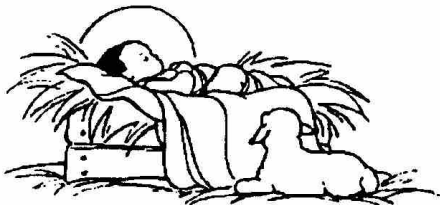
11.00 pm Carols

11.30 pm Christmas Eve Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

(Sunday 25th December 2011)

9.00 am Christmas Day Mass



VALE ERNEST BALDREY

**21st June 1935 -
26th September 2011**

Sadly Ernest Baldrey, husband of Rosalie, died on 26th September 2011 after a short illness. A Requiem Mass was held on Tuesday 4th October for Ernest.

Ernest served in the Indian Airforce, enjoyed boxing and the horses, was a keen supporter of the Essendon Football club, a family man as well as being active member of this Church.

He loved both India (especially Indian food) and Australia and was a proud man.

Please pray for the soul of Ernest and for his family Rosalie, and children Wendy and Mark as they grieve

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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.

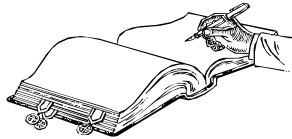
A date for your diary ...

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

INTERESTING WEB PAGES

www.deadseascrolls.org
With support from Google and the
Israel Museum, five of the eight Dead
Sea Scrolls have been digitised and
placed online. The rather novel
project makes entire scrolls
accessible and visitors can zoom into
the text and read complete
translations in English.

From the Registers



Holy Baptism:

Hayley Ellen Showler
2nd October 2011

Megha Balakrishnan
2nd October 2011

Darcy William Clemens
9th October 2011

Zoe Olivia Lovatt
29th October 2011



Confirmation:

Emily Renae Showler
Sarah Kaylee Trezise
Pamela Mary Cox
Ian Edward Brown
Megha Balakrishnan
Nikhil Joy
2nd October 2011



Funerals:

Ernest Charles Singleton Baldrey
Aged 76 years
4th October 2011

Samantha Frederika Kisielis
Aged 27 years
26th October 2011



PARISH INFORMATION

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PARISH DIARY NOVEMBER 2011



SUNDAY 6th – OS 32

8.00 am Eucharist
9.30 am Sung Eucharist

Monday 7th - Vicar's day off

Tuesday 8th

9.30 am Craft

Wednesday 9th

10.00 am Eucharist

SUNDAY 13th – OS 33

8.00 am Eucharist
9.30 am Sung Eucharist

Monday 14th - Vicar's day off

Tuesday 15th

9.30 am Craft

Wednesday 16th

10.00 am Eucharist

SUNDAY 20th OS 34 Christ the

King

9.00 am Sung Eucharist
followed by Morning tea
10.45 am **Annual General Meeting**
12.15 pm lunch at Essendon Football Club

Monday 21st - Vicar's day off

Tuesday 22nd

9.30 am Craft
11.00 am Deanery Chapter

Wednesday 23rd

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

Thursday 24th

1.00 pm Home Communion

SUNDAY 27th – Advent Sunday

8.00 am Eucharist
9.30 am Sung Eucharist

Monday 28th - Vicar's day off

9.00 am Op Shop Committee

Tuesday 29th

9.30 am Craft
11.00 am Deanery Chapter

Wednesday 30th

10.00 am Eucharist

Friday 3rd

7.30 pm Film Night

SUNDAY 4th – Advent 2

8.00 am Eucharist
9.30 am Sung Eucharist

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

