

CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA

Acland St, St Kilda

Newsletter
21st Sunday After Pentecost (OT 29)
17 October 2021

A lighthouse atop Green Knoll
A lighthouse shining in the dark
A lighthouse beaming the light
of life
of love
of hope
of Christ



A vision for
Christ Church St Kilda

*Christ Church St Kilda Parish acknowledges the
Yaluk-ut Weelam Clan of the Boon Wurrung with deep respect.
We give thanks to God for their Elders, both past and present,
and their continuing relationship to this land.*

Christ Church Parish Vision

A worshipping Christian community

- humbly loving God and each other;
- proclaiming the Gospel in word and deed; and
- creating an environment in which all people feel welcomed and accepted.

Christ Church Parish Mission

We take as our Christian Mission the practice of Pastoral Care for our community and the wider community; Worship that welcomes all; Nurturing all peoples; Social Justice; and Caring for God's Creation

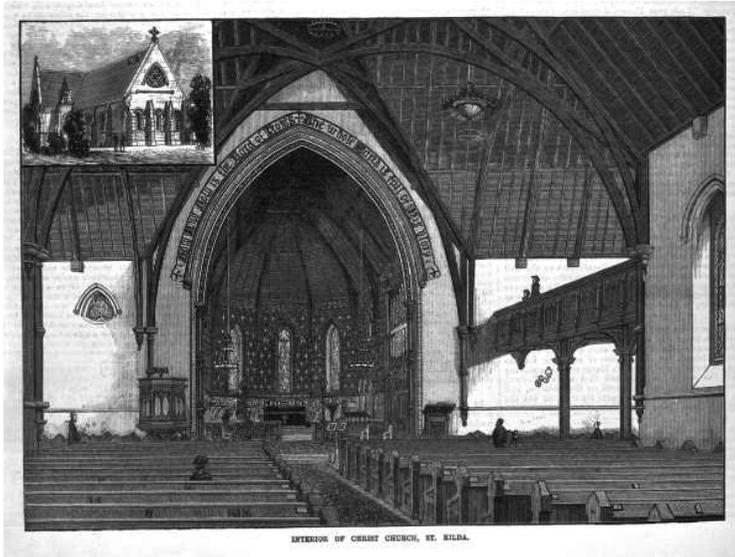
Child Safety Policy

Our commitment to child safety

Christ Church St Kilda has adopted the policy on Child Safety as set down by the Archbishop in Council of the Diocese, the governing body of the Diocese. This Parish is committed to complying with the requirements of Diocesan and Victorian legislation. The Policy states:

The Anglican Church of Australia within the Diocese of Melbourne, including its Cathedral Church of St Paul and each parish or congregation or faith community within the diocese (the Church) is committed to child safe practice. The care, the safety and the welfare of children are embedded in policies and practices which are intended to reflect a commitment to zero tolerance of child abuse.

From the Vicar's Desk



This sketch of the inside of our church that is reputed to have been drawn in 1882 is another reminder of the longevity of its being here at the top of the Green Knoll hill. While the sketch is faithful to the layout it makes the inside look bigger than what it actually is.

The location of the gallery above what is now known as the Chapel of St Michael and All Angels is interesting. When I arrived at Christ Church St Kilda, I was told that that is where the gallery was first located in the church but it was relocated in the early 1880's after the church was extended. (As you know, it is now at the west end of the church. The only access to the gallery was through the turret on the south side of the church.) The gallery was where the household staff/servants that worked in the large mansions in St Kilda were seated. Class distinction was apparently supported and maintained by early Parishioners.

Christ Church is an interesting building that reflects the churchmanship of the Parish over time. For example, the current location of the pulpit is because it needed to be shifted from being at the centre of wall that was removed when the chancel was built. The pulpit was seen to be the place where the Gospel ought to be proclaimed and it was raised not only to ensure that those at the rear of the church might hear but also

because the Gospel came to the people of God from God on high, through the preacher who was God's representative.

The next time you are in church, have a look around the building and take note of all that you see. Ask yourself: what is that? why is that in the church and located where it is? what used to be in the church and why is it no longer there and why?

And More About St. Kilda Pier



The first St. Kilda pier was built in 1853 as a private jetty and just before the opening of Christ Church. It was replaced with a public promenade and enlarged in 1872. For a time it was plagued with larrikins who abused passers-by. One incident in September 1874 is interesting. A dog had gone for a swim from the pier and, when cramp set in, began to drown. Those on the pier were most distressed for it when a well-dressed gent jumped in and saved the pooch! The sea baths next door allowed nude bathing and the nudists could be seen from the pier, arousing considerable protest. The pier was often crowded with promenaders, especially on hot summer nights.

The pier was the official entrance to the city for distinguished visitors, disembarking from their ships in the Bay. Fitzroy Street and St. Kilda Road provided for fine ceremonial welcomes. In

1901 the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York (later King George V and Queen Mary) arrived there to a huge welcome (see picture below). They had come to put the Royal seal on Federation. In 1920, it was the Prince of Wales (later King Edward VIII) forced to walk through a great crowd on the pier and beyond.

There are many other great stories about the St. Kilda Pier.

Prayer Requests

It's important for us to keep our prayers going for those on the Parish prayer list. How do you let the Parish know you have a prayer request to add to the Parish prayer list? You can call Fr Turi on **0413 395 621** or email him at **vicar@christchurchstkilda.org.au**. You can also contact Valerie Lion or Geoffrey Court. We know prayer works.

Praying for the Parish

The Parish Prayer Group continues to meet **every Thursday at 9.30am** to pray for the Parish. When the weather is good they meet in the Memorial Garden otherwise they meet in the St Michael Chapel. During the lockdown they meet by phone. To join them dial: **9028 0274** and then, at the prompt, dial: **858166#**. Everyone is welcome to join the Group whenever you are able. Geoffrey Court is the facilitator.

Morning Daily Services

Morning Prayer services are held Monday to Thursday mornings at 8am in the Zoom room **944 101 4887**. The Morning Daily Service liturgy is available on the Parish Website. You are welcome to join Fr Turi and Peter Wild.

COVID RESTRICTIONS

The Service Victoria QR code system is mandatory for anyone in church facilities. People without smartphones will need to be checked in by someone and only in exceptional circumstances can a non-electronic recording system be used for them. If you have a smartphone/mobile but you haven't done it yet, **please download the Service Victoria QR Code system onto your smartphone/mobile.**

RESTORATION COLLECTION

Many thanks to parishioners who are finding a little extra each Sunday for the separate restoration plate. This is not a replacement for the giving bag held by Valerie but it has been generously supported. We have about \$9000 toward our target of \$10,000. A further \$10,000 has also been received in our National Trust Account from various sources, including from parishioners. The Parish Council records its thanks to our donors.

CHURCH PROPERTY REPORT

Church Grounds

The light blue caravan was again parked at the front of the church this weekend. The caravan belongs to La Belle Epoque Team, led by Marie Berton, and they have been trialling the sale of real freshly made French crepes and waffles with scrumptious toppings. When they are on site they are open from 10am to 2pm.

MAKING A BEQUEST IN YOUR WILL TO CHRIST CHURCH

Parishioners may like to consider leaving a bequest to the Church in their wills, as at least two parishioners are preparing to do presently. If you are interested in this way of helping to keep our beautiful Church continuing into the future please consult the Church website in the "giving" area. Alternatively you are most welcome to speak to a warden confidentially for advice on how to proceed. A proforma can be made available to guide you. If you are making a bequest, it is essential that the ABN number of the Church is stated in your instructions.

FROM THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

The number of people visiting for assistance and support continues to rise each month.

- 396 people in August 2021. 32% increase compared to August 2020.
- 450 people in September 2021. 42% % increase compared to September 2020.

PARISH OFFERTORY

September 2021			Year to date		
Budget	Actual	Var ⁿ	Budget	Actual	Var ⁿ
4,461	3,969	-492	58,000	50,224	-7,776

The Wardens and Fr Turi thank everyone for continuing to give generously toward the life of the Parish during this difficult time.

CALENDAR OF SERVICES

Please note that until further notice all Sunday Services will be online.

24 October 2021: 22nd Sunday After Pentecost (OT 30)

Theme: Our homes

9am Eucharist – Fr Turi

31 October 2021: All Saints' Day (OT 31)

Theme: For all the saints

9am Eucharist – Fr Turi

2 November 2021: All Souls' Day

Theme: For all souls

10am Requiem Mass – Fr Ken

7pm Community Memorial Service – Fr Turi

7 November 2021: 24th Sunday After Pentecost (OT 32)

Theme: Our neighbour

9am Eucharist – Fr Turi

14 November 2021: 25th Sunday After Pentecost (OT 33)

Theme: Our country

9am Eucharist – Fr Turi

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

'LOOKING FORWARD LOOKING BACK'

You will have received notice of an online meeting that Fr Turi will convene on **Tuesday 19 October at 7pm** at which people will be invited to reflect on the last 18 months during the COVID-19 pandemic as we

begin to look forward to easing restrictions and try to build a post-pandemic world knowing that COVID-19 will continue to be around. This gathering has also been advertised widely in our local community but hopefully you will join in too.

COMMUNITY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Tuesday 2 November 2021 at 7pm there is to be a Community Memorial Service either online or in our church where, in keeping with 2 November is *All Souls' Day*, we will remember all those who have died over the last two years, that is during the pandemic. It is intended to especially include all those who died and people were not able to attend their funeral service and/or be with those grieving.

If you would like to have people included in the service please provide their names and some details about them to Fr Turi. Please note this in your diaries and plan to attend. Please also invite family and friends of the deceased to attend.

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