



THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA

**Newsletter
Pentecost
31 May 2020**

**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 Parish Vision

A worshipping Christian community

- humbly loving God and one another;
- 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.

More information on child safety is available at the rear of the Church. You are welcome to talk to the Vicar on this important topic.

From the Vicar's Desk

20 "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me..." (John 17: 20-21)

Today is Thursday 28 May 2020 and the second reading for the Morning Daily Service is John 17: 20-26. Above, I am quoting two verses from the prescribed text.

John 17 is the last of five chapters that describe what occurred in the upper room on the night before Jesus' arrest. In this chapter Jesus prays for himself, for his disciples and for all believers. While his prayers for himself and his disciples are important and deserve close examination, I want us to consider his prayer for all believers. Why? Because in this prayer Jesus expresses his vision and hope for all believers. What he says is pertinent to all believers: those living at the time of the historic Last Supper and those living down through the centuries to us living in 2020 and beyond.

We are going to have an opportunity to consider the Trinity shortly (on Trinity Sunday with Fr Geoff Cheong) but here I want us to consider the Christian belief, stated in the Creeds and the Anglican Articles of Faith, that the Father is not the Son; the Son is not the Father; neither of them is the Holy Spirit yet God is one. Jesus' vision is that all believers would be like the Godhead in their individual and collective relationships: that we all may be one, that we may all be united; bonded together. What is it that unites and binds the Trinity together despite and because of their individual distinctions? It is Love.

What is the hope that Jesus expresses in these two verses? The hope is that those who are not believers may see – witness – the reality of love between and among believers and this would lead to their coming to believe that Jesus is really the Son of God. As people

who believe that Jesus is the Son of God, we ought to mirror the loving relationship that exists between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In so doing, others may come to believe too.

The Day of Pentecost



We welcome Bishop David this morning. We give thanks to God for him and the ministry that he has done over many years. This will be the second time he has preached in our church and there is no doubt that we will benefit greatly from his words of wisdom.

When will we be reopening the Christ Church St Kilda?

The Parish Council met on Wednesday 27 May to consider when the church would be re-opened for worship. After considering all the factors, especially the health and cleaning issues, involved with re-opening the church it was decided to delay doing so until July 2020. It is hoped that by then the COVID-19 crisis will have abated and we will be able to admit a minimum of 50 into the church for worship. We appreciate that this decision may upset some of us but we ask that you be patient and wait until the health dangers that the Coronavirus presents have eased.

COVID Safe Officer

The health requirements from Victoria Health and the Diocese have asked all Parishes and Associated Anglican Congregations (AACs) to appoint a COVID Safe Officer who would have responsibility for ensuring the Parish complies with all the COVID safety requirements for church buildings and activities. I am pleased to inform you that Robyn Foy has kindly agreed to take up the position. In preparation for the re-opening of the church, Robyn and a small team of helpers will put in place everything to ensure that the Parish meets these requirements.

Feast of Corpus Christi

We will be celebrating the Feast of Corpus Christi on **Sunday 14 June**. In preparation for that celebration, you are invited to send Fr Turi a picture depicting what the Eucharist - also known as the Holy Communion and the Lord's Supper according to different traditions and theological understandings - means to you. For example, the picture may be of a chalice containing wine and paten with wafers on it or it may be a picture of the crucified Christ or of a group of people gathered around a dinner table. Email, post or deliver the picture to Fr Turi before **Saturday 13 June** so they may be hung on a display stand.

Calendar of Services

Sunday Services

7 June 2020: Trinity Sunday

Theme: The Holy Trinity

9am Eucharist: Rev Geoff Cheong

14 June 2020: Corpus Christi – 2nd Sunday After Pentecost

Theme: The body and blood of Christ

9am Eucharist: Fr Turi Hollis

21 June 2020: Third Sunday After Pentecost

Theme: God our strength and support

9am Eucharist: Fr Ken Letts

28 June 2020: Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Theme: God's righteousness

9am Eucharist: Fr Turi Hollis

Morning and Evening Daily Services

Monday to Friday - Morning Service 8.00 am

Monday to Thursday - Evening Service 5.30 pm

Covid-19: Caring for People in the Community

The Community Centre is still very busy helping people with food and other essentials. The Community Centre has continued to provide emergency food and on Wednesday nights an 'Open House' takeaway meal. Donations of food are always welcome!

During Covid-19 isolation Fr Turi has been reaching out to the community. People have sought prayer for themselves and/or for other people. Some have sought a listening ear to talk about their loneliness, stress and other issues. Parish Council has decided that we should reach out to the community generally. Fr Turi would welcome volunteers to join a team that would pray with people and who would be available to be a listening ear for people who feel they need to talk. If you are interested in joining the team please contact Fr Turi (0413 395 621).

Parish offertory

April 2020			Year to date		
Budget	Actual	Varn	Budget	Actual	Varn
4,461	4,041	-420	33,461	31,904	-1,557

The Wardens and Fr Turi would like to thank everyone for continuing to give to the Parish.