

# CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA

## Acland St, St Kilda

Newsletter  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
24 April 2022

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

Despite having three doses for COVID, I tested positive on 30 March and since then it has quite a time. Sadly Dianne also tested positive on 3 April which meant that both of us had to stay in isolation until 10 April. Unfortunately we were both still testing positive on 10 April. This required us to stay in isolation until we both tested negative. We finally tested negative on 12 April. However, COVID symptoms have persisted for both of us. We have been lacking in energy, terrible headaches, brain fog and coughing. The virus also affected my diabetes throughout, which meant that I had to remain under hospital care until Easter Saturday. I tried to return to work on Easter Sunday but ran out of energy after the 10am service. I tried again on Easter Monday but, again, due to on-going tiredness I could only do limited work. This continued for the rest of the week.

I want to thank all of you for your prayers and support during this stress-filled time. Thank you to the Wardens and Parish Council for their support and encouragement to Dianne and I and allowing me to have time off after we tested negative. I also want to thank Fr Ken Letts for stepping in to take the services, especially during the latter part of Lent, Holy Week, Easter and this past week, a very important and sacred time for the Church and the Parish. He also undertook some pastoral care for which I am very grateful.

I would not recommend anyone getting the virus and I now pray earnestly for those who have not been vaccinated. What Dianne and I suffered despite being vaccinated was bad enough. Those who are not vaccinated and catch it must have a terrible time. Please pray for them too and stay safe and well everyone!!

After having written all the negative things above, I hope you all had a reflective Easter and celebrated the resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Sunday.

*He is risen!! He is risen indeed!!! Alleluia!!!*

## 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. During the lockdown they met by phone. Now that the restrictions are eased they meet in the Memorial Garden when the weather is good otherwise they meet in the St Michael Chapel. Everyone is welcome to join the Group whenever you are able. Geoffrey Court is the facilitator.

## MORNING DAILY SERVICES

The Morning Prayer services held online Monday to Thursday mornings at 8am resumed on Monday 10 January. You can join Fr Turi on Zoom. **The Zoom ID No. is: 944 101 4887**

## LIVING WITH COVID-19

The following is an extract from the latest missive from Archbishop Philip on COVID restrictions:

### **"Easing restrictions**

From midnight Friday night (22 April 2022), anyone can attend church services, activities and premises regardless of vaccine status. Food and drink are also available to anyone and those serving are not required to wear masks. QR code check in no longer applies for any activity in church. Unvaccinated people can now work in and on church premises.

In practice, churches and church activities are free of restrictions though we continue to echo the health advice to maintain good hygiene and care, use sanitiser, and not to attend if you have any symptoms."

Fr Turi and Robyn ask that even though the wearing of face masks and presenting proof of our vaccination status are no longer required please be 'COVID conscious'. Please continue with our 'duty of care' for ourselves and for others. We can still keep each other safe.

- We continue to encourage you to wear a mask, particularly while singing

- Only attend church services and events if you are well and have not been in contact with a COVID positive case or been asked to isolate.
- Please remain mindful of maintaining your distance.

## FROM THE WARDENS

### Old Vicarage

The Diocesan heritage architect, Arthur Andronas, met with Charles and Gary and the Diocesan Buildings Officer, Diana Zappacosta, recently to finalize matters related to the renovation work on the Old Vicarage and to certify practical completion. The final accounts were received to the amount of \$50,445 which meant that there were no savings on the original quotation. The account will need to be paid by drawing down on a loan facility the Parish has with the Diocese. It was noted that a leak is now apparent in one of the rooms. After the group inspected the leak Arthur had Tech Rest look and it was decided that this leak was caused by previous wet spots drying out. The Parish was asked to keep the gutters clear.

Some \$5000 was received from St. Luke's to be put toward further repairs. A contractor has been engaged to repair a window in the servants' quarters and the rotten timber supporting the veranda over the back door. A quote of \$4532.00 has been accepted and this work is due to occur on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

### The Church

Nine window areas of the church have been patch painted and attention given to redirecting spot lights. Two globes have been replaced. The wall area under the memorial has also been repaired and repainted so that the appearance of the Church is improved. There is a need to continue this redecoration of the Nave and Transepts.

During Arthur's visit the Wardens took the opportunity to get him and Diana Zappacosta to inspect the Church. Major problems were noted.

a) two stained glass windows behind the high altar are in a perilous state due to buckling and splitting of glass. Bruce Hutton of Almond Glass has been contacted to inspect and quote.

b) The CMP is completed and has been sent to Elan for their comments. No reply to date.

c) Arthur noted several slates slipped or missing on the roof and said he would send Tech Rest with cherry picker to repair. We have now received an account from TR for \$2340.00 for a previous Church roof repair.

d) Arthur inspected the fallen plaster in the Chancel and recommended plates be attached to the areas to support the plaster.

e) The cherry picker will be used to inspect the Grey Smith window and stonework in the South transept where daylight can be seen through several splits and cracks. Arthur will then report.

f) Arthur is preparing a revised quotation for the belfry repairs.

### Financial Position Of The Parish

Again, thank you to all parishioners and supporters for keeping the giving going via the plate at such a splendid rate. The costs of running the Church and the whole site are very considerable and we work hard to make ends meet. Our fundraising is doing very well, having raised over \$6000 since October last year. Robyn Foy, Valerie Lion and supporters do a fantastic job and we are very grateful for their efforts.

We are thankful to you all for your giving during the months of October 2021 through to April 2022. The collections have exceeded the budget figure so that, at the moment, the budget line continues in positive territory. This demonstrates great support for the survival of Christ Church. Keep up the great work everyone!.

### PARISH OFFERTORY

March 2022			Year to date		
Budget	Actual	Var <sup>n</sup>	Budget	Actual	Var <sup>n</sup>
4,831	5,502	671	31,000	33,305	2,205

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

## CURRENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Lenten Studies

AS YOU KNOW, There are two **Lenten Study Groups** this year. One group is led by Fr Turi and the other by Fr Ken. Fr Turi's group meets in the vicarage on **Thursday evenings beginning at 7pm** and Fr Ken's group meets on **Friday mornings at 10am** in the Community Centre. This year the programme will run for **10 weeks** and is entitled *The Creed In Slow Motion*.

### Social Connection Group

The **Social Connection Group's** pot-luck meal for men who are experiencing loneliness, anxiety and depression in their lives is held on **Tuesday evenings in the vicarage from 6:30pm onward**. This time in the evening is to enable men who are working to be included. If you know someone, or know of someone, who might be interested in joining such a group please speak with them and ask them to contact Fr Turi.

### Fundraising Event on Saturday 30 April 2022

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the **Mini Market** at the end of March. Volunteers are needed on **Saturday 30 April**. The Crepe Caravan will be onsite and the Parish Fundraising Team would like to have a Book Sale on the same day. Setting up will commence at **9am for a 9:30am** start and it will close around **1pm/1.30pm** for packing away. As well as volunteers to set up and to pack away, two volunteers will be needed during the selling time as one has to be available for Eftpos. Please speak to **Robyn Foy and/or Valerie Lion**.

## CALENDAR OF SUNDAY WORSHIP

### May 2022

#### 1 May 2022: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

*Theme: Christ our shepherd*

9am Eucharist - Fr Turi

11am Gathering for Fellowship - Fr Turi

#### 8 May 2022: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

*Theme: Christ our light*

9am Eucharist - Fr Turi

11am Gathering for Fellowship - Fr Turi

#### 15 May 2022: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

*Theme: Christ our prophet*

9am Eucharist - Fr Ken

11am Gathering for Fellowship - TBC

#### 22 May 2022: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

*Theme: Christ our high priest*

9am Eucharist - Fr Ken

11am Gathering for Fellowship - TBC

#### 29 May 2022: Ascension Day

*Theme: Christ risen, ascended, glorified*

9am Eucharist - Fr Ken

11am Gathering for Fellowship - TBC

#### 5 June 2022: Day of Pentecost

*Theme The Spirit poured out*

9am Eucharist - Fr Ken

11am Gathering for Fellowship - TBC

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