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### **THE SUNDAY 11AM INFORMAL GATHERING HAS BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**BUT, we are sharing Reflections after morning tea at 10.30am  
each Sunday except the last Sunday of every month.**

*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 ST KILDA

Acland St, St Kilda  
Newsletter

28<sup>th</sup> May 2023

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

Dear Christ Church Parishioners,  
Today, we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the 120 people gathered in obedience to Jesus' instructions: "not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," He said, "is what you have heard from Me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit, not many days from now." (Acts 1:4f)

"The Day of Pentecost marks fifty days since Easter Day and brings the Easter season to an end. It is a major feast of the Church's year when Christians recall how God's Holy Spirit was given to the disciples after Jesus' ascension, empowering them to begin the work of making disciples of all nations.

Pentecost (which comes from the Greek word for 'fiftieth') has its roots in the Jewish Feast of Weeks.

Jesus had promised his followers that, although they would not see him after his Ascension, they would receive the Holy Spirit to guide and inspire them.

The Acts of the Apostles describes how the crowds gathered in Jerusalem – representing many nationalities and speaking many languages – were able to hear the disciples preaching in their own language. When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Acts 2, Chapter 2

The colour most often associated with Pentecost is red, representing the tongues of fire which the Acts of the Apostles describes appearing above the heads of the disciples as a sign that they had received the Holy Spirit.

With its focus on God's Spirit being poured out on believers, Pentecost is one of the most popular days for baptisms and confirmations in the Church's year. Pentecost is also referred to as Whit Sunday (or Whitsun), especially in the north-west of England, where traditional parades called Whit Walks take place, often featuring brass bands.

*From the website of the Church of England.*

As we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, we celebrate the church's birthday. It is a joyous occasion, yet a sobering occasion as we realize that God's promise to send the Holy Spirit is real in the lives of Christians. The Holy Spirit at work within each of us, enables us to be faithful witnesses to God's Son, Jesus our Lord. Happy Birthday to God's church and God's people!

*Mother Gail*

LEADING YOUR CHURCH INTO GROWTH (LYCiG) Zoom Seminar will be at 7 pm on the third Wednesday of each month. Remaining dates:

2) 7pm - Wednesday - 21st June 2023

3) 7pm - Wednesday - 19th July 2023

4) 7pm - Wednesday - 16th August 2023

5) 7pm - Wednesday - 20th September 2023

6) 7pm - Wednesday - 18th October 2023

7) 7pm - Wednesday - 15th November 2023- perhaps - celebrate!  
Please can you decide to attend and add these dates to your diary?

THERE IS NO "COST" EXCEPT THAT OF 60-90 minutes of your time ONCE A MONTH FOR 6 SESSIONS!

GEOFFREY COURT HAS KINDLY SUPPLIED US WITH THE ZOOM LINK, WHICH IS: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83991891400?pwd=eVduZjVuYmFNVWVtczVNU3JEZXBkdz09> on your computer

Meeting ID: 839 9189 1400

Passcode: 564752

Please be encouraged to join with us all on this journey together to grow god's church at Christ Church.

Thank you so very much.

*Mother Gail*

If you would like me to call around for a chat or if you'd like to chat on the phone, please contact me and we can arrange a suitable time. My contact details:

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Yours in Christ's service,

*Mother Gail*

### **A PRAYER FOR MISSION**

God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions and power to our witness. Help Christ Church to grow in numbers, In spiritual commitment to you And in service to our St Kilda community. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION**

In order that all can safely receive the bread and the wine, the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion, the Priest, following the Prayer of Consecration, will intinct at the Altar all the people's hosts with wine from the Chalice and then distribute them to the congregation.



### **REFLECTION GROUP**

The "REFLECTION" Group will not meet today because of the Linger Longer morning tea, Nor the following Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> June, because of the Lay Deanery Annual Lunch at Christ Church – to which all are welcome. Please bring a plate of savoury or sweet food to share for this lunch. And let Robyn know what you will be bringing – THANK YOU!

We will continue to meet on Sunday mornings following morning tea (except for the last Sunday of each month).

We are reflecting on the Book of Acts in a booklet written by NT Wright, former Anglican Bishop of Durham and who is currently Senior Research Fellow at Oxford University. He is the author of more than 70 books on Christianity. This group is open to everyone.

### **SUNDAY MONTHLY LINGER LONGER MORNING TEA**

This really is simply an extended morning tea, at which we hope you will linger longer and enjoy one another's company.

**Robyn Foy** has prepared a Roster, to which we invite you to sign up and volunteer for the last Sunday of the month at some time this year to provide, prepare, present and tidy up afterwards.

Please stay a lot longer than usual so that we can enjoy chatting together.

### **PRAY FOR RECONCILIATION**

At the end of May we mark Reconciliation Week

Please pray for reconciliation in the run-up to the referendum on a First Nations Voice to Parliament.

## FROM THE WARDENS

### PARISH FINANCES: Report on Offertory Collections

April 2023			Year to date		
Budget	Actual	Var	Budget	Actual	Var
5,962	5,963	1	36,962	38,422	1,460

The Wardens thank everyone for continuing to give generously toward the life of the Parish.

**Do you need a new set of offertory envelopes?  
We have plenty at the back of the Church and do feel  
free to request a set from Valerie or the wardens.**

### OUR NEXT FUNDRAISING EVENT. FOR YOU TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

**MINI MARKET - Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 9am-2pm  
(next Saturday!)**

Please, come and support our monthly market, by having a stall or coming to purchase, a book, a taco (delicious), a plant or any of the other items for sale.

Also, please encourage your family and friends to have a stall the more stalls we have, the more people come.

### **ALL SAINTS CHURCH SUNDAY CONCERTS AT 3PM**

*28 May - Ensemble Gombert, Music for Pentecost*

*11 June - Colin Andrews, organ*

*25 June - Frank Blakiston Brass Quintet*

Tickets \$25 / \$20 concession / students free. Contact: 9913 9365 (Tue3s & Fri 10.30am-2.30pm) <http://www.allsaints.org.au/concerts>

## MAY CALENDAR OF WORSHIP

21<sup>st</sup> May - Celebration of the Ascension

*9am Eucharist - Fr Ken Letts*

28<sup>th</sup> May - The Feast of Pentecost

*9am Eucharist - Mother Gail*

## JUNE CALENDAR OF WORSHIP

4<sup>th</sup> June - Trinity Sunday

*9am Eucharist - Mother Gail*

11<sup>th</sup> June - Feast of Corpus Christi

*9am Eucharist - Mother Gail*

18<sup>th</sup> June - Ordinary Sunday 11

*9am Eucharist - Fr Ken Letts*

25<sup>th</sup> June - Ordinary Sunday 12

*9am Eucharist - Mother Gail*

