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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

14th 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,

I hope you have been encouraged by the new people we have welcomed to Christ Church over the last several months, as have I. It is truly such an encouragement to welcome new people to Christ Church. Please can we all continue to pray for GROWTH at Christ Church? I mean specifically, growth in our faith and trust in our Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ for each of us personally and growth in the numbers of new people attending Christ Church and staying and becoming vital members of the Body of Christ at Christ Church.

On the 7th, 8th and 9th of March, 2023, I attended a Conference organised by the Diocese of Melbourne, titled: "Leading Your Church Into Growth." Robyn Foy and Geoffrey Court both attended some of the Conference which was held in the meeting rooms next to St. Patrick's Cathedral. There were approximately 100 participants including the Archbishop, Bishops Kate Proud and Bishop Genieve Blackwell and lots of clergy and parishioners from throughout the Diocese of Melbourne in attendance.

There is a website; leadingyourchurchintogrowth.org.uk where you can find out more information about this "tool" as a means by which we pray and hope we can build up our local church.

From their website:

"Welcome to Leading your Church into Growth

Introducing Leading your Church into Growth – we're a Christian organisation who equip church leaders and churches to grow.

For almost 25 years we have been serving the local church across the country with a vision to encourage and equip churches to grow both numerically and spiritually. We run residential courses, provide training days and resources as well as supporting dioceses in developing their own growth programmes. We help all kinds of churches, Catholic or Charismatic, Evangelical or Liberal, Rural or Urban, Big or Small."

Canon John Sanderson, who preached at Christ Church a few weeks ago and spoke with us in the Mission Centre following morning tea, has offered to lead seven sessions of one hour, via Zoom one a month on the third Wednesday of each month at 7pm via Zoom (commencing this coming Wednesday, 17th May) - we don't even have to leave our warm homes and come out in the cold!! How good is that?

YOU ARE WARMILY INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND SESSIONS FOR CHRIST CHURCH of LEADING YOUR CHURCH

INTO GROWTH. THE DATES AND TIMES ARE:

The dates and times for the LYCIG sessions, are:

- 1) 7pm Wednesday 17th May, 2023
 - 2) 7pm - Wednesday - 21st June, 2023 - (8 pm Christ Church Parish Council)
 - 3) 7pm - Wednesday - 19th July, 2023
 - 4) 7pm - Wednesday - 16th August, 2023 (8pm Christ Church Parish Council)
 - 5) 7pm - Wednesday - 20th September, 2023
 - 6) 7pm - Wednesday - 18th October, 2023 (8pm Christ Church Parish Council)
 - 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 ONE HOUR ONCE A MONTH FOR 7 SESSIONS!

GEOFFREY COURT HAS KINDLY SUPPLIED US WITH THE ZOOM LINK, WHICH IS: Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83991891400?pwd=eVduZiVvYmFNVWVtczVNU3JEZXBkdz09>

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: Ph. 0458254882 / e mail: gaildbryce@icloud.com
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.

REFLECTION GROUP

The "REFLECTION" Group, will continue to meet on Sunday mornings following morning tea (except for the last Sunday of each month when there will be a Parish Brunch).

We will be 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. Please let **Mother Gail** know if you would like to join this group which is open to all. We need to know how many booklets to order. Thank you.

SUNDAY BRUNCH

We commenced our, "last Sunday in the month - BRUNCH!" in April. 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.

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.



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.

THE CORONATION MORNING TEA

What a feast! Many thanks to all those who supplied delicious treats to help the Parish celebrate the Coronation. A very special thanks to *Robyn* and *Valerie* for all their work to set up and clean up. They do this every week but the workload on Sunday was quite demanding. A good time was had by all!

CHURCH FLOWERS

A big thank you to **Sandra** for taking over on the flower roster in the absence of Elisabeth. Lovely colourful flowers for our Coronation Service.

FUTURE FUNDRAISING EVENTS TO NOTE

OUR FUN TRIVIA NIGHT PLEASE NOTE: CHANGE OF DATE

NOW ON SATURDAY 27TH MAY

VENUE: Middle Park Bowling Club
Please book on line for your tickets (\$30), go to
<https://www.trybooking.com/CHUDY>
Remember, tables book out quickly as it is a popular event. AND
*please help us by donating gourmet goodies such as olives,
flavoured oil, special chocolate, special spreads, sauces etc.
so that we can make up a hamper for our trivia night raffle prize.*

NEXT MINI MARKET - Saturday 3rd June 9am-2pm

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.

THEATREWORKS - UNCLE VANYA - TICKETS SOLD OUT!

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.

MAY CALENDAR OF WORSHIP

14th May - Sixth Sunday of Eastertide

9am Eucharist - Mother Gail

21st May - Celebration of the Ascension

9am Eucharist - Fr Ken Letts

28th May - The Feast of Pentecost

9am Eucharist - Mother Gail

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>

