

Sunday 20 September 2020
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



COVID UPDATE

The Archbishop's COVID update states: "Until 28 September, churches and church buildings remain closed. From 28 September, outdoor gatherings on church property of up to five people plus a clergyperson are possible, but not for a service. From 26 October this will be eased to ten people, include outdoor services, and private prayer inside the church would be possible within limits. At this stage, indoor services cannot resume until at least **23 November**." This is probably not the news we wanted to hear but it is what we must do for the welfare of our community and out of respect for our authorities who face incredibly difficult decisions.

PASTORAL CARE AND SUPPORT

Please contact Graeme on 0468 696 353 if you are in need of any kind of support – his day-off is Tuesday.

Also, please make good use of your phones to keep in touch with each other through this time. It can get quite lonely for people who are by themselves and isolated. We can all provide some support to each other.

TO KNOW CHRIST, TO SERVE CHRIST, TO PROCLAIM CHRIST

PHILIPPIANS BIBLE STUDY

Today we start a four week series following the lectionary readings from Philippians. Last Wednesday (16th) we commenced a Zoom Bible Study, which will continue for the next three **Wednesdays @ 10.30am**. This study will allow us to go deeper and look more closely at what applying the teaching of Philippians to our lives might look like. To join in, email Graeme and he will email you the link or just copy

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81792137213?pwd=NjJYREo3dEZIdXY2SUZWKzFKT2lCUT09> Meeting ID: 817 9213 7213 Passcode: 721267.

NEW PARISH CENTRE

A pamphlet showing the design and explaining where we are at with the plans for the proposed new Parish Centre is currently at the printer. Shortly you will receive a copy of this pamphlet along with a letter from the Vicar and the Wardens inviting your feedback and seeking your support. Your opinion on this project is important so please fill in the response slip as soon as you can. If you want to know more, please speak to the Vicar or the Wardens (Michael, Marien and Ashton) or to a member of the committee (Jeremy Smith, Margo Hartley and Doreen Lilley). Please continue to pray for wisdom for the Committee as they continue to work on this project and for God's gracious hand to be over this project as we seek to provide for the future ministry at St James'.

FROM THE ARCHIVES – December 25th 1976 - Vicars Appreciation



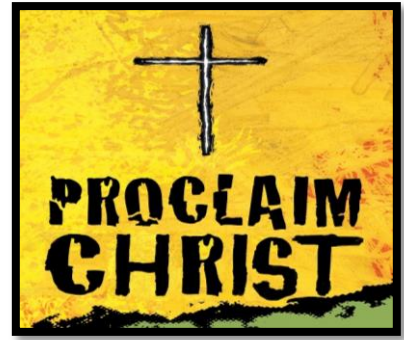
A great deal of fine work has been done this year, by our team of workers in the parish family throughout the year. Some recent included were; The creative achievements of various levels of the Sunday Club, Kindergarten, the Searchers, and the Pathfinders, focussed happily at the very successful prize giving on December 12th. The inspiring music of the Choir, particularly at the Advent Carol Service,(who were joined by members of other choirs in the district), the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, and pre-Christmas at the local hospitals. The year's work of the Ladies Guild, the Mothers Union, the Women's Evening Group, the Social Activities Committee, and the Young Adults, all combined in a major effort for our Annual Fair, held at Dandenong Town Hall. The memorials to the late Mrs Myrtle May Yeaman and Mr Frederick John Scarlett have been incorporated into two very important additions to the St James. These are, two pillar type Gas Heaters have been installed in the Hall, and a Public Address System installed into the Church. We appreciated the work and technical skills from Tom Andersen and Roger David with the installation of the Sound System.

PARISH NEWS REFLECTION - Philippians 1 - Proclaim Christ

Our Parish Mission Statement is “To Know Christ, To Serve Christ, To Proclaim Christ.”

This mission statement actually serves as good outline for Paul’s letter to the Philippians. Over these next four weeks will take the themes:

- Philippians 1 “Proclaiming Christ”
- Philippians 2 “Serving Christ”
- Philippians 3 “Knowing Christ”
- Philippians 4 “Rejoicing in Christ”



As we look today at Chapter 1 of this marvellous, joyful letter from the apostle Paul to the Philippian church, we will follow this outline:

1. Paul’s Confidence in the gospel (1-11)

- a. I thank my God every time I remember you (1-5)
- b. God, who began this good work in you, will carry it on until it is finished (6-8)
- c. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more (9-11)

2. Paul’s passion to proclaim Christ (12-26)

- a. What has happened to me has actually helped to spread the gospel (12)
- b. That Christ is proclaimed in every way and in that I rejoice (18)

3. Paul’s call to stand firm in the Gospel of Christ (27-30)

- a. Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ (27)
- b. Stand firm in the faith of the gospel and do not be intimidated (28-30)

To Think About:

What is the basis of your confidence as you seek to stand firm in your faith?

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

Thank you to those who are either depositing into our bank account or dropping off your offerings at the vicarage. Bank details are as follows:

Name: St James Anglican Church, Dandenong
BSB 703 122 Account No: 05004623

If you have a Stewardship envelope, please use your name and envelope number as a reference so that it can be applied to your stewardship giving.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



We pray for those who are sick or troubled in body or mind, or who have special needs:

(Please email contact@stjamesdandenong.com or contact clergy for prayers for anyone who is in need of them).

This week we continue to pray for:

Tom; Ian; Keith; Keith; Wayne; Mike Antoinette; Terry; Ruth; Tobia; Alma.

We extend our condolences to Christopher Muller on the passing of his mother Hilda; Ian Oliver on the passing of his father, and Christine Toth on the passing of her mother.

We pray for our Aged Care facilities and especially for Mercy Place & Outlook Gardens where there have been outbreaks of COVID19.

We also pray for: The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; Diocese of Ballarat; Caulfield Grammar School; Parish of St Paul's, Inverleigh w. St John's, Bannockburn and Church of the Epiphany, Meredith; Parish of St John's, Cranbourne w. Christ Church, Tooradin; St Agnes Glenhuntly; Christ Church Newport; Archbishop Philip and all our bishops in their ministry this week.



LAWN MOWING ROSTER:

The Lawn Mowing Roster is on hold until further notice

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 27 September

Exodus 17.1-7; Psalm 78.1-4, 78.11-16; Philippians 2; Matthew 21.23-32.

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