



ST JAMES' PARISH NEWS



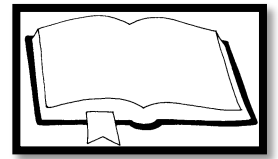
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WORSHIP AT ST JAMES TODAY

SENTENCE: May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways.
2 Thessalonians 3.16

COLLECT: Lord God of all the ages,
the One who is, who was, and who is to come:
stir up within us a longing for your kingdom,
keep our hearts steady in times of trial,
and grant us patient endurance until the Sun of justice dawns.
We make our prayer through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

HYMNS: TIS 132; TIS 665; MP 75; TIS 13.



A READING – Isaiah 65.17-25

A reading from the book of Isaiah Chapter 65 beginning at the 17th verse:

¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.
¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.
¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.
²⁰ No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat
their fruit.
²² They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
²³ They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord - and their descendants as well.
²⁴ Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.
²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PARISH NEWS, HAPPENINGS & PRAYER POINTS – 17 NOVEMBER 2019



If you are visiting us today, it is wonderful you have joined us to worship the Living Lord.
If you would like to find out more about Jesus or His church here at St James, please speak to the clergy or a parishioner.

WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday:

8am: Holy Communion
10am Holy Comm. & Morning Tea
4:30pm Arabic speaking Congregation
6pm Chollo speaking Congregation

Wednesday Morning:

10am Holy Comm. & Morning tea

Friday Evening:

5pm Evening Prayers - All welcome

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

24 November

Parish Annual Meeting

1 December

First Sunday of Advent

15 December

Carol Service & Night Market

MISSION BOXES

If you have forgotten your Mission Box today you can return it next week. Anyone who would like to know more about a Mission Box and be a regular giver to the Anglican Missionary Organisations – Anglican Board of Mission – Australia (ABM), Bush Church Aid (BCA), Church Missionary Society – Victoria Inc (CMS) speak to our **new Mission Box Secretary, Kaye Schendzielorz (9700 1770)** and she will be happy to arrange one for you.

NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH COUNCIL

TODAY is your last opportunity to nominate for the positions of Churchwarden, member of Parish Council, or member of the Incumbency Committee. Nomination forms are in the porch and completed forms can be placed in the mailbox near the door.

LECTIONARIES AND AUSTRALIAN CHURCH CALENDARS

Australian Church Calendars and Lectionaries \$13. These will be available on **TODAY**. Correct money would be appreciated. Thank you Marlene Newell

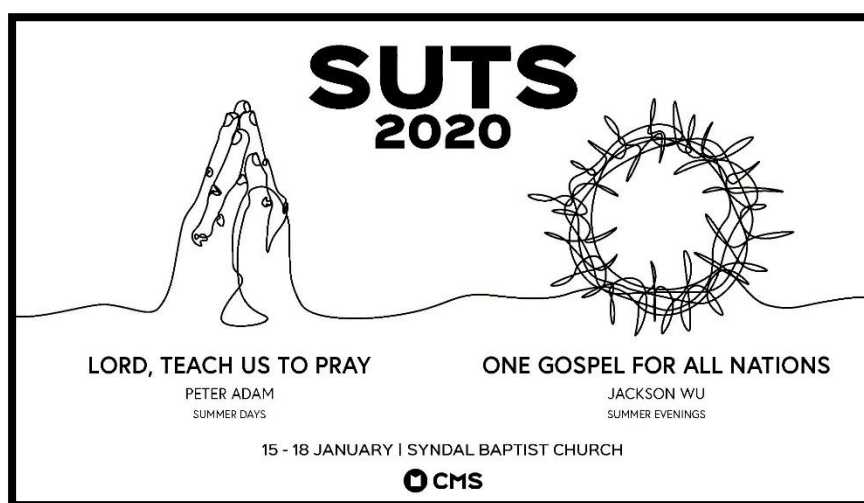
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING: 12PM SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER

Each year our parish holds an Annual Meeting to hear about the life and work of St James, reflect on the past year and consider the future. The members of our Parish Council, as well as Wardens and Incumbency Committee will be elected at this meeting.



ST JAMES' MOTHERS' UNION EVENING FELLOWSHIP

Our final meeting for the year will be the end-of-year celebration at Beletti's Restaurant, 161 Lonsdale Street on **Wednesday 20 November at 7 pm**. Spouses/partners are most welcome. Please register your name(s) on the list in the porch if you will be attending.



CMS SUMMER UNDER THE SON (15-18 JANUARY)

SUTS is CMS Victoria's annual cross-cultural missions conference - connecting local Christians with God's mission plan to see A World That Knows Jesus. The daytime talks will be on prayer by Peter Adam: Lord, Teach us to Pray.

The evening talks will be on humbly speaking the gospel to other cultures by Jackson Wu. Venue: Syndal Baptist Church, Glen Waverley. See: summerundertheson.org

CMS SUTS YOUTH CAMP (13-17 JANUARY)

Summer Under The Son Youth Camp believe that young people are called to participate in God's redemption plan for everyone. For this reason, the camp's vision is to empower youth to transform the world to know Jesus. Venue: Phillip Island Adventure Resort. See: summerundertheson.org/youth

We are providing a discount for St James youth who wish to attend, but you must register by November 28. Contact Rev Graeme or Rev Jeremy to arrange this.

FAIR SIGNS

Thank you to those who placed Fair signs in their gardens. If you haven't already done so could you please return them to the Church as soon as possible so that we have them available for next year.

CHANGE AND UNCERTAINTY IN OUR MIDST - SO BEWARE AND ENDURE

Our Gospel reading from Luke 21:5-19 reminds us that change and uncertainty is always in our midst. Some of Jesus' disciples remark about one of the great structures of the ancient world, the temple in Jerusalem. In Jesus' day, the grand rebuilding program, commenced by

King Herod (37 BC - 4 AD), was now complete. So the disciples highlight the temple's beauty, especially its noble stones and unique ornaments. But Jesus responds in stark contrast: "The days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." Indeed, nothing lasts forever, except for God's Kingdom and glory. Amidst change and uncertainty, Jesus says, 'Beware that you are not led astray.' Indeed, the temple is completely destroyed around 35 years later (70 AD) by the Romans, never to be rebuilt.

But a bigger change and transformation will commence at the end of this week: Jesus will be arrested and mocked by the temple leaders, unjustly trialled and crucified outside Jerusalem. He will die for the sins of the world, but rise again to launch God's new kingdom. So Jesus doesn't want his followers to be unaware. Much change and uncertainty will continue for Jesus' disciples, as the church is persecuted and scattered to the ends of the earth. But amidst change, uncertainty, trials and opposition, we can hold onto Jesus and his kingdom: 'For by your endurance you will gain your souls' (21:19).

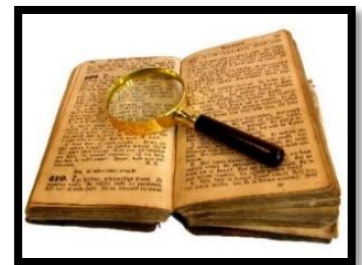


OUR FAIR

The Wardens and Parish Council would like to extend a very BIG and HEARTY thank you to all who participated in and contributed towards this year's Fair. Although the weather was not in our favour, we were still blessed. Our final figure for the day was \$8,164. Individual stall results are listed in the porch. Thank you one and all.

FROM THE ARCHIVES - April 1956 - The Vicars letter - St James Choir

We suffer severely like most industries today from 'labour turnover.' Sopranos have a habit of getting married and moving away. There seems to be no way of stopping this. The only hope seems to be in the slogan "Safety in numbers." The fact is, we need more sopranos. I trust you women and girls will respond to this appeal. Now we are to lose one of our precious basses. Mr Norman Johnson and family will soon be leaving for Perth. We shall miss them, but wish them every happiness in that, lovely, friendly place.



Altar Frontal

Mr A S Williams has given to the church a lovely gold and red altar frontal in memory of his parents. It will be used for festive occasions. We are most grateful to Mr Williams for this gift.

CLEANING ROSTER for November – Fridays @ 8am

22 Nov: Rusty and Fr Oyem

29 Nov: Christine and helper TBC



LAWN MOWING ROSTER:

23 November: Samoan Congregation

30 November: David & Marg Brown

ST JAMES OFFERTORY GIVING

October Actual: \$13,102 Budgeted: \$12,917

October Surplus: \$185 Year to Date Surplus: \$185

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:



We pray for: the people and community of the parish of Charlton and Donald. **Please** also pray for the wonderful work of the Andrews Centre and our local Primary and Secondary Schools.

We pray for those who are sick or troubled in body or mind, or who have special needs: *(Please put names in the Book for Prayers located with the Name Tags at the rear of the Church. This book is for use for prayers for anyone who is in need of them)*
Mike; Jan; Antoinette; Claire; Fred; Ruth; Alma; Don; Terry; Margaret; Olive; Lucile; Mary; Jago; Emmanuel & Jeje; Brenda; Allan; Owen; Ian; Vyvyan; Noel; Melody; David; Robert; Gloria & Lew; Tammy; Janet; Sally; Trudy; Dane; Stanley; Kamie; Sherene; Suzie & Charles; Trisha; Sr Gloria, Bob; Nicole; Elise; Mазzie; Beryl; Beryl & Alan; Milton; Hazel; Renzo; Meg & John; Jonathan; Elaine; Kieran; Jason; Stephen; Mark; Helga; Judy; Beryl.

We give thanks for the life of **Carole Matthews** and remember Gary, Lynda, Kathryn and their families in our prayers.

Prayers: We pray for the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain; Diocese of Newcastle; Sparklit; Holy Trinity Surrey Hills; St Martin's, Belgrave Heights; St David's Doncaster East; Confirmation @ Church of the Epiphany, Hoppers Crossings; Archbishop Philip and all our bishops in their ministry this week.

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - 24 November

Jeremiah 23: 1-6; Song of Zechariah; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43.

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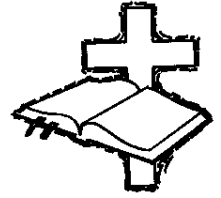
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A Song of Isaiah



‘Behold, God is my salvation:
I will trust and will not be afraid;

**‘For the Lord God is my strength and my song:
and has become my salvation.’**

With joy you will draw water:
from the wells of salvation.

**On that day you will say:
‘Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;**

‘Make known his deeds among the nations:
proclaim that his name is exalted.

**‘Sing God’s praises, who has triumphed gloriously:
let this be known in all the world.**

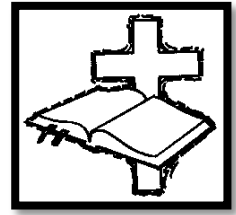
‘Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion:
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.’



FIRST READING - 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13

A reading from Paul's Second letter to the Thessalonians Chapter 3 beginning at the 6th verse:

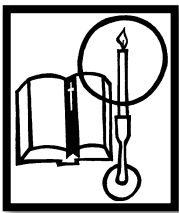
⁶ Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.



Hear the word of the Lord, Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING – Luke 21.5-19

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke Chapter 21 beginning at the 5th verse: **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ***



⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶ ‘As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.’ ⁷ They asked him, ‘Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?’ ⁸ And he said, ‘Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and, “The time is near!” Do not go after them. ⁹ ‘When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.’ ¹⁰ Then he said to them, ‘Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹² ‘But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ