

PARISH NEWS

Sunday 27 September 2020 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

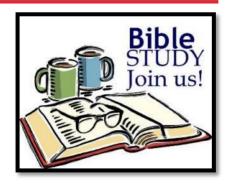


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We have now fixed the date for our Annual General Meeting. It will be held on **Sunday, 29 November.** We invite those who need to prepare reports to start getting organized. Please also pray about who you can nominate for Parish Council and for Wardens.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE OF THE BIBLE?

Jane Peters is about to lead another zoom bible study called "Bible Overview" which forms part of the Ridley College Certificate. The study will start on **Wednesday, 30 Sept 30** @ **7pm** via Zoom. Please contact Jane if you would like to join on 0468 696 254.



NEW PARISH CENTRE

Are you excited? We hope you are as excited as we are about the proposed new Parish Centre. Information packs with a brochure on the proposed new building, a letter from the wardens and a response sheet was sent out last Tuesday. If you still haven't received your copy in the next few days, please contact us. Some of the addresses we have are out of date. This is still a proposal and we want to receive your feedback. Let us know how we can improve it. Let us know if you support it. We need to prove to the Diocese that we have congregational support so we need you to please return the response slip. We would love you to indicate your financial support. Some will not be able to support the project at the moment in the midst of the difficult financial situation we now live. That's fine. Some will be able to pledge money they can give next year. Some will be able to be generous now. Each should give freely, without pressure and according to their means.

WHEN WILL CHURCH SERVICES RETURN?

We are still waiting on news as to when we can return to have church services in the church. This Sunday we wait with baited breathe to see which restrictions will be eased. We are still not able to run church services in the church and we probably won't be allowed to until at least November, but we hope and pray that numbers of infections stay low and that we will be able to return soon.

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.

PARISH NEWS REFLECTION – Philippians 2

Our mission at St James is, To know Christ, To serve Christ, and To proclaim Christ.

Throughout our studies in Philippians, we will learn what each of these mean and what it looks like to be on this mission.



This week we will look at serving Christ and see what Paul says to the Philippians in chapter 2.

Is following Christ as simple as coming up with a list of do's and don'ts? Or is there something more to it?

Humble unity in Christ v1-11

Fearful obedience to Christ v12-18

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.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH CALENDAR 2021

Church Calendars will be available again, at last year's price of \$13. Because of restrictions this year the ordering process is different. Please send your order by email to **dougkenn@gmail.com** and include your phone number for making distribution arrangements. Alternatively, orders may be left at the vicarage. Payment will be due on receipt of the Calendar during November.

2021 LECTIONARY - \$15

Lectionaries for next year are available, setting out readings for all services each day. They are a valuable resource in preparation for weekly worship and private daily use. Please send your order by email to dougkenn@gmail.com and include your phone number for making distribution arrangements. Alternatively, orders may be left at the vicarage. Payment will be due on receipt of the Lectionary during November.

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; Janet; Sr Gloria; Mazzie; Wesley.

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

We give thanks for the life of **Paul Rousetty** and pray for his family at this time. Paul's funeral is at 1.15pm on Wednesday at St James.

We also pray for: The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan; Diocese of Gippsland; Firbank Grammar School; All Saints' Kooyong; St John's Bentleigh; Christ Church Berwick; St Michael's Carlton North; Red Door Church, Parish of Caroline Springs; 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: 4 October

Exodus 20.1-4, 20.7-9, 20.12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3; Matthew 21.33-46.

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