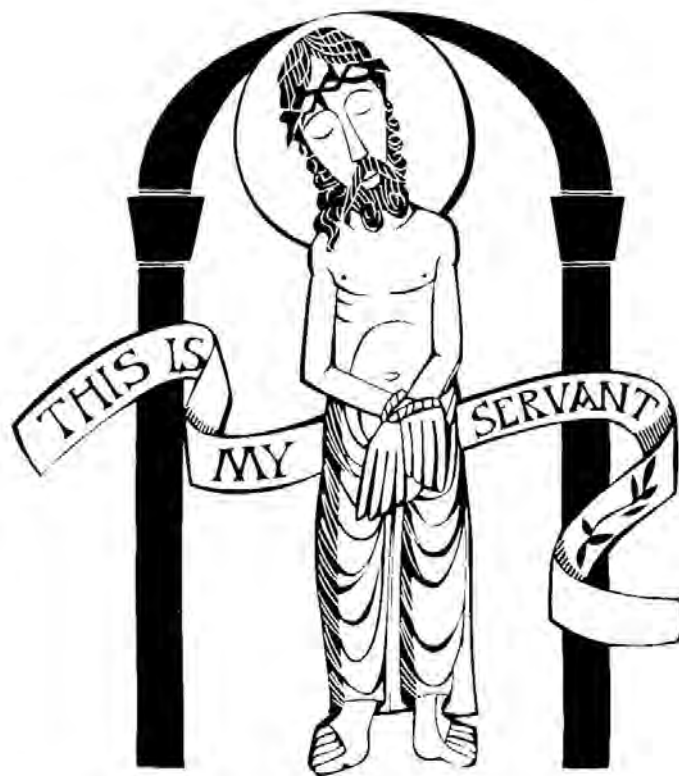


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FROM THE REGISTERS...

Baptisms

2 July Monisha Isabella Varese
2 July Samuel Bolius Kunciunas
2 July Leo Michael Kunciunas
2 July Jack Marsden Trevena
2 July Sarah Anne Casey
2 July William James Hardy
9 July Grace Rebecca Emery
16 July Harrison Charles Gates
16 July Emilie Serena Gleeson
16 July Thomas Hugh Gleeson
16 July Jack Edward Gleeson
13 August Zoe Hine Callaghan
20 August Oscar James Kirby
20 August Oscar Harding Honour Roberts
17 September Lexy Ally Liddicott
5 November Angus Liam Turnbull
12 November Ella Rose Pennell
12 November Grace Louise Clemens
19 November Annabel Katherine Mary Barnett
19 November Ingrid Emily Just
31 December Dare Anderson Lim
7 January Jordan Christos Parker
14 January Jack Samuel Furci
14 January Leo Maxwell Furci
14 January Isabelle Nancy Tensin Alston
11 February Oscar Thomas Ashworth

Weddings

2 September Slavoj Nolch & Alicja Kovac
9 September Steven Harper & Mary Ba Maung
7 October Paul Whiteside & Susannah Yee
14 October Nigel Anthony & Shannon Perera
11 November Joseph Barbaro & Holly Weston
18 November Daniel Norton & Breeana Greenwood
2 December Kane Collins & Jennifer Gooding
23 December Michael Wade & Andrea Millar
30 December Luke Ouvaroff & Jane Woods
12 January Darren Ricardo & Stefanie Bajada
13 January John Samuel & Dharini De Silva
27 January Walter Bower & Paola Diaz-Arancibia
27 January Herbert Herft & Isabel Thuring

<i>Funerals</i>	
22 June	Kenneth Reginald Barnes
23 November	Margaret Emily Brown
17 July	Keith Rowe Burren
16 August	Ruth Brougham Thompson
24 August	John Ernest Hammond
30 August	Deirdre Verena Moyra Morris
11 September	Margaret Ann D'Alton
22 September	Gertrude Rai
11 October	Wendy Joy Warnest
30 October	William Thompson Long
29 November	George Finlay Mitchell
11 December	Ian Percy Williams
12 December	Leslie John Kitchener Holten
23 December	Beverley Ann Allerton Dwyer
31 December	Devereux John Leonard Mitchell
11 January	William Michael Vincent
12 January	Jocelyn Maisie Kingsbury
15 February	William Crockett
<i>Admission to Holy Communion</i>	
3 September	Mason Viola Taylor Quirk Daniel Ricardo Mathilda Middleton Lionel Mercuri Laurence Hohnjec William Stewart

Parish Lay Office Bearers - 2007

As the number of nominations did not exceed the number of vacancies, no election was held and the following parishioners were elected:

Vestry Members

Alistair Barker, Sarah Benfield, Peter Bennett, John Benjamin, Brian Hauser, Stephen Hehir, Ros Lawrence, Garry McCarthy, Sandra Treadwell-Monk.

Churchwardens

Roger Blythman, Avril Brereton, Peter Mason.

Parish Nominators

Michael Buckridge, Stephen Hehir, and a churchwarden.

From the Locum

What I expected would be a relatively short term as your *locum tenens* has become somewhat longer. That is, I am to continue as Acting Vicar of the parish until May when The Revd Dr Richard Treloar will be inducted as the 14th Vicar of Christ Church, South Yarra.

I must say that I am delighted that my term of office is to be extended. It is a pleasure to be involved in parish life at Christ Church. I look forward to the Sunday Eucharist and the variety of mid week opportunities for ministry that come my way both in the parish and the school.

My first impression that the parish is exceptionally well-run has been confirmed by personal experience – thanks to past incumbents, the assistant clergy and the numerous lay people both obvious and behind the scenes who give of their time and talents so generously. I am particularly grateful Lucy, the office secretary, Jenny and Paul, who have helped me find my way and who continue to work tirelessly in this interregnum to maintain the high standard of ministries offered by Christ Church. I also would like to take this opportunity to thank the Incumbency Committee – Avril Brereton, Michael Buckridge and Peter Mason – who have worked hard over the past several months, on behalf of us all.

Christ Church is a thriving parish efficiently run and offering an impressive breadth of ministry. Apart from local folk, people from all kinds of backgrounds travel from far and wide to worship here and to seek our pastoral services in baptisms, weddings and funerals. Over the Christmas period, more than 1,000 people came through the doors! It is truly good news that Christ Church is serving the spiritual needs of the wider community in bringing – as Archbishop Ramsay puts it – people to God and God to the people.

Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent will begin soon in which we prepare ourselves for the great events of Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter. Included in this newsletter is the Lenten calendar of events and I draw your attention not only to the main services but also to the daily spiritual guide of this special season. Simply to reflect on the short gospel set for each day (which will be printed in the Sunday Bulletin each week) and the accompanying Prayer of the Week can help every one of us to move forward through Lent and Holy Week towards our celebration of the greatest event of all, the Resurrection of Jesus. On Easter Day, Christians rejoice that we are people of the Resurrection, people of hope. A happy Lent to you all.

Stephen Miles

Vale Professor Ron Keightley

From *Monash Memo* - 26 July 2006

Professor Ron Keightley, a valued former staff member of the Faculty of Arts, has died after a long battle with cancer.

Professor Keightley arrived at Monash in March 1972 from the University of Nottingham to take up the inaugural Chair of Spanish. He retired in January 1992 after twenty years of dedicated teaching and research.



The late Professor Ron Keightley, with his daughter Anamaria.

(Photo by Richard Crompton, courtesy of Monash University Archives.)

Former colleague Dr Alun Kenwood said the university had benefited enormously from the depth and breadth of Professor Keightley's experience.

"Thanks to his wide range of scholarly interests and expertise, his great enthusiasm and a commitment to teaching that far exceeded the professorial norm, Ron raised the Spanish department to another level," Dr Kenwood said. "It was able to offer courses that ranged from medieval to modern Spanish literature, from the culture and literature of Latin America to Spanish linguistics.

"Ron's course of literary criticism, with its detailed analysis of extracts from early Spanish poetry and prose to modern times, was a model of academic scholarship and inspired some of his students to undertake further study and seek excellence in their own work.

"Honours and research supervision brought out Ron's very best qualities – his erudition, his encyclopaedic knowledge, his attention to detail and his careful nurturing of talent. It was these qualities that attracted to Monash research students and a number of young academics from other universities."

Music was another of Professor Keightley's great passions. He contributed vigorously to the cultural and musical life of both the university and the wider community through his participation in the Monash Chapel Singers, the Wednesday Consort Group, the Early Music Society and the choir of Christ

Church, South Yarra. He had a fine voice and enlivened some of his tutorials with spontaneous rendering of ballads, madrigals and *coplas* of the Spanish Renaissance.

After leaving Monash, Professor Keightley lived and taught in Colombia and then, on his return to Melbourne, continued with his writing and developed a new interest – researching the history of the Spanish monastery of New Norcia in Western Australia and cataloguing its unique historical archives. He also resumed his long association with Christ Church, South Yarra.

Dr Kenwood remembers Professor Keightley as a professor of the old school. “He was an uncompromising champion of intellectual vigour, true scholarship, wide culture and clear style,” he said.

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Last year, Emily Fraser wrote:

“I am delighted to announce that I have raised \$1,500 for World Vision in this year’s 40 Hour Famine. Thank you to all those who sponsored me and attended the film and trivia nights and for your generosity and support.

The money raised is going to fund World Vision’s newest projects in East Timor, and \$1,500 will provide food for one month to 300 of the world’s poorest children. Thank you on their behalf, and for making this the most successful Famine I have completed to date.”



Dare to Change

An article by Dr Roy Port

As far back as 1557 Ignatius Loyola is believed to have said, *“give me a child until he is seven, and I will give you the man”* and later in this century the behaviourist John Watson, expanding on that famous quote, said, *“Give me a dozen healthy infants ... and my own specified world to bring them up in and I’ll guarantee to take any one at random and train him to become any type of specialist I might select — doctor, lawyer, artist, merchant-chief and yes, even beggar-man and thief, regardless of his talents, penchants, tendencies, abilities, vocations, and race of his ancestors.”* Both were zealots in their chosen fields and therefore many would doubt the veracity of those statements; but there is no doubt that, unless we make a conscious effort to change, we are largely products of our upbringing.

Children brought up in a war torn environment are suspicious of their neighbours and are fearful of the world around them. Children parented by fanatics carry an ideological burden into their adulthood. Even people brought up into mainstream Christian thinking have difficulty in relating to evangelicals, and vice versa. I’m reliably informed this form of behaviourism does not improve with age!

As I look at the world today I’m acutely aware how the spirit of acceptance is largely absent. Following economic reasons, the major cause of conflict, and even war, is non-acceptance of the other. A distrust born out ignorance or out of upbringing challenges our Christian calling.

When we accept Christ into our lives, we are contributing to the edification of the church. When we witness for Christ, we are also working for its edification. Both actions result in love. The church is not built up with hate. It is built up with love. For us to be comfortable with someone whose actions or view points differ from ours requires a love in us born out of the Spirit. When we live in harmony with God’s Spirit, we can love with the love that covers a “multitude of sins”. 1 Peter 4:8

Fr Richard Treloar



Born in Sydney (1965), Richard studied medicine at the University of NSW (1984-86) before testing a vocation to ordained ministry, which brought him to Trinity College, the University of Melbourne (1988-90). After serving curacies in Ballarat and Warrnambool, Richard was appointed Rector of the four-centred rural parish of Skipton (1993-97), during which time he completed a Masters degree (by research) in theology. Returning to Melbourne as Associate Priest of All

Saints, East St Kilda (1997-98), he began part-time doctoral studies at Monash University (1997-2003). Since 1998 Richard has enjoyed a range of pastoral, liturgical, administrative, and educational responsibilities at Trinity College in his roles there as Associate Chaplain (1998-2001), Chaplain (2003-07); and Stewart Lecturer in Theology (1998-2007). He is delighted to be returning to parish ministry at Christ Church, South Yarra, with its fine tradition for worship and strong sense of mission, and he brings a passion for theological inquiry and life-long learning into this setting.

Richard has published in the areas of Hebrew biblical narrative and biblical interpretation, and is a regular columnist for the print and online journal for theology, the arts and public affairs, *Eureka Street*. His PhD thesis on the book of Esther has been accepted for publication by the Australian Theological Forum Press later in 2007 – an editing task Richard hopes to finish ‘between jobs’! Having taught and studied theology in an ecumenical faculty, the opportunity to represent the Australian Uniting and Anglican Church communions on the Faith and Order Standing Commission of the World Council of Churches has been a formative experience for Richard since 2002. He is keen to foster ecumenical cooperation locally as he continues to participate annually in this multi-lateral forum (travelling to Geneva, briefly, for this purpose in June).

Dr Leanne Habeeb and Richard were married in 2005. Leanne's professional background is in educational administration and philosophy. As well as studying psychology part-time at Monash, Leanne works full-time at Trinity as Director of Student Welfare, with a primary focus in the residential College. A convert to AFL, Richard is a member of the Carlton Football Club (Leanne, inexplicably, follows Fremantle), and of the Growling Frog Golf Club – one of several courses where he and Leanne have been known to spoil a good walk. Other interests they share include film, food and wine, live music, running, and gardening – all of which they look forward to exploring in a new location and within a community that has already been so generous in its welcome.

**A Service of Thanksgiving for the ministry of
Bishop John & Mrs Jill Wilson**



to mark his retirement after 22 years as
Bishop of the Southern Region & Assistant Bishop of the
Diocese of Melbourne at 6pm on Sunday 18th March
2007 at St Paul's Cathedral

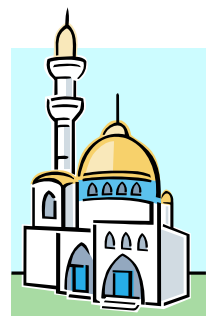
Join them in light refreshments afterwards.

All welcome. RSVP is not required.

The Messenger

Before every prayer session, a man called the MUEZZIN climbs to the top of the mosques minaret and sings GOD IS GREAT four times, followed by I TESTIFY THERE IS NO OTHER GOD BUT GOD twice. Then the muezzin calls I TESTIFY MUHAMMAD IS THE MESSENGER OF GOD two times, followed by COME AND PRAY sung twice. Both COME AND FLOURISH and GOD IS GREAT are then twice called, followed by the final THERE IS NO GOD BUT GOD ...

sent in by Ron Austin



✠ Stations of the Cross ✠

The significance of the Stations of the Cross – *A faith pilgrimage*

In much of the Western world past events are seen in terms of linear time, that is, events are seen in terms of actions happening in a specific time and place. Thus events are described by binary modes of thought. Always attempting to answer the questions what, when, who, where and how, and down playing the question of why. Yet that question of why, the question of the enduring significance of events, is usually far more important. Especially when it comes to remembering events in terms of faith, when the event is not so much about the facts and the data, as it is about recalling the role of that event in a larger ongoing story, in God's story and in our own story.

The journey of our faith as modern Christians is not only a journey through history that can be marked by events in the past. It is also a journey of our own personal commitment to God, of our own growth as a community of faith and as individuals. It is a journey that we need to remember just as deeply and profoundly as we remember the journey of God's people across human history, or the journey of Jesus from Pilate's Hall to Golgotha.

Taking a symbolic journey following the way of the cross praying at each station can give one a sense of the ongoing story, ours and God's. Most of us in the modern world, especially those of us in the 'West', are used to thinking of the crucifixion of Jesus as an event happening at a certain time and place. And it is just such an event, but it is far more than that. It is a truth about God and how God works in the world with humans. It is that truth about God revealed in Jesus and his actions that provides us with an important touchstone for our own journey.

Far too often we are tempted to rush through Lent and Holy Week. In our haste to get to the resurrection, to celebrate Easter, we miss the tremendous significance of the cross as something more than a symbol of the death of Jesus as a prologue to the resurrection, or a symbol of a theological doctrine of atonement. As Jesus himself taught the disciples on more than one occasion, the cross symbolizes something far more profound than suffering, death, and theologies of atonement.

Beyond all dogmas and sentimentalism associated with the cross, finally it is about faithfulness, servant-hood, and the commitment of one to another. Most profoundly the cross is about the power of love, the commitment of God to humanity, the faithfulness and grace of God that knows no limits and will yield to no boundary that will risk even death itself for the sake of new life.

The value of the 'Stations of the Cross' lies in the twofold enacted confession, firstly, life is sometimes dark, painful, and brings endings. That reality will not go away even for the Son of God. Secondly, God is present in the darkness as we persist in the journey, even when that journey leads to Golgotha. Easter Day has no meaning without Good Friday. Thus the 'Stations' are a means by which we are reminded of this profound truth. They remind us of darkness as a basis to celebrate the light. They offer a powerful way to contemplate, and enter into, the mystery of Jesus' gift of himself to us.

The Stations of the Cross at Christ Church South Yarra

For the last two years we at Christ Church have used temporary 'Stations' (Drawn by Mother Jenny) as part of our Lenten devotions; the 'Stations' and the Sunday liturgy have proved to be a popular focus of 'Lenten Reflection'.

Throughout the year the 'Stations' have also offered a focus for contemplation because they help us to remember that we are never alone. That Jesus entered into our life's experience completely, even suffering and death, and that he was raised to new life in God. Thus the 'Stations' have reminded us that day by day, each step of the way, Jesus is with us as the one who knows our suffering, and the death we face.

It is proposed that our temporary 'Stations' be replaced by bronze low relief tablets. To that end the recent exhibition 'Run Betty Run' raised a substantial amount toward the project. However, we will need to raise more funds to complete the work. (Bronze casting is expensive!)

Some members of the congregation have offered to fund one or more of the tablets in memory of a family member. You too may be interested in donating funds toward the project or to fund one of the tablets in memory of a loved one. If you are interested please contact Father Paul or Mother Jenny at the parish office.

Jenny Nelson

THEOLOGICAL STUDENT – Matthew Smedley



Matthew Smedley will be at CCSY this year for his supervised theological field education placement. Matthew is currently completing a Masters of Divinity degree at Trinity College Theological School and has moved to Melbourne from Sydney where he was Deputy Head Server and Parish Councillor at St James' King Street Sydney. He has a BEc (Hons) degree and has worked in the Banking and Finance industry for NAB and Macquarie Bank, most recently working for Captain Cook Cruises (NSW) Pty Ltd in their Accounts Department and also as Charter Operations Manager. Matthew has a concern for the marginalised and for all those who do not 'fit in' to societal norms, concern particularly for their welfare and inclusion in the body of Christ. His other interests include Christian education, for both children and adults, and, as part of his placement at CCSY, looks forward to working with Mother Jenny at Christ Church Grammar School in making the message and presence of Christ real and understandable.

Rules from God for 2007

1. Wake Up !! Decide to have a good day. "Today is the day the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" Psalms 118:24

2. Dress Up !! The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks. "The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at outward appearance; but the Lord looks at the heart." I Samuel 16:7

Send this to the people you care about.
I thought this was mighty special, just like you.
Pass this on and brighten someone's day, and remember:
God answers Knee-Mail.

sent in by John Benjamin



Drought Relief Appeal

As we are all fully aware, we are in the midst of an extreme drought that has now continued for a number of years. For us in the city, life goes on with much less consequence. For those in the country, it is having a devastating impact. One of the flow-on impacts of loss of income is the ability of farmers and townfolk to support their parish church. Many of our rural parishes in the Dioceses of Ballarat, Bendigo and Wangaratta are under significant stress. A potential flow-on impact will be the loss of an ordained person in many places at a time when their spiritual and personal ministry and leadership is most needed.

If you would like to make a donation, please send cheques made out to "The Anglican Diocese of Melbourne" earmarked "Drought Relief Appeal".

We are calling on all Anglicans to give generously to assist our brothers and sisters in rural Victoria at this time. 'Freely we have received, freely we give.'

Fr Des

Fr Des & Allison are now settled in their home in Daylesford. Fr Des, who has been Locum at St Paul's, Bakery Hill, in Ballarat, has been appointed as Rector of St Paul's (half-time). He will be inducted on Thursday, 10 May, at 7.30pm. All are most welcome to attend. We wish them both every blessing.



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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday
8am Eucharist (*BCP*)
10am Sung Eucharist
& Sunday School
(*during school term*)
6pm Evening Prayer
(*Eucharist 1st Sunday of month*)

Wednesday
10am Eucharist

Saints' Days & Holy Days

(*as advertised*)