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1 April Archibald John Richard Allen
7 April Simon Mark Potter
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15 April Chloe Elizabeth Oldham
15 April Amelia Jane Goode
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20 April William Wakeford Gillies
20 April Marlo Angelina Zambelli
22 April Marlow Rose Raglus
20 May Xavier Thomas Green
20 May Keira Lauren Catheray-Harvey
3 June Annabelle Jane Bamford
8 July Mikayla Jane Galileos
15 July Zahra Ishwari Phillips

Weddings

6 February Mathew Nelson & Katrina Collins
17 March Luke Wretham & Helana Fendl
24 March Dean Phillips & Tanya Kishere
31 March Luke Grima & Kellie McGrath
31 March Heath Roberts & Rachel Templer
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14 April Noda Zissis & Sharni Carter
14 April David Coulter & Kate Crowther
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22 April Amelia Jane Goode
22 April Tanja Michelle
22 April William Wakeford Gillies
22 April Marlo Angelina Zambelli
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**The Commissioning Eucharist of
the Revd Dr Richard Treloar
as Vicar of Christ Church**



On Tuesday 22 May 2007 approximately 400 people attended Fr Richard's Induction by Archbishop Philip Freier.

The liturgy included students and staff from Christ Church Grammar School and Trinity College, and many visitors including clergy from other local churches and civic representatives of the cities of Stonnington and Melbourne.

Following the Eucharist a reception was held in the church to welcome Richard & Leanne.

From the Vicar



“Hospitality: Local and Global”

Leanne and I would like to thank the entire extended Christ Church community for the wonderful welcome and warm encouragement we have received since – and even before! – moving to South Yarra. As I said at the service of Institution on 22 May, the clergy and people of the Parish have built up a vibrant and diverse community of faith, with a strong sense of mission and ministry, including its tradition for excellence and beauty in worship. We owe a great deal to Fr Des, and all those – past and present, lay and ordained – who have contributed to the legacy of his incumbency – not least the commitment and responsibility to build on that fine legacy together.

Our partnership with Christ Church Grammar School is a tremendously important aspect of our service to the local and wider community, and I’m grateful to Beryl Gregory, and the staff and students at CCGS, for the welcome they have also extended. What a joy and privilege to be involved in the education of these children, of theological students through Supervised Theological Field Education and Clinical Pastoral Education (see Marilyn’s article, p. 6), and of one another by participating in various study programs, discussion groups, and journeys of preparation for rites of passage.

My colleagues in the ministry team, our locums Frs Stephen Miles (who, I’m delighted to say, will continue with us in an honorary capacity) and Graham Bride, Lucy Loiacono in the office, and the churchwardens have been towers of strength during recent months. These, together with our dedicated vestry members, servers and musicians, other volunteers whose names fill various rosters, tradespersons, and friends and benefactors of the Parish, comprise just some of the vast number people who contribute – directly and indirectly – to all that we do and seek to do; far more than can be named. Your generous support and faithful ministries are here acknowledged, and are greatly appreciated by the many who seek rest, refuge, spiritual counsel, material aid, sacramental grace, a deeper engagement with questions of faith and discipleship, and inclusive community at CCSY.

In June I was fortunate to spend six days with representatives from all the major Christian traditions, and from every region, at the annual meeting of the World Council of Churches’ (Standing) Commission on Faith and Order. This multi-lateral, international ecumenical dialogue – a patient conversation now in its 80th year – exists to call and assist churches to move towards the goal of greater visible unity. There is much to celebrate in this respect; and many significant

challenges remain. You can read my full report on this latest meeting of Standing Commission on the Parish website – www.ccsy.org.au – along with other news of upcoming events, and selected sermons from recent weeks.

What can we do at a local level to express more visibly the unity that is already given to the churches in Christ? One of the benefits of moving into the vicarage slightly in advance of receiving the Archbishop's license was the chance to visit a number of local ecumenical clergy, four of whom were able to attend the service on 22 May. I hope that, in the months and years ahead, we can find ways of offering Christ Church's characteristic hospitality, and with it some leadership, in this arena as in others, harnessing the goodwill that so clearly exists for greater ecumenical cooperation with our immediate neighbours. The introduction of Choral Evensong once a month might provide one such opportunity (see Philip's piece on p. 14).

Thanks to all who have contributed to this edition of *Contact*, which I commend to you, along with some of the events and special services it flags. Jenny's explanation of a new initiative in Children's Ministry (p. 12), the 'Changing Attitude' Eucharist (p. 9), and the Trivia Night (below) may be of particular interest in this regard. I look forward to making 'contact' in person with those of you I haven't yet had the pleasure of meeting, and to your continued involvement with the Worship, Ministry, and Mission of Christ Church.

FOR YOUR DIARY ...

Friday 20 July – **7.30pm 'Changing Attitude' Eucharist** (see article page 9)

Friday 10 Aug – **7pm Trivia Night** (Bookings: 9866 4434)

Sunday 2 Sept, **New Guinea Martyrs**

Sunday 30 Sept, **St Michael & All Angels**

Thursday 1 Nov, **All Saints' Day – 7pm Choral Eucharist & Festal Supper**

Sunday 25 Nov, **Christ the King – 10am Choral Eucharist**

Guest Preacher – Sr Maryanne Confoy, RSC

Sunday 16 Dec - **7pm Carol Service**

A Deacon's Ministry

Every Sunday, at the end of the Liturgy, the Deacon sends the people back out into the everyday world of our lives. "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord" is one the dismissals with which I, as the Deacon, send you all out. But what do I go out and do?

Some of you will know that my 'day job' is to co-ordinate Pastoral Care at the Alfred Hospital, and I am also licensed as an Anglican Chaplain there. I feel that this is where I live out the proclamation of the Gospel and assisting the priest distribute the Holy Communion which I do liturgically on a Sunday.

At the moment I am supporting a young Muslim man who has a long-standing medical problem and is also trying to come off drugs. Together we share our faith in God ('Allah' is the Arabic translation of the word 'God' in English), and how we understand God's love and mercy. Then I might be called to Intensive Care because a family have asked for the 'Last Rites' before their relative dies. The Emergency Department might ring me to ask if I will get a Greek priest or a Rabbi for someone, or to support a relative who is distressed following a severe accident involving one of their family.

I also teach pastoral care, which I love doing. Students and ordinands come to the hospital to do Clinical Pastoral Education and learn the practical aspect of what they learn theoretically in college. This involves group work and one-to-one supervision, and in the theological reflection with them on where and who God is in such suffering, I feel that I am, in a sense, proclaiming the Gospel.

There is also administration and paperwork to do, of course – no one can avoid it in this day and age in the workplace. However, this can also be seen as a ministry to the other chaplains, so they are freed up to work with the patients and their families. I am the only chaplain employed by the hospital – the rest are employed by their churches – and so the administration enables me to get more deeply involved at other levels within the organisation and take my place as a chaplain.

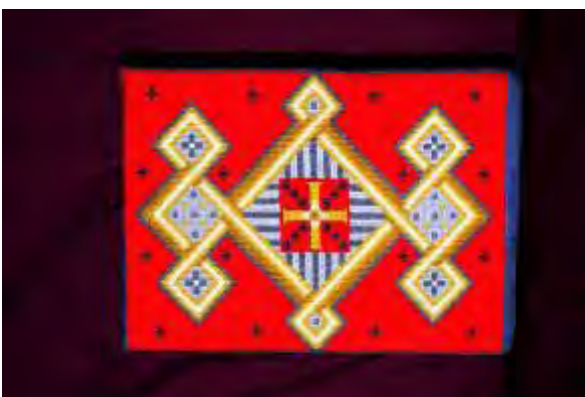
All human research must be scrutinised by a duly constituted Ethics Committee, and one of the core people on such a committee must be 'a minister of religion'. I have a seat on this committee, looking at the ethical stance of the research and the protection of the participants. I am also on another sub-committee which looks at general ethical issues around the hospital, such as privacy or end-of-life issues. Traditionally, Deacons are ministers on the edge of the faith community and also have a tie with the heart of that faith community. Deacons are bridges and bridge builders between people on the edge of the church and the church, and also between the priests and the people, which is why the Deacon leads the

people in the confession, and other prayers which the whole congregation says together. The hospital is a great place for me to do that bridging, and always leads back to the place from where all ministry flows, the celebration we all share in around the altar.

Marilyn Hope

Christ Church Kneelers

Photographs of some of Christ Church kneelers, provided by Roy Port. Other examples are on the church notice board. If you have any information on the history of the designs, please contact Roy.



Passing By

Recently I viewed on television a disturbing 'experiment'. It was disturbing not so much in terms of how the experiment was conducted or who was involved. It was the outcome that disturbed me. The journalist attempted to show the reaction by people towards children left alone in various locations around Australia. Those passing by these children were unaware that their parents were never far away from them; yet showed little or no interest in the children or their welfare.

Many may argue that the behaviour of those passing the children is a direct consequence of recent laws that have been enacted to protect the child. I would see it as a far more wide-reaching malady. We face the malady when we hear 'so what!' or 'what has that got to do with me!' We could call this malady 'me-ism'.

I see the malady whenever someone pushes ahead of others onto a crowded tram, I hear it when someone has loud music pouring out of their car and into a crowded thoroughfare, I smell it when someone leaves their rubbish un-binned on a sidewalk and feel it whenever I hear of someone abandoned.

The Courts are full of examples of the end result of someone exerting their will over another. Relationships fail when one gives little consideration towards the other. When one is prepared to show empathy or concern for the other we have a solid foundation for a happy relationship.

In the Ten Commandments we have the Law divided between our duty to God and our treatment of people. In giving us the new law Jesus said; *'you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart...AND...you shall love your neighbour as yourself'* Note that Jesus did not say, your NICE neighbour nor even your LOVING neighbour. Just a neighbour.

When we move about in our circle of acquaintances, most will be just a neighbour to us. It is how we treat that person that determines our effectiveness as a Christian. When we see someone in distress, we will not be drawn to the other side of the road.

Roy Port

‘Changing Attitude’ Eucharist CCSY, Friday 20 July, 7.30pm

All are welcome

Around the time that Lambeth Resolution 1.10 of 1998 on Human Sexuality called Anglicans to a process of careful and prayerful listening, a UK-based group called Changing Attitude was formed to help further debate on this topic in the Anglican Communion. Ten years on, there are Changing Attitude networks in a number of other countries, including Wales, Scotland and other European countries, New Zealand, USA, Canada, Brazil, Nigeria, and Uganda. Dr Peter Sherlock is currently the President of Changing Attitude Australia, which aims to promote the “full inclusion of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and intersex people in the life of the Anglican Church”, by raising awareness, providing education, sharing experience, and building relationships. As such, it is not an organization for gay people; rather, it welcomes as members all who support its aims, or simply seek to participate in the listening process.

As part of our ministry of hospitality, Christ Church is hosting a ‘Mid-winter Eucharist’ for Changing Attitude Australia on the evening of Friday, July 20 at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend this service – indeed we hope that members of the Parish family will help us to extend a warm welcome to our guests, and enjoy the opportunity to engage with one another informally after the service in the Parish Centre, where refreshments will be available. Jenny will preside at the Eucharist and Richard will preach, using the gospel text set for the day; Paul and Marilyn will also be present to assist, and Philip is helping to arrange and lead the music. Do join us if you can, and please let others know who you think might be interested – again, you will be very welcome.

Some Changing Attitude brochures are available at the back of the church if you would like to know more about its work, or visit

www.changingattitude.org.au

for further information and related links.

Any member of the ministry team or the churchwardens will also be pleased to speak with you about the service and its intention.

Kay (Kathleen Emma) Frost

23/9/1926 – 16/6/2007



Kay was born in Karapiro in rural NZ in 1926. Her childhood was spent in the countryside during the 1930s depression, as the family moved around for farm work. With her family living out of town she initially boarded so she could attend Hamilton Girls High School.

In her notes Kay describes herself as a “feminist” at age 15; a particular childhood heroine was Marie Curie, the first woman to win the Nobel prize. She was also very much influenced by the work of Eleanor Roosevelt, with her work for the rights of women, the League of Nations, and the Declaration of Human Rights.

Kay studied at Auckland University (1945-48), completing a BA. In the early 1950s she completed the Trinity College Teachers Certificate in pianoforte, while teaching in public and private schools in NZ and Australia. She worked at the NZ library service and later qualified at the NZ Library School in 1959, working with adult and school services, and the School Broadcasting Service.

She travelled to work with the Greater London Council and taught at St. Augustine’s Secondary Modern, Kilburn Park. She wrote, “we celebrated Mass on all saints’ days and I took girls teetering in high heels and tight skirts to Paddington rec”. She worked in Canada from 1967 to 1969 as a teacher librarian. Following this she was with UNESCO, initially in East Africa and then in Jamaica, where she was involved with teacher training.

Kay then went to Geneva as Programme Specialist in the Education Information Service, and dealt with service inquiries from UNESCO National Commissions, international teachers’ organisations, Ministers of Education and elected government officials. After this, she spent some years as Senior Lecturer in Education at the Gippsland Institute. This was followed by further time in Geneva, some contract work for the United Nations and for private institutions. In the end Kay finally settled in Melbourne, with her apartment and life as she organised it around her friends, church, arts and literature, in a fittingly cosmopolitan city.

When Kay began to travel she did so in an age when it was glamorous. In the 1950s and 60s, travel was an event, an activity of discretionary wealth, and passengers were fêted and respected, unlike being a commodity as it is today. She was always glamorous, beautifully dressed, bearing exotic or unusual gifts,

and bringing inspiration and stories of far off places. She was a determined correspondent, and regularly wrote and worked to continue her relationships with the family and her many friends. I remember one postcard with a picture from Harvard University in the US, and the beautifully ink-pen-written comment on the back saying "Gavin, this is Harvard University, one day you might study here".

Looking on her bookshelf for inspiration I found a small spiral-bound notebook she must have carried in her travels through Switzerland and France, which is mixture of notes, messages, quotations, lunch details, friends' addresses, comments on sights she saw during the day, where she went - for example - one afternoon in Paris, and visits to churches and galleries. Reading the notes on Paris one can almost recognise the journey and walk the Seine, or revisit familiar places and friends with her. Some are written partly in French, she was quite fluent and had attended intensive language schools, others are simply practical such as: "1st class very grotty" and "caught the wrong train" and, incredibly, a reference to McDonalds on Rue Mont Blanc. My aunt, who liked what she called "good nosh", was apparently in fact also a privileged McDonalds VIP card carrier!

Kay had not been well for some time and more recently had needed increasing medical care. She maintained her spirits; I don't think I ever heard her actually complain about her condition as such. Yes, she had spasms of being "grumpy" when one didn't get it quite right the first time, or know what she was meaning, but who could really blame her for that? She was very much her own person.

Kay supported the arts, both with her practical interest in the opera, ballet, painting and literature, but also active with donations to support emerging artists and many causes. Just as an example, she was involved by contributing to the activities of the Australian Health and Longevity Foundation.

While advising me on careers options, she did remind me not to neglect the physical being, and to enjoy what you do as well. She certainly skied and was very active for most of her life. That spirit was there, for instance, when she was still involving herself with church outings even in recent months. This is probably a bit like how she spent quite some time gliding in Canada when she was younger, and I know she tried it again in the mid 1990s with a revision course at a flying school. It was only when her frail form could no longer cope with the demands that she ever stopped or slowed down. She did not always like you to "interfere" which sometimes made it difficult; I don't think anyone could tell her what to do.

If I had to summarise my aunt Kay, it would be she always seemed to me an 'International Woman of Mystery.' Living as a citizen of the world, setting her

own path, travelling and living here and there within a very global community of friends, doing as she wished, devout of faith, with an always elegantly presented appearance.

Kay's preparations had also included arrangements for her funeral. These included lists of specific instructions for everything she wanted. She specifically asked that everyone join her party and enjoy themselves.

Generous at her last, she wrote, "Finally, I thank all of those who have strengthened and supported me and influenced my life. Some, sadly, I did not recognise at the time, but I see them now. I thank my family for their immense support through these later stages, my generous neighbours, my friends, and my church; blessings on you all. And I thank God that I found safe lodging at the end."

*Abridged from the eulogy given at Kay's Requiem
by her nephew, Gavin Frost, 22 June 2007*

A New Initiative for Children's Ministry

"Kids' Church"

For all of us the intent of worship is to experience and praise God. By its very nature corporate worship is participatory.

For most of us the experience of God is an experience of mystery, awe, and wonder. Thus worship time and space act as a living memorial: a way of bringing both the community's experience of God from the past and God's promised future into the present moment, stirring our imagination and meaning-making. For young children, encountering and experiencing God in this way is no less important than it is for us.

For some time now I have been concerned that the children are removed from the Eucharist (from the worshiping community of CCSY if you will) for half of the service. Given our commitment, at CCSY, to Worship, Ministry, and Mission in an inclusive community this seems inconsistent. It also prevents members of the team from taking their place at the altar and pulpit, and the space in the crypt that we have used for Sunday School probably needs some attention if it is to meet this need in the longer term.

So the ministry team has decided to try an imaginative solution! We are instituting a new service (on a trial basis) that is tailored for our little ones, and draws on the gifts and missionary skills of our older children. We hope our older children will participate in the planning and leading of the services over time.

We will continue to focus on 'Godly Play' as a tool by which both children and adults can grow in love for God and for one another. But we will do this in the context of a shortened Eucharistic service once each month during term time, beginning at 12 noon.

The dates for these services are:

Sunday, 29 July, 12 noon

Sunday, 2 September, 12 noon

Sunday, 14 October, 12 noon

Sunday, 11 November, 12 noon

We hope this experiment helps us to meet the unique needs of children (and those who care for them) in our community of faith, and we will evaluate this trial over the summer.

Jenny Nelson



Sunday Choral Evensong Returns to Christ Church

At 6pm on Sunday 19 August 2007, the Choir of Christ Church South Yarra will sing Evensong for the first time in seven years. It is intended that this become the regular liturgy on the third Sunday evening of each month.

Choral Evensong and Mattins have long been associated with the finest music of the Anglican choral tradition (including settings by Byrd, Gibbons, Purcell, Stanford, Howells, Leighton and Kelly). In recent years the Choir has had little opportunity to engage with this repertoire, focussing primarily on music for the central liturgy of the Eucharist.

Choral Evensong at Christ Church will be largely based on the service in the *Book of Common Prayer* (1662), used elsewhere in Melbourne in such places as St Paul's Cathedral, St Peter's Eastern Hill and Trinity College, and throughout similar parishes, colleges and cathedrals worldwide.

For all but the choir and officiating clergy, Evensong is a service of quiet and prayerful reflection, with direct congregational participation usually being limited to the hymns, the Lord's Prayer, and the Creed. The choir sings – on 'behalf' of the congregation, as it were – a setting of the Magnificat and the Nunc dimittis, as well as some responses (with the officiant), the psalm and an anthem. The organist adds to the liturgy both before and after the service, and an introit is sometimes sung. Usually a sermon or an address would be delivered.

As the service is not Eucharistic, we hope to make this liturgy a means of linking with churches of other denominations in our area, and plan to ask their clergy and laity to become involved from time to time. Similarly, Evensong is a beautiful yet undemanding liturgy, which may be used gently to reintroduce those who are estranged from the Church.

We encourage you, your friends, families and households to join with us at 6pm on Sunday 19 August to experience and be a part of this traditional Anglican liturgical jewel.

Philip Nicholls

Changed

We cannot be
Anything other
Than who we are
She said.

A life denying cry.

Stone rolled
Cold tomb
And body gone
Point not to death
And absent life
But to that life
Made new
In Christ
In whom we rise
God's call.

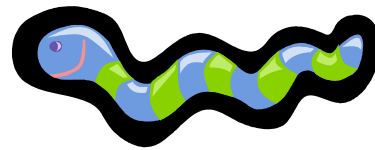
Come see
For all is changed
Forgiven
Healed
Made whole.

And we must dance
This Eastertide
In brilliant light.

The Son of suns
Streams forth alive
And we with him
Called forth
God's gift
To be God's all
In all.

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Worms



A minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon.

Four worms were placed into four separate jars.

The first worm was put into a container of alcohol.

The second worm was put into a container of cigarette smoke.

The third worm was put into a container of chocolate syrup.

The fourth worm was put into a container of good clean soil.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the minister reported the following results:

The first worm in alcohol - dead.

The second worm in cigarette smoke - dead.

The third worm in chocolate syrup - dead.

The fourth worm in good clean soil - alive.

So the minister asked the congregation, "What can we learn from this demonstration?"

A woman at the back quickly raised her hand and said, "As long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't have worms!"

contributed by Ron Austin

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

8am Eucharist (*BCP*)

10am Sung Eucharist

6pm Evening Prayer

(*Eucharist 1st Sunday of month*)

(*Choral Evensong 3rd Sunday of month,
from August*)

Wednesday

10am Eucharist

Saints' Days & Holy Days

as advertised

Morning & Evening Prayer

9am & 5pm weekdays