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FROM THE REGISTERS

(SINCE LAST "CONTACT")

Baptisms

13 April Holly Cristina Hockings
4 May Edward Timothy Brown
4 May Hamish Alistair Brown
4 May Emma Kate Pountley
4 May Eloise Sadie Thompson
1 June Jasmine Alexandra McWilliam
8 June Noah Alexander Green
6 July Julie Lorna Major
13 July Edie Rose McLachlan
27 July Charles Monty Victor Stevens
10 August William Thomas Le Claire
17 August Charles Andrew Loorham

Weddings

19 April David Robson & Rebecca Loughman
19 April Sergio Carnovale & Elizabeth Wilmot
25 April James Longworth & Kellyanne Porter
24 May Michael Susa & Iva Opacak

Funerals

14 April Lola May Garratt
27 June Fay Isabel Walker
28 June Neville Manning Blyton
5 July Michael Winston Blyth
6 August Jill Therese Graham
8 August Gladys Olive Ball

Parish Email Register

A number of parishioners are now receiving "Contact"
and other CCSY communications by email.

Would you like to join them?

If so, please send an email to: coffice@ccsy.org.au
with 'Parish Email Register' in the subject line.

From the Vicar

“entrusting the message of reconciliation to us” (2 Cor 5:19)

Much has happened in the Parish since the Eastertide edition of *Contact*, and I continue to be inspired by the generosity and commitment of so many people to the life and work of this household of faith. One theme that has emerged for me over recent months, in several different contexts, is ‘reconciliation’ – that divine work entrusted by God to the Church, to us.

Reconciliation Week

In this year of the parliamentary apology to Indigenous Australians, Christ Church Grammar School made a special focus of Reconciliation Week (27 May to 3 June). With the support and encouragement of the Vestry and Churchwardens, the Parish hosted a screening of award-winning documentary *Kanyini* in the church building, in the presence of film maker, Melanie Hogan, and its central voice and character, Uncle Bob Randall, both of whom spoke and responded to questions and comments from the large audience. Uncle Bob is pictured below in conversation with Gianni, Elisa, and Sam from CCGS.



Photograph by Mark Stewart, courtesy of the *Stonnington Leader*

Three regular School Chapel services took place across this eight-day period – each with special intention for reconciliation – and the middle of these on the Friday was an occasion on which parents and parishioners were encouraged to attend. A full church that morning was addressed by Indigenous Anglican Priest, the Revd Janet Turpie-Johnstone, and thrilled at the didgeridoo playing of Uncle Shane Charles.

On the last day of second term, Mother Jenny helped to launch the children's art installation, "Giant Possum", featured on the front cover (with thanks to art teacher, John Watson, photograph courtesy of CCGS). Members of the wider community noticed the Aboriginal flag atop the Christ Church flag pole during the week, and many passers by stopped to comment.

Reconciliation begins at home. As those who are 'professional rememberers' – that is, who by virtue of our profession of faith recall and seek to make present the redemptive and gracious action of God towards all creatures – we have a responsibility to name and confront those things which stand in the way of healing and wholeness. Indeed this is at the very heart of our sacramental world-view, as expressed in the Eucharist, and in the rite of Confession, or 'Reconciliation' as it is now more commonly known in Roman Catholicism; which brings me to a second area in which this ministry has been alive for me.

Ecumenical relations

As at the same time last year, I spent just over a week in June attending the World Council of Churches' Faith and Order Standing Commission meeting in Cairo, Egypt. I hope that, once drafted(!), the full text of my report to the General Synod commission for ecumenical relations might appear on the Parish website. Suffice to say here that this was perhaps the most difficult of the seven meetings I have participated in to date. Tensions within traditions – such as, but by no means limited to, our own Anglican Communion of churches – are clearly presenting challenges to ecumenical progress, especially on doctrinal and ecclesiological issues such as concern the Faith and Order movement.



Fr Georgios Dragas, and His Beatitude Theodoros II (right), Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Alexandria, at the meeting

For all that, it continues to be a privilege to be involved in this multi-lateral, global dialogue, and we enjoyed the gracious hospitality of the Coptic Orthodox Church as we interacted with local churches and took in some of the fascinating history and culture of the region.

Locally, Christ Church continues to seek opportunities for ecumenical hospitality and partnership, and in October we will welcome John Hind, Bishop of Chichester, the senior Anglican representative on Faith and Order, who will share some insights with us in the course of a public lecture here and a Sunday morning visit with us.

Life after Lambeth

The press – church and secular alike – has been awash with reports of the tensions that have surrounded the recent Lambeth Conference. Without question this is a difficult and worrying time for Anglicans the world over, and confusing for many who observe our polity from a somewhat safer distance. The Archbishop of Canterbury, and our own Archbishop, have modelled the irenic qualities needed if the bonds of affection that have seen our Communion of churches hold together through such crises in the past are to endure.

My own sense is that the ‘presenting’ issues of human sexuality and women in the episcopate are symptomatic of deeper issues about authority and the reception of Scripture. For those wishing to explore these questions further, there are several resources on the Parish website that may be of interest, and a host of others to which members of the Ministry Team will gladly refer you.

Again, my question is, how are we to respond locally? It seems to me that the Vision statement of the Parish, formulated some years ago, is a very helpful instrument in this respect. The ministry of hospitality that Christ Church exercises is central to the possibility of reconciliation: providing a space that is safe, welcoming, open, and inclusive; where people may listen and speak the truth in love, share experiences, and reverently interrogate the living tradition that forms and informs us. This is at the heart of our mission, regardless of where we may stand on a particular point of faith, or order, at any given moment in our own journeying. Reconciliation is essentially about relationship; there can be no ‘orthodoxy’ (right praise) without right relationships, especially with those who may differ from us, or with whom we may disagree.

St Martin’s, Hawksburn, 125th Anniversary

One relationship we rejoice in particularly at this time is that with our brothers and sisters at Hawksburn, who on 6 September celebrate 125 years since the laying of the foundation stone of St Martin’s. Horace Tucker, second Vicar of Christ Church, inducted here on St Martin’s Day 1880, was the first Incumbent of what, in his initial thinking, was to be a ‘chapel of ease’, but which through the vision of local people was approved for construction by Bishop Moorhouse as “a magnificent ‘sister church’ . . . in the potentially totally independent parish of St Martin’s Hawksburn”.¹

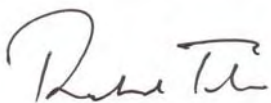
The Choir of Christ Church will be singing at a special service at St Martin’s at 4.00pm on 6 September, and here follows the message from CCSY to be included in the anniversary edition of Hawksburn’s Parish newsletter, *NewsLink*:

¹ David Cuthbert, *Christ Church in South Yarra: A Social History, 1850-1990* (Melbourne: CCSY Vestry, 1996), 30.

Greetings from all at Christ Church South Yarra, and Christ Church Grammar School! We rejoice with our brothers and sisters at St Martin's on this significant anniversary, and give thanks for 125 years of faithful and creative mission and ministry to our local area and beyond.

The Parish of Hawksburn serves as testament to Bishop Moorhouse's vision of Anglicanism as a church-in-society tradition with a 'large and liberal' outlook – incarnational and engaged – a vision we hold no less dear today. The generous expression of this, after the pattern of St Martin, by the people and clergy of Hawksburn over many generations bears out Bishop Moorhouse's view that "newly created parishes are advantageous to the old parishes" (in his address at the Foundation Concert, Prahran Town Hall, 6 September 1883, as reported in *The Age*, 7 September 1883). Not least because the community in which we are set is richer, so Christ Church is richer for the witness and example of St Martin's, and for the bonds of fellowship and partnership in the Gospel we continue to enjoy.

Congratulations, every blessing, and *Laus Deo!*



Stewardship

As something entrusted to us, the message of reconciliation is a form of stewardship. In this edition of *Contact* you will find the annual stewardship brochure from the Churchwardens. In commending this to you as we approach 'Stewardship Sunday' on the Feast of St Matthew, 21 September, I would end where I began, by acknowledging the remarkable support given in many and various ways to the work of the Parish. Much is being done with the resources we have, and there is much more to do as we endeavour to live more fully and deeply into and out of our Vision statement, included with the stewardship document. Thank-you for your prayerful reflection on this aspect of our discipleship and our life together.

Thanks also to others who have contributed to this issue of our occasional – in the best sense of that word! – Parish journal, and for all that the ministry exercised towards those listed in 'From the Registers', and many more besides, represents.

If you are reading this on hard copy, and have the facility to do so electronically (and thereby enjoy any photographs in colour more routinely!) you may like to consider the invitation on page 2 to join our email register. The treasurer and the environment will join me in thanking you!

Fr Richard

God's work – child's perspective



“One of God’s main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn’t make grown-ups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way, he doesn’t have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk, he can just leave that to mothers and fathers.

God’s second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times besides bedtime. God doesn’t have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off. God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps him pretty busy. So you shouldn’t go wasting his time by going over your mum and dad’s head asking for something they said you couldn’t have. Atheists are people who don’t believe in God. I don’t think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren’t any who come to our church.

Jesus is God’s Son. He used to do all the hard work like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn’t want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him. But he was good and kind like his Father and he told his Father that they didn’t know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said OK. His dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn’t have to go out on the road anymore, he could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important. You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to hear you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.

You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there’s anybody you want to make happy, it’s God. Don’t skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong! And, besides, the sun doesn’t come out at the beach until noon anyway.

If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know he's around you when you're scared in the dark or when you can't swim very good and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids. But you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases. And that's why I believe in God."

Written by Danny Dutton, age 8, from Chula Vista, California,
for his third-grade homework assignment: "Explain God"

Contributed by Allan Day

News from the pews



James Blythman has completed his double degree in Arts and Commerce and **Robert**, his brother, is undertaking Honours in Criminology at Monash.

Peter Sherlock's book - *Monuments and Memory in Early Modern England* - was launched on 23 June 2008. Peter was also recently appointed Dean of the United Faculty of Theology.

On a 'gap' year, **Meredith Treadwell** is spending six months as a volunteer in South Africa's mountainous Eastern Cape Province, working with Hobbiton – a not-for-profit outdoor education centre for disadvantaged young people from the region, including many affected by HIV/AIDS. Meredith is a trainer and group facilitator at the camp, and has recently been helping to fight fires in the area.

This year **Dana Hehir** was promoted to the advanced performing "Show" troop of the Young Australian Broadway Chorus and is currently rehearsing for solo performances in their upcoming season at the National Theatre in St Kilda. Dana also played the role of Young Alice in the Malthouse/Vic Opera production of "Through the Looking Glass". Dana's sister, **Marnie**, was successful at audition for a role as one of the eight children in the Vic Opera children's production of "The Happy Prince" to be staged during the September school holidays.

CCSY Choral Scholar, **Suzanne Shakespeare**, has been awarded a scholarship at the Royal College of Music, London, where she will undertake an Artist Diploma in Opera. Suzy and **Andrew** leave in early September, and we thank them for their wonderful contribution to the life and music of Christ Church.

Congratulations and good wishes to each and all!

If you would like to share some glad tidings with other members of the Christ Church community, please send an email to Lucy with "News from the Pews" in the subject header, or drop in a note to the Parish Office.

Keeping body and soul together: maintaining our church

Part Two – “where moth and rust consume and thieves break in and steal”

On Maundy Thursday night in 1987, intruders broke into the church by breaking a lead light window in the crypt. This intrusion was well planned as they removed only the large brass eagle lectern. We later discovered that three such lecterns has been stolen from Anglican churches in the city on the same night. Investigation was not a success so we were forced to find a replacement. Our Vicar at the time, David Warner, was planning a trip to England and he obtained a list of surplus church fittings available for sale. He purchased our present eagle lectern and had it transported to Melbourne in a container of antiques. It was both heavier and larger than the previous one. A wider timber base was required for the pedestal, and the brass surface was cleaned and sealed on site.

This break-in resulted in a change to church security. Locks were fitted to the inside as well as the outside of the doors. Today, being more aware of safety issues, no doors are locked on the inside. We also secured the high altar cross and candlesticks firmly to the structure. Although our church is open daily there has been very little loss or damage to fabric or fittings.

In the mid-1980s the roof tiles and guttering were in need of extensive repair. As a consequence, water was affecting the paint on the walls. To improve the look of the interior we matched the paint to the aged colour, and scraped and repainted the damaged walls, restoring them to an even texture. Some years later, new stainless steel box gutters were fitted. This allowed the walls to dry completely.

One Saturday afternoon in the late 1980s, the crypt area consisting of flower room, what was then a choir room, and vestry were flooded to a depth of 100mm, or 4 inches, after plastic bags blown into the gutter by the wind had blocked a rain head. As the fall of rain was exceptionally heavy the water flowed into the church basement area. All hands to the pump! Although we only had buckets and brooms to reduce the water level, we eventually dried the area. At one stage the flower ladies arrived to do the flowers. Unperturbed they walked around and over us to complete their flower arrangements for Sunday.

This flood led to an upgrade of the vestry. While working in this area, I was intrigued to find many round tins, of different brands, lodged in the base of one vestry window. I discovered that Vicars of old had used these tins to jam open the upper section of leadlight, enabling them to see the arrival of the bridal carriage through our front gate on wedding days. Also in this area there are relics of the timber levers, which connected the manual organ console with the organ. These are still visible below the ceiling in the crypt.

To be continued...

Ron Austin

For your diary

12 September	8pm	Tudor Choristers Concert, CCSY
14 September <i>Holy Cross</i>	10am	Choral Eucharist & Holy Baptism (combined service with CCGS)
	12noon	Kids' Church
21 September <i>St Matthew</i>	10am	Choral Eucharist & Stewardship Sunday
	6pm	Choral Evensong
	7pm	Book Launch (Parish Centre)
9 October	7pm	Synod Eucharist, St Paul's Cathedral
10 October	5.30pm	Newcomers' Cocktail Party (Parish Centre)
12 October	10am	Choral Eucharist Bishop Paul White preaching and presiding
	12noon	Kids' Church
17 October	8.45am	CCGS Liturgy with Mrs Joy Freier, special guest All welcome
18 October	9.30am	CCSY Jumble Sale (<i>to be confirmed</i>)
19 October	6pm	Choral Evensong
24 October	8pm	Public Lecture (Hughes-Cheong Trust), CCSY John Hind, Bishop of Chichester speaking on "The One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church: Who, What, and Where?"
26 October	10am	Choral Eucharist; Guest preacher: Bp John Hind
2 November <i>All Saints' Sunday</i>	10am	Choral Eucharist
5 November	10am	Requiem Eucharist for All Souls

On the verge...

"Records of vergers date back to the 12th century in Salisbury. Their services were engaged to escort the Vicar to the church from the Vicarage, the Verger's rod or ('verge', from the Latin *virga*) being used to clear a safe path..."

So writes Gordon Crow, Honorary Verger at Christ Church, in an article which will appear in full in the next edition of *Contact*. If anyone has information about the history of verging in this Parish, Gordon would be glad to hear from you via the Parish Office.



ATF Press presents the

Melbourne Launch

of a new publication in its Dissertation Series

Esther and the End of 'Final Solutions': Theodicy and Hebrew Biblical Narrative

by Richard Treloar

on the evening of
Sunday 21 September 2008
at Christ Church, South Yarra

The book is to be launched by Dorothy Lee
Frank Woods Distinguished Lecturer in Biblical Studies
Trinity College, The University of Melbourne,
and Honorary Deacon, Christ Church South Yarra

in the Parish Centre (old Vicarage)
where light refreshments will be available from 7.00pm

The launch will follow a service of Choral Evensong at 6.00pm
with the Choir of Christ Church, South Yarra,
at which the preacher will be Ross Fishburn
Director of Studies and Farnham Maynard Lecturer in Theology
Trinity College, The University of Melbourne

All are very welcome to attend Evensong and the launch

PARISH DIRECTORY

CLERGY

The Revd Dr Richard Treloar (*Vicar*)
The Revd Jenny Nelson
The Revd Paul Bower
The Revd Marilyn Hope
The Revd Dr Stephen Miles
The Revd Dr Dorothy Lee

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

8am Eucharist (*BCP*)
10am Choral Eucharist
12noon Kids' Church
(2nd Sunday of the month)
6pm Evening Prayer
(Eucharist 1st Sunday of the month)
(Choral Evensong 3rd Sunday of the month)

Wednesday

10am Eucharist

Friday

12noon Eucharist

Saints' Days & Holy Days
as advertised

Morning & Evening Prayer

9am & 5pm weekdays

Christ Church Grammar School Chapel

8.45am Tuesdays & Fridays (*in term*)