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From the Registers

since the last *Contact*, 1 September 2017

Baptisms

17 September Frederick Barton Trollope

Marriages

23 September Robert Eric Clark Ivory & Melanie Jane Barnes
30 September Ramon Emmanuel Rodriguez & Mikaela Ann Bosman
7 October Shaun Ashley Scott Lumsden & Shaza-Sandra Abo
28 October Patrick Charles Davis & Edwina Rosemary Grigg

Funerals & Memorial Services

5 September Marilyn June Burdon
15 September Helen Warfield Raselli
24 September Cystic Fibrosis Victoria
3 October Jeanette Muriel Allen
5 October John Perrin Alsop
23 October Reginald John Sampson

Ashes Interred

3 October Jeanette Muriel Allen

Front cover image

A view from the top of the Christ Church spire – a spiritual and community landmark

The Vicar's Annual Report: 1 October 2016 – 30 September 2017



Preparations for our Annual meeting provide a welcome opportunity to look back over the administrative and governance cycle which runs from October to September each year, and to reflect on the Parish's mission through **hospitality**, **education**, and **outreach** – the three 'planks' of our vision statement – and those people and things that are **enablers** of these ministries.

Hospitality

The ministry of hospitality takes many forms at Christ Church, including:

- a church building which is open, welcoming (tidy and lit) and conducive to rest, prayer and meditation on a daily basis (with huge thanks to our Verger, Gihan, in this regard);
- gardens that create an atmosphere of peace and beauty on a busy corner, courtesy of our Parish Gardeners led by Roy Hardcastle, and including Mark Calder, Diana Lempriere, Walter McNally, Ross Baker, and Ros Lawrence, among others;
- a Parish Centre in the Old Vicarage which hosts meetings, events, seminars or functions on a daily basis for the Parish or our School, for community groups (e.g. 'Teen Talk'), or for the wider church;
- morning tea after Sunday morning services, a ministry shared so generously by so many;
- wine and cheese after Choral Evensong and other evening services (bless our anonymous benefactors and Caroline Travers and Tania Evans who assist with its service);
- inviting other congregations to worship with us, including over the last 12 months:
 - a standing invitation to our Covenant Partners at St Martin's Hawksburn
 - staff and supporters of the Anglican Board of Mission for the ABM Lent Appeal launch
 - our Roman Catholic and Baptist neighbours for an ecumenical celebration of Ascension Day
 - St John's Toorak
 - staff and supporters of the Brotherhood of St Laurence for the annual Tucker Oration
 - St John's East Malvern

Perhaps the most important form of hospitality – one which underpins and informs all of the above – is our intention at Christ Church to express and embody God's unconditional welcome to all who would draw near; to incarnate divine hospitality.

Education

2018 marks the 120th year of the Parish's commitment to education through **Christ Church Grammar School**, which first opened its doors in 1898, and was one of the first schools of its kind to admit girls, in 1920. CCGS has been proudly co-educational ever since, strongly Anglican in its identity and ethos, open to students of all faiths and none, of all backgrounds and abilities, and to families of varied means.

As the statistics which appear later in the report bear out, regular spiritual formation through worship, sacred music (especially in the case of the Chapel Choir) and Religious Education is at the heart of the School's values and purpose.

This year 18 students were admitted to Holy Communion. In November, fourteen Year 5 and Year 6 children will be presented for Confirmation alongside five candidates from CCSY, nineteen in all – the highest number of confirmees by some margin for more than a decade. Please come and support them at 6pm on Sunday 19 November.

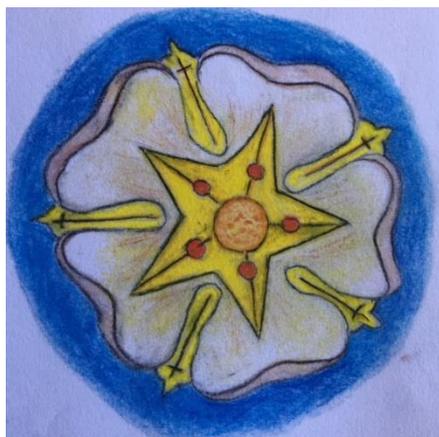
My own Year 6 RE class enjoyed an Incursion with the Brotherhood of St Laurence on social justice, a visit to the Jewish Museum and a unit of study exploring the five pillars of Islam. Mother Linda and Authorised Lay Minister Kim Bong ('Miss Kim' to the children) engage all the children from Prep to Year 3 in Godly Play, and Linda also teaches Years 4 and 5 RE.

The Godly Play methodology spills over very naturally into our weekly **Sunday School** ministry during the 10am service, which is led by Mother Linda, Miss Kim or myself, with help from Choral Scholars, Janise Sibly, and mums and dads. Regular Sunday School (each week February to December) is working beautifully, whether there are three children present or more than a dozen. It integrates the children's learning and worship with that of the adults, gives parents a chance to listen to the sermon and enjoy the music in church, and builds-in a period of relative quiet in the middle parts of the liturgy, which benefits everyone.

Our weekly study groups, **Explorations** and **Education for Ministry (EfM)**, continue to attract new members, and each – in different ways – provides a regular opportunity for adults to engage with the Scriptures and the Tradition, and to bring their faith into robust conversation with their lived experience. As one person reflected back to a group leader recently: "Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your teaching and mentoring this year. It has been a wonderful year of learning and discerning for me and I'm hungry for next year!"

Add to this the newer initiative of our **Fourth Sunday Lunch** – soup and guided reflection on the gospel of the day on the fourth Sunday of each month from noon – and the art of 'theological reflection', or 'connecting our Sundays with our Mondays', is being thoroughly practised at Christ Church.

We are all enormously grateful to Jamie Miller (ALM) and Keith Wray, to Deirdre Scott, Roy Port, and Christine French, to Mother Marilyn Hope and Kim Bong (ALM) – among others – for their leadership of our various educational offerings.



ArtSearch, begun by Mother Jenny and actively supported by Alan Day and Isabella Power, continues that practice of theological reflection using image as text (here a detail from the new Advent vestments, see page 13). Each year we all derive pleasure and insight from the art installations that help mark the seasons.

We ought not forget that the **University of Divinity** and, within it, **Trinity College Theological School** are also supported by the Parish, through the work of individuals (Authorised Lay Minister Peter Sherlock, Mother Marilyn, and myself) and a portion of the Parish's mission giving.

Our work in supervising theological students (Srebrenka Kunek most recently) each year and – when circumstances allow – assistant curates is another important contribution the Parish, and the Ministry Team in particular – makes to **Supervised Theological Field**

Education (STFE) with and for the wider church, and each time a Field Committee is needed, involving more of our people – latterly Mother Patricia Bouma, Liz Leahy, and Al Barker – in this vital ministry of formation. Jenny Baldwin, our **Coordinator of Servers**, also plays an important role in the liturgical formation of students and our own people who help to lead our worship.

All in all, I think it's fair to say that education – in its broadest sense and specifically with respect to the formation of children and adults in mature discipleship – is something we take fully seriously at Christ Church, Parish and School together.

Outreach

This third plank of our mission is something of a growth edge for us.

Historically, outreach has been expressed primarily in the form of our fund-raising for and **Mission Giving** to the wider church, principally ABM. On that front, it's pleasing to note that last year's mission giving reached a ten-year high of over \$18,000, assisted in part by a \$10,000 commitment by Parish Council to ABM from the Parish's recurrent budget. As well as Lenten giving and our annual Mission Dinner with St Martin's, one of the other pillars of our fund-raising efforts are the **Monthly Mission Stalls**, which for 2016/17 raised over \$3,000. Ros Lawrence and her team (Colin Crow, June Sherwood, Doris McNeil, Audrey Harris, Louise Green, and Faye Barrett) are to be congratulated on the consistency of their offerings, and the regular patronage of parishioners and visitors is essential to the success of their work.



Over the last 12 months, ABM, The Brotherhood of St Laurence, SisterWorks, and Trinity College Theological School, have been the beneficiaries of your generosity.

Our annual **Service of Faith and Witness** featuring some of those (pictured left) whose testimonies accompany the ever-growing number of portraits (currently 33 thereof) in the

Gallery of Faith (www.ccsy.org.au/faith-gallery/) provides an opportunity to encourage one another in our baptismal proclamation of the Gospel in our daily lives.

More recently, Christ Church people have expressed a desire – even a hunger – to engage more directly with the work of outreach; to find a collective 'prophetic voice', as it were. This has been illustrated in the take up for the Friends of Refugees Mission Dinner in 2016, in our support of Sara Haghghi's appeals in relation to her immigration status (who is now one of our confirmees), and in the Parish's inclusive approach to issues around marriage equality whilst recognising and respecting a diversity of views.

The **St Laurence Emergency Food Relief** ministry we share with St Martin's also reflects this new energy for outreach – not only in the amount of food we collect on a weekly basis at church, and once each term from families at the Parish School, but also in the work of volunteers like Dunstan Towning, Faye Barrett, and Don Christison who go to

St Martin's each week to help distribute the food, much of which is driven there in car loads by CCGS parents including Emma Allen.

A new initiative (see below) – a combined **Street Market** with St Martin's and SisterWorks – is set to begin next month, and there are plans for a combined **Spring Market Fair** with CCGS next year.

A NEW OUTREACH VENTURE

Christ Church South Yarra and St Martin's Hawksburn Street Market – in conjunction with SisterWorks

Please support this additional mission initiative aimed at raising money for SisterWorks and ABM Partnerships
10am to 2pm on **Saturday 9 December**
under the Commemorative Arch on the corner of Punt and Toorak Roads

The stall will offer an array of hand-made gift items, home-made food items & Christmas hampers from both SisterWorks and the combined efforts of Christ Church & St Martin's:

- Jewellery, scarves, napery
- Scented candles, tote bags
- Other hand-made gift items
- Chutneys and Pickles
- Jams and Marmalades
- Cakes, Biscuits and Slices
- Gift Hampers

How can you support this initiative?

- Providing home-made food and other items for sale on the day
- Offering to assist with setting up, selling at, and packing up the stall
- Encouraging your friends and family to come along and purchase items, perfect for Christmas gifts, for others or yourself!



If you are able to assist by making food items, or would like to help on the day, please leave your name on the list at the back of the church, or contact Greg Wayman by Sunday 19th November on 0402 009 901 or greg.wayman@optusnet.com.au

These are all important and fruitful ways of connecting with the local and wider community, and being a Christian presence in the 'village'. When the invitation comes to join a small group looking into other forms of outreach, I hope you'll consider lending your ideas and support to that important work, as we continue to discern the shape of our witness to the Gospel of God's love and care for all.

Enablers

None of these 'planks' of our mission can float on thin air. They need to be firmly supported by human and other resources in order to be maintained and to grow. Every person who feels connected with Christ Church is an enabler of our share in God's mission to the world in Christ. The following four key enablers have also been identified.

Music and Liturgy of the highest quality

Here I would pay tribute to my wonderful, faithful, hard-working, and talented colleagues on the Ministry Team – stipendiary and non-stipendiary, lay and ordained. The 'prayer wheel' at Christ Church never stops spinning, as again the statistics below remind us (a snapshot of 870 advertised services over the twelve-month period), and we simply could not maintain the volume or standard of services on offer without the generosity of these committed men and women, on whose unstinting support I am utterly reliant and for whose solidarity I am ever grateful.

The Choir continues to excel under Michael Fulcher's direction and Siegfried Franke's accompaniment, and the Music Foundation is steadily growing a corpus that will help sustain this form of outreach thanks to the Trustees, so ably led by Caroline Travers. A big 'thank you' also to Greg Scott, who hangs up the abacus as Treasurer of the CCMF after many years of service, and to Brian Hauser who has stepped into that role.

(Statistics are calculated annually for the period from 1 October to 30 September)	10-year Ave. 2006/7-15/16	Last Year (2015/16)	This year (2016/17)
Baptisms	35	31	37
Admissions to Holy Communion	11	13	18
Confirmations	8	12	2 ⁽¹⁾
Marriages & Marriage blessings	23	10	18
Funerals & Memorial services	24	19	17
Total acts of Communion	10,478	10,076	10,051
Average Sunday attendance (all services)	219	220	216
Average Sunday communicants (all services)	152	149	147
Average Sunday attendance at 10am	164	164	160
Average weekly attendance	700	639	636 ⁽²⁾
Average Choral Evensong attendance	94	119	118
Total CCGS mid-week attendance	14,225	12,376	13,919
Total funds raised/donated for Mission (in \$)	10,444	17,783	18,555 ⁽³⁾

Notes:

1. The principal Confirmation service for 2016 was in late August, just prior to the statistical period, with 12 candidates confirmed and a 'catch-up' of two additional candidates in November 2016. The Confirmation service for 2017 will be in November (again just outside this statistical period) with 19 candidates enrolled (the highest number in more than a decade).
2. The nine per cent drop from the ten-year average last year and this year is accounted for by the fewer number of weddings and funerals in 2015/16 and 2016/'17 compared with the ten-year averages for wedding and funerals.
3. This figure represents a ten-year high in mission giving.



Pastoral Care

Our care of one another and those who seek out the church's ministry is a collective responsibility. Within that, some of us have particular responsibilities in terms of visiting people at home or in hospital, attending aged care facilities with the Sacrament or the gift of music, receiving people for spiritual counsel or direction by appointment, ministering to the grieving, or tending to the dying.

Our Parish Pastoral Visitors – Kim Bong, Robin Baker, and Sheila Matthew – are doing a marvellous job as ‘people of first resort’, making contact with those who may be isolated or on the edges of the community, and – increasingly – taking Holy Communion to those unable to get to church. Fr Paul and Mother Marilyn have done a beautiful job training this group, who will soon be joined by several others, including – we hope – some of our friends from St Martin’s.

Robyn Larking has taken up a new ministry of writing to all the families of those for whom we’ve held a funeral or memorial service, and inviting them to the All Souls’ Requiem Eucharist (a number attended on 2 November this year); along with wedding couples on the first anniversary of their wedding at Christ Church.

All members of the Ministry Team exercise a pastoral ministry each week, in person, by phone or email, liturgically, by arrangement, or simply by ‘loitering with good intent’ after a service or in the Parish Office. It is painstaking, labour-intensive, and often ‘hidden’ work: be assured that it is carried out compassionately and professionally, and that all of us are accountable for our own self-care through spiritual direction and other forms of supervision – disciplines we adhere to for the sake of those entrusted to us.

Integral to this culture of care, of course, is our commitment to child safety, about which I wrote in the last edition of *Contact* and in relation to which the recent Diocesan Synod had much to consider by way of legislation and redress. If you have not yet done so, let me encourage you to read the statement that is on our noticeboard in the Old Vicarage, and above the literature table at the west end of the church, and on our wonderful ‘new’ website (thanks again to Mother Jill and Father Paul for this fine instrument of outreach): www.ccsy.org.au/children

Long term financial sustainability

You may be aware that it costs almost \$1400 each and every day of the year to meet our operational expenses (an annual budget of around \$500,000). That’s before we’ve saved a single penny for future generations or for major capital projects.

Christ Church people are exceedingly generous in their financial support through Planned Giving and the Open Plate, and through other periodic donations and bequests. I’m grateful to the Churchwardens and to Parish Councillors Sarah Benfield and Christine French for their work on our annual Stewardship Program, and the early indications are that the level of commitment from all forms of direct giving has increased in response to the most recent invitation to take up or renew pledges. Thank you for this contribution to our life and work: it is essential.

A group of people led by Al Barker are turning their attention to what we can do longer term to build the financial corpus of the Parish – a capital base that has consolidated and grown over the last decade, thanks largely to a number of bequests, and some very sound financial management by Parish Council. I gratefully acknowledge the work of outgoing Parish Treasurer John Gunthorpe in this respect, Lance Coughlin in the Office, the Churchwardens who have overall responsibility for the Parish’s finances and buildings, and especially Greg Wayman who has taken on the role of Acting Treasurer.

Don't miss the Parish's Feast of Title

Christ the King

Sunday 26 November 2017

10am Procession and Choral Eucharist with Brass Quartet
and Sunday School

Presiding Priest: Fr Des Benfield, Vicar 1993-2006
marking the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood

Preacher: The Rt Revd Kay Goldsworthy, AO
Bishop of Gippsland and Archbishop-elect of Perth

Festive morning tea to follow the service in the Old Vicarage

All welcome to attend the service, morning tea, and . . .

*Fr Des's 'Jubilee Luncheon' from 12.15pm
at Simonds Hall, 120 Toorak Rd West*

Bookings for lunch essential via the Parish Office
\$20 including a glass of wine and soft drink

**Come and take your place at this celebration
of the Parish's identity, life, and mission**

Cooperation with neighbouring parishes, especially St Martin's

Although our 'numbers' at Christ Church in terms of attendance and rites of passage are most encouraging, recent Census data reminds us that partnerships are going to be – if they are not already – key to our church structures, resources and practices.

The Covenant with St Martin's is now in its second year, and is steadily gaining traction both within the two parishes and in the Diocese, where it is seen as something of a model that other communities might draw upon in their own context. Bishop Genieve remarked on this in her sermon during her Sunday visit to us last month, and again when meeting with members of Parish Council afterwards. You can view a copy of the Covenant on the noticeboard in the Old Vicarage, or at: ccsy.org.au/parishlife

Under the auspices of the Covenant we collaborate on aspects of administration and compliance, liturgy (Evensong, Messy Church, Good Friday evening service, local ecumenical circle), and outreach (support of refugees, Reconciliation Action Plan).

The Covenant will prove especially important in a time of transition for St Martin's as Fr Sam Goodes takes up an appointment in Adelaide in the new year. It features in the Parish Profile St Martin's has generated for their Incumbency process. I trust it is becoming increasingly prominent in our own thinking, planning, and sense of identity, and encourage you to help foster the sense of fellowship that is integral to the Covenant.

The partnership with our Parish School is obviously another foundational one for Christ Church, which was barely two decades into its life when the vision for a school first emerged in the 1870s. As the Main Campus Redevelopment Project takes shape (quite literally) we will begin to see the benefit of some new spaces for gatherings and events (not to mention parking!) as part of the major improvement of educational facilities.

Alongside its completion, of course, the new vicarage will revert to Parish use as a vicarage, and 48 Park Place (where my family and I have been living these last four years, almost to the day) will revert to CCGS. The new vicarage will be vacated as close as possible to the end of term one 2018 when the new buildings are handed over by the contractors to the School. In the meantime some modest landscaping will take place in both front and back gardens, and the interior will be 'freshened up' once the space has been vacated. All going well, this should see us carrying our goods and chattels 30 metres up the road to resume residence in the New Vicarage before mid-year – a prospect to which we look forward very much.

What other partnerships might be important for us to explore in the months and years ahead so that – in the spirit of the St Martin's Covenant – we might 'achieve more together'? This is something to which the incoming Parish Council will be giving prayerful thought and, as always, your ideas and suggestions will be welcomed.

Some final thoughts and further words of thanks

In the preceding pages I have endeavoured to mention the names of the wonderful staff members and volunteers alongside the ministries that call them to mind. For some 'sins of omission' let me now atone!

Were we to add all the names of those who fill the rosters for readers, intercessors, morning tea providers, sidespersons, offertory processors, sanctuary servers and so on, the number of names already mentioned would be more than doubled.

Then there are those whose ministries are less visible, perhaps, except by their fruits; for example:

- Peter Bennett's magnificent flower arrangements week in, week out;
- Bruce Walker's careful tending of the church linen, assisted by others at times;
- June Sherwood's magic touch with pew bows before weddings;
- Faye Barrett's detailed work with planned giving envelopes and helping Lance with banking in the Parish Office each month;
- Tahwen Chu's painstaking calligraphy to keep our memorial book updated
- John Castles, Stephen Hehir, and others who made the vision for the re-housing of the Chauvel ceremonial sword such an elegant and practical reality;
- Janise Sibly's effective publicising of services and events in local media;

- Gihan Wijesinghe's ceaseless tidying up of the Old Vicarage kitchen and church grounds, without which we would be knee-deep in . . . mess!
- those who purchase supplies – perishable or otherwise – for the kitchen;
- donors of outdoor furniture in memory of loved ones, and those who help maintain it;
- Audrey Austin's work with the World Day of Prayer;
- all who assist with providing or serving of wine and cheese after some evening services;
- everyone who just 'pitches in' when there's a mission dinner or an Ab Fab Auction (special thanks to Suzie Ross) or a Parish lunch to organize . . .
- all who respond so willingly to requests to represent us at Diocesan Synod or at ecumenical services or to serve on the Board of our Parish School.

A list like this could literally go on for pages and – whilst none of those named anywhere in this report seek recognition (indeed some may be cross with me for giving it!) – such generosity and commitment to Christ's Church is emblematic of the spirit of this community so named.

Sincere and profound gratitude to those who carry the privilege and responsibility of governance:

- Churchwardens Bunty Calder (Vicar's Warden), Greg Wayman, and Stephen Hehir, each whom have given sacrificially of their time and energies, and collectively have been a tower of strength;
- Parish Councillors – whether continuing or taking 'sabbatical': Alistair Barker, Sarah Benfield, Peter Bennett, Kim Bong, Christine French, John Gunthorpe, Sandra Ivory, Garry McCarthy, and Jan Rothwell Short. Parish Council has had a busy and productive year helping to set and implement mission directions and priorities, and developing strategies to equip and enable the work of others.

The image on the front cover of this edition of *Contact* reminds us of the community in which we are set, and to which we are sent. It's a 'snapshot' of the central hope of the Gospel, namely that God so loved the *world* . . .

May we always seek to bear hope to that world God so loved as for God's eternal Word to take flesh; a world God so loves as to send us – that Word made flesh still in Christ's body, the Church: in you, in me, in us.

May that be the source, the ground, and the purpose of everything we do together: all that we are, and all we seek to be and become in that perfecting and completing grace.

Thank you, each and all, for the ministries you exercise so faithfully and well in response to the calling of your baptism. And bless you, as daily we open ourselves to God's formative and transformative work in us, through worship and acts of loving service.

I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting at 11.45am on Sunday 12 November if you are able to attend, and at our Feast of Title a fortnight later on Sunday 26 November as we celebrate with Fr Des and his family, and with one another.

Fr Richard

Feature artwork on loan to Christ Church – *But I say to you*

Next time you are in the Old Vicarage take some time to view this striking piece by Michael Donnelly on temporary display in the Tucker Room.

A meditation on the Sermon on the Mount, in which the artist explores childhood understandings and perceptions which inform his sense of who he is, where he lives, and what he believes.



Thank you to CCGS teacher Shaarn Montgomery for the opportunity to host this work.

The 'Jesse Tree' – a theme to be woven through Advent at Christ Church

This sketch by Mother Jenny of the Parish's new 'Sarum blue' vestments (the generous gift of an anonymous benefactor in association with the Ministry Team and ArtSearch), reflects the theme of our Advent journeying this year.

Of the vestments, Mother Jill writes:



The liturgical colour for Advent is blue or purple, and in recent times churches have begun to use blue again to mark the special character of Advent as the season of hope. Blue also represents expectation and heaven. It is the colour of the sky at first light, lapis, a deep, richly intense blue, which reminds us that we are waiting for Christ, the New Dawn, the Light of the World. Lapis is also the colour associated with Blessed Mary in art and iconography.

The embroidery on the vestments reflects our Advent theme of the Jesse Tree. Mother Jenny has created different designs for the chasuble, dalmatic and tunicle and the stoles that match them. These are the vestments worn by the priest, deacon and subdeacon at our Sunday 10am Choral Eucharist. The themes reflect the hope to be found in our waiting for Christ's coming.

They also denote our delight in God's new creation, particularly in this, our great southern land, represented by the vivid blue of the sky contrasted with the deep ochre of the earth, seen in the outer and lining layers of the chasuble. The symbolism of the motifs is varied and rich: the Jesse Tree, the Star of David, the crown and cross, the Christmas rose and the fleur-de-lys are all reminders of the Nativity.

In keeping with the Outreach strand of our Parish Mission, the vestments are being created in cooperation with Dream Stitches, a community-based sewing program for migrant and refugee women sponsored by the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne.

Professional craft workers (right) teach the women to sew so that they are able to support their families. To learn more about Dream Stitches, visit their website: www.dreamstitches.org.au



Mother Jill and the ArtSearch team reflect further about the Jesse Tree itself:

Our modern obsession with researching the family tree is not such a recent idea after all; in fact, the whole idea of a family tree goes back to the medieval period. Long before literacy was common, artists used symbols to express theological truths. Those who could not read were still able to be reminded of the essential truths of the Christian faith. This year we have decided to use the Jesse tree as our symbol and theme for Advent.

ArtSearch members are preparing an installation in the church which will take shape over the four Sundays of Advent and you are warmly invited to participate in this project.

In medieval times, a tree was chosen to represent Jesus' lineage, inspired by a verse in Isaiah: A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots (Isa 11:1). Jesse was the father of King David, who features in the genealogies at the beginning of both Matthew and Luke's Gospels. Jesus is seen as the one who fulfils the prophecy in Isaiah, the one who is the shoot of the stock of Jesse. Matthew and Luke's genealogies are at pains to trace Jesus' ancestry back to Abraham and to Adam in order to establish that Jesus is the one whom the prophets foretold, the one sent by God, the one who is to save his people.

Medieval depictions of the Jesse Tree frequently showed Jesse himself on the ground, with a tree growing from his body. This depiction of a symbolic tree underlined the fact that Jesus was descended from a line of kings; in the medieval period this was considered of great importance. Some of Jesus' ancestors are often depicted and frequently Jesus himself appears at the apex of the work, sometimes accompanied by Mary.

The Jesse Tree appeared in many shapes and forms; in paintings, wooden or stone carvings, in illuminated manuscripts, in stained-glass windows and in miniatures. You will find many exquisite depictions online. Modern day representations of the Jesse Tree vary from the starkly symbolic to the elaborate and ornate. Our Jesse Tree at Christ Church will be something just that little bit different!

Dates and times for your diary *Special Services and Events*

Sunday 12 November Annual Meeting of the Parish
11.45am Held in the church, following the 10am Eucharist

Sunday 19 November, 6pm Confirmation Service for CCSY & CCGS
Our combined School and Parish service for Fourth Term
with Bishop Brad Billings officiating

Sunday 26 November, 10am Feast of Title & Fr Des's Jubilee as a Priest
Christ the King Celebrant: Fr Des Benfield
Preacher: Bishop Kay Goldsworthy
See notice on page 10

Saturday 2 December, 9.30am Advent Quiet Day
until 3.30pm Led by Mother Marilyn, at Christ Church, with St Martin's

Sunday 3 December, 10am Choral Eucharist with Sunday School
First Sunday of Advent Preacher: Fr John Deane, Executive Director ABM

Saturday 9 December, 10am Street Market with SisterWorks & St Martin's
until 2pm See notice on page 6

Sunday 17 December, 6pm A Festival of Lessons and Carols
A traditional service of Advent and Christmas carols, with
congregational hymns, followed by wine and cheese

Sunday 24 December, 8am Said Eucharist (BCP)
10am Sung Eucharist with Seasonal Hymns
Fourth Sunday in Advent

4pm Kids' Church at Christmas
Christmas Eve A fun 45-minute Crib Service for children and families

4.45pm Holy Communion
A brief (15-min) service of Holy Communion after Kids'
Church, for those who would like to receive the Sacrament

10.30pm Community Carol Singing

11pm Choral Midnight Mass with Brass Quartet
Traditional Midnight Mass with Procession & Blessing of
Crib. Mass Setting: Haydn – Little Organ Mass. Soloist:
Michael Leighton Jones – Fantasia on Christmas Carols

Monday 25 December, 8am Said Eucharist with Carols
Christmas Day

10am Choral Eucharist with Procession, Carols, and
Prayers at the Crib

Please note:

There will be no 6pm Sunday worship or Sunday School during January

PARISH DIRECTORY

CLERGY

The Revd Dr Richard Treloar, *Vicar*
The Revd Paul Bower, *Senior Associate Priest*
The Revd Marilyn Hope, *Hon. Parish Deacon*
The Revd Jenny Nelson, *Hon. Associate Priest*
The Revd Jill Renison, *Hon. Associate Priest*
The Revd Dr Linda Fiske, *CCGS Chaplain*

MUSIC

Mr Michael Fulcher, *Director of Music*
Mr Siegfried Franke, *Parish Organist*

AUTHORISED LAY MINISTERS

Ms Kim Bong, *part-time*
Prof Peter Sherlock, *Hon.*
Mr Jamie Miller, *Hon.*

COORDINATOR OF SERVERS

Dr Jenny Baldwin, *Hon.*

THEOLOGICAL STUDENT

Dr Srebrenka Kunek

VERGER

Mr Gihan Wijesinghe, *Hon.*

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SERVICE TIMES

Sundays

8am Eucharist (*BCP*)

10am Choral Eucharist

10am Sunday School
(in church, during the 10am service)

6pm Worship

Choral Evensong 3rd Sunday of the month
'Service of Light' with Eucharist other Sundays

Wednesdays

10am Eucharist

Fridays

12noon Eucharist

Saints' Days & Holy Days

as advertised

Morning & Evening Prayer

9am & 5pm weekdays

Christ Church Grammar School Chapel

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