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*FROM THE REGISTERS
(SINCE LAST 'CONTACT')*

Baptisms

20 September	Beatrice Victoria Room Batters*
1 November	Digby Mac Boileau
6 December	Matilda Grace Shakespeare Curcio
23 December	Annabel Nerida Gray
31 January	Henry Edward Hesketh
	Charles Bartlett Barrie Hesketh
	Georgiana Matilda Payne Vallence
6 March	Pashmina Hope Khera
	Kashmere Rose Khera
3 April	Lucille Nicholls

* Beatrice's surname was omitted in Vol 24.3

Weddings

2 January	Andrew Ray & Christina Block (MGS Chapel)
15 January	Mathew D'Orazio & Laura Cottle
13 February	Nicholas Bankes & Lucy Raymond
18 March	Andrew Perks & Peta Pathak
9 April	Robert Kennedy & Aude de Lassence

Funerals & Memorial Services

25 November	Susan Dorothy Francis
25 January	Pauline Barbara Burren
3 February	Richard William Middleton
9 February	Neville Arthur Danaher (Nelson's, Hoppers Crossing)
3 March	Geoffrey David Henderson
7 March	Renata Magnani
21 March	Timothy Herbert Eric Cousens
6 April	Valda (Beth) Allerton

Ashes Interred

20 December	Betty Manning
23 December	Lucy Halliday (Brighton Cemetery)
23 March	Sheila Bignell

From the Vicar



It was exciting to have the Parish's new Vision and Mission statement (reproduced below) endorsed at the Annual Meeting in November. The statement, as you'll recall from the previous edition of *Contact* grew out of last year's consultation process, involving a sermon series, several plenary sessions, and a number of focus groups, with input along the way by the Ministry Team and Parish Council.

CCSY Vision and Mission Statement

Vision

Christ Church South Yarra is a vibrant and inclusive Anglican church called to experience and express God's love in worship, fellowship and service.

Mission

Sharing God's love for the world, we aim to be a community of hospitality, education, and outreach that:

- invites everyone to experience God's generosity
- nurtures and matures Christian faith and ministry
- brings the Gospel to our neighbourhood and beyond

Values

Our life together is shaped by:

- liturgy and music of the highest quality
- scriptural teaching that challenges and encourages
- our care for people and for the earth

Although quite 'pithy' in and of itself, the statement flows into a series of Goals for the period 2016-2018, which are gathered under its three main themes of hospitality, education, and outreach, with a further category of 'enablers'.

Parish Council is organising its work around these goals and will be looking to draw in people from the wider Christ Church community who may feel called to contribute in one or more of these areas. Parish Council will report back to the Parish on progress made towards the middle of the year.

In the meantime, two further concrete initiatives – both involving our neighbours at St Martin's Hawksburn – have arisen from that process. One is the format of this year's **Combined Mission Dinner on Friday 29 April**, which addresses the desire expressed by many of you to engage more directly with the wider mission of the Church, especially in relation to refugees and asylum seekers. Please see pages 8-10 for all the details, and plan to attend if you possibly can.

The other relates to the idea of draft Covenant between the two parishes, which was reported in the Advent issue by Fr Sam Goodes (Vicar of St Martin's) on behalf of the 'Achieving More Together' subcommittee of both Parish Councils.

The text of the Covenant (reproduced below), carefully drafted and redrafted by the AMT committee over several months, was agreed to by both governing bodies at our respective March meetings. At **Choral Evensong on Sunday 17 April**, held jointly with St Martin's, the Vicars and Churchwardens of both parishes will sign and date copies of the document to be displayed at Christ Church and St Martin's.

A Covenant between Christ Church South Yarra and St Martin's Hawksburn

Our two parishes have a shared history and a geographic proximity. We share a common approach to many aspects of liturgy, ministry and mission and are committed to working together in the mission of Christ, by:

- not doing separately what we might do together, and
- doing together what we are less able to do separately.

With this aim we commit to do the following in support of our joint desire to achieve more together.

- We will pray for each other regularly.
- We will support each other with our presence and participation in:
 - the monthly Choral Evensong hosted at Christ Church South Yarra.
 - one another's significant worship services
 - the local ecumenical cycle of worship.
- We will build on the established pattern of shared seasonal Quiet Days and retreats.
- We will seek opportunities to reflect together on the scriptures and tradition.
- We will endeavour to meet the needs of children and families in our local area through the ministries of our two parishes.
- We will jointly support and alternately host an Annual Mission Dinner to aid the mission of the wider church.
- We will cooperate in providing an Emergency Food Relief program to those in need. It will be based at St. Martins, with Christ Church offering assistance through the services of volunteers and the provision of food collected by the parish and Christ Church Grammar School.
- We will develop ministry resources to extend the capabilities of our parishes in pastoral care and other ministries.
- We will plan our Parish Calendars so as not to clash with each other's special events as far as possible.

- We will consult and collaborate on matters of administration and compliance to reduce costs and improve efficiency.
- We will meet together regularly to explore our respective strengths, weaknesses, gifts and needs. We will remain open to ways in which we can co-operate in God's mission and further the purposes of God's Kingdom in the world.

We undertake to review this Covenant annually, to modify it in accord with the desires and aspirations of our respective communities of faith and the leading of the Holy Spirit, and to recommit to the covenantal agreements it contains.

As you can see, this is one step in an iterative process, which preserves the integrity and autonomy of each community's structures of ministry, governance, and finances. It does represent, however, a significant commitment in terms of our intention to work collaboratively in best serving the needs of the people entrusted to our care, to God's greater glory, and in the spirit of achieving more together than we can achieve in isolation.

If you have not yet experienced the delights of our monthly Choral Evensong service, 17 April at 6pm would be an ideal time to put your toe into those waters. Either way, we would be glad of your presence and support as we embark on a new stage of this journey with our local Anglican partners in the Gospel.

The Revd Michael Danaher, former CCSY Sanctuary Server and Theological Student (pictured here with the Revd Dr Linda Fiske, CCGS Chaplain and herself a former CCSY Theological Student) was made a Deacon in the Church of God on Saturday 6 February at St Paul's Cathedral, followed by a reception back at Christ Church.



Michael is serving his first curacy at the Parish of St James', Dandenong. Kim Bong, Michael's wife and fellow EfM graduand, is working with children and families as a stipendiary Authorised Lay Minister across School and Parish (1.5 days per week in each setting).

I wonder, in this joyful Eastertide, and as we prepare to open ourselves afresh to the ceaseless movement of Holy Spirit at Pentecost, what might God be calling you to do, and be, in the Church and in the world God so loves?

Fr Richard

The Chauvel Sword – where has it gone?

Observant worshippers have noticed that the sword belonging to General Sir Harry Chauvel (Churchwarden at CCSY 1921-1944), usually positioned high up on the south wall of the church to the east of the font, is not currently *in situ*.

On advice from CCGS grandparent and collector of historical swords, Mr Eric Estlin, Parish Council had the sword taken down and given into Eric's safe-keeping for an assessment of its condition and any recommendations for its preservation. Eric has since been pleased to report that the blade, housed for decades within its scabbard, and boasting some intricate engraving work, is in excellent condition.

The artefact has outstanding provenance: a General Officer's Pattern 1831 Mameluke-hilted sword of a style influenced by the Duke of Wellington following his Indian service. So, with the approval of Parish Council, Eric brought it to the attention of the Curator at the Shrine of Remembrance who suggested it be inspected by an expert from the University of Melbourne due to visit the Shrine in July.

This will duly take place and a further report will be submitted to Parish Council. Be assured that in the meantime the Chauvel sword is very safe hands, and remains under the auspices of the Parish as per the plaque just to the left of the font, which you may like to read on your next visit to Christ Church.

Father Alex and Mother Kirsty have become ...

... well, father Alex and mother Kirsty!

Congratulations to them on the safe arrival of William Henry Ross on Boxing Day, and to proud grandparents Ruth and John, whom we're delighted to see at CCSY on a regular basis.



Fourth Sunday Lunches

Authorised Lay Minister Kim Bong has initiated these monthly informal gatherings following morning tea (around 12noon) on the fourth Sunday of each month. A simple meal is provided, at no cost, over which parishioners can get to know one another a little better. A time of guided reflection on the gospel reading and sermon of the day follows. No need to RSVP, just turn up, or linger a little longer, on 24 April, and any fourth Sunday thereafter – all welcome!

Leonard Fullard, MBE, Mus. Bac.



Christ Church and fine music are synonymous, as is evident from the high standard of music we enjoy and appreciate at present.

The history of church music at Christ Church

would not be complete without acknowledging the Leonard Fullard era (1949 - 1987). Leonard Fullard (invariably addressed as Mr Fullard), presided over the all-male choir of men, and boys from Christ Church Grammar School. The music was very much centred on the English cathedral tradition, as far as parish worship permitted, and used the Parish Psalter with its speech rhythm pointing.

Leonard Fullard created two additional choirs. One was a small ensemble, The Dorian Singers, which often appeared on the ABC's Sunday evening program 'Prelude' (later known as 'In Quires and Places'). On occasions they joined forces with the other, larger, Oriana Chamber Choir.

Perhaps his greatest, enduring legacy was the annual Melbourne Bach Festival, held at Christ Church, and attended by many hundreds of music lovers, who would otherwise probably never have had reason to enter the Church.

A typical bill of fare in the later years was the 1974 program of eight performances comprising: The Bach Festival Evensong, The St John Passion, Chamber Music, Organ & Harpsicord Recital, Concerto Recital, Free Youth Concert, Free Lunchtime Organ and Harpsicord Recital, Concertos and Cantata. The Oriana Chamber Choir frequently performed during the two-week festival.

The festival, which began in 1950, was usually held in late September and early October. Those who remember the Festival, including some in the present choir and congregation, recall it with affection, and all agree that nothing replaced it when it ceased in 1988. The concerts featured some of Bach's lesser known cantatas and chamber works, performing many for the first time in Melbourne.

Patricia Duke has undertaken an academic study of his life and work and that of other early Melbourne musicians, and this culminated in her being awarded a PhD in 2005. The thesis is titled 'Foundations of Early Music in Melbourne: Leonard Fullard and Other Pioneers'.

Leonard Fullard put Christ Church on the map for many Melbourne music lovers and his contribution to the City of Melbourne and to Christ Church in particular should be remembered and recorded in the Parish's history. It is gratifying that his memory is being kept alive in a practical way, through the Leonard Fullard Organ Scholarship, first awarded last year to a most worthy recipient in Ms Gillian McNaughton.

A copy of Dr Duke's thesis is available for anyone to borrow. Please contact Fr Richard.

Roger Meyer

Annual Combined Mission Dinner in support of 'Friends of Refugees'

Friday 29 April, 7pm, Christ Church Hall (CCGS campus)

The 2016 annual Mission Dinner with St Martin's Hawksburn (now in its sixth year) will be hosted by Christ Church, and will raise funds and awareness for FOR – Friends of Refugees. With the help of Christ Church Grammar School, our two parishes are looking to support this grass roots organisation based in Dandenong: www.friendsofrefugees.org.au

We will be treated to a wonderful meal which will be prepared and served by asylum seeker and refugee chefs and waiters. FOR has recently established a catering service as a means of providing employment and training opportunities for those people who would otherwise find it difficult to obtain paid work. It also is a source of additional income to fund key activities undertaken by FOR, which fill gaps in services provided by government agencies and mainstream charities.

The dinner to be held in the Christ Church Hall (on the CCGS main campus) will be a sit down feast, comprising authentic delicacies from Asia, the Asian sub-continent, Africa and the Middle East.

Half of each \$60 contribution per person is tax deductible, and a tax receipt will be provided for this component. Pre-dinner drinks will be provided, and table wine will be on a BYO basis.

Numbers are strictly limited, so please book and pay for your seats either by contacting Lance Coughlin in the Parish Office (phone: 9866 4434; or email: ccoffice@ccsy.org.au) OR online at <http://www.trybooking.com/187509>



About FOR (Friends of Refugees)

Friends of Refugees was formed in early 2013, emerging as a practical response to address the diverse and changing needs of refugees and asylum seekers, primarily in the City of Greater Dandenong and City of Casey (where 50% of the asylum seekers on bridging visas without work rights live). Asylum seekers are one of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged groups in Australia. They have no guaranteed right to income, healthcare or settlement services.

FOR grew from initially providing material aid to new arrivals. It quickly adapted to meet additional and emerging needs. The organisation supports asylum seekers and refugees by providing donated items, support services and community engagement. All programs are provided without any federal government funding and at no cost to participants – adults and children – who are refugees and asylum seekers. To date, funding has been reliant on generous donations from the Australian community.

Over the last two years, FOR established a drop-in centre and warehouse to support its core activities. Over the same period, FOR's supporters (including a large number of asylum seekers and refugees) have given more than 50,000 volunteer hours valued at over 1.4 million dollars to serve over 2,000 individuals across ten program areas.

FOR programs have:

- provided material aid, emergency relief and food aid to over 1500 asylum seeker households across Melbourne;
- served over 4600 meals;

- provided education support to hundreds of adults and children (English classes, homework support, vocational training, etc.);
- repaired and distributed bicycles at no cost to over 1700 children and adults;
- helped maintain many asylum seekers' gardens free of charge; and
- provided job training and social enterprise opportunities.

Most of all, FOR has built many friendships with the new arrivals to make them feel welcome in the community. FOR is now seeking to become more self-reliant and is developing Social Enterprises, such as FOR Catering, along with other fund-raising activities to augment funds from personal and philanthropic donations.

Monthly Mission Stalls raising money for CCSY's ABM Project



Inspired by the visit to Christ Church in March of the Revd Victor Joseph, Principal of Wontulp-bi-Buya Theological College in Cairns, the 10am congregation was especially generous that day in their support of the Monthly Mission Stall.

Victor teaches a Certificate of Theology course, and Indigenous students come from all over Queensland to study at this ecumenical theological college, which in the absence of government funding relies on the support of individuals and faith communities. For the last five years or so, Christ Church has contributed directly to funding the Principal's stipend as our Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) Parish Project.

The Monthly Mission Stalls, held immediately following the 10am service on the second Sunday (usually!) of the month, are the primary means by which we do this, and the generous donation of goods and regular patronage of parishioners and visitors are greatly appreciated.

So too is the ministry of Convenor Ros Lawrence (pictured above with Chair of Trustees of Christ Church Music Foundation, Caroline Travers) and her dedicated team comprising Audrey Harris, June Sherwood, Louise Green, Doris McNeill, and Colin Crow.

The ten Monthly Mission Stalls held during the last financial year raised over \$2,500.

The choir of
Christ Church South Yarra presents its annual

Showcase Concert

in support of the Christ Church Music Foundation

Featuring Michael Leighton Jones (baritone), guest
associate artists Sarah Curro (violin) & Natasha Prewett (cello),
Siegfried Franke (organ), and Michael Fulcher (conductor)

Friday 13th May, 7-8pm

Complimentary pre-concert drinks from 6:15pm

Tickets available online from www.trybooking.com/KRUS,
at the door, or from the Parish office on 9866 4434
General Admission \$30 | Students \$20

Corner Punt & Toorak Roads
Free parking on-site, with easy access via
the #8 Tram or South Yarra train station



ArtSearch installation for Pentecost

The dramatic description of the wind and tongues of fire found in Acts (2:1-13) is the inspiration for this year's Pentecost installation in the church by the Parish's ArtSearch Group.

Founded by Associate Priest and artist Mother Jenny Nelson (who has again decorated our Paschal Candle this year, see front cover and p.14), ArtSearch runs in parallel with Explorations on a Wednesday morning, exploring the Scriptures and the Tradition through image, rather than text.



With so much of our worship based on words, the wordless Rood Screen (apart from the Latin text, 'Laus Deo') which connects the Chancel and the Nave sanctuary platform will bear banners and painted expressions of the work of the Holy Spirit in a welcome addition to our services as we move from Easter into the great festivals of Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, and Corpus Christi.

We hope the installation will help to communicate the themes of these holy days, and will engage young and old alike.

A Testimony through Suffering

I have met two unforgettable people in my life who affected my spiritual pathway. Both appeared in my life when I was least expecting them and both radically inspired, challenged and changed me.

The first was the 'evangelist', that I met on a bridge in Guilin, China (see the Winter 2012 edition of *Contact* <http://www.ccsy.org.au/downloads/contact-1207.pdf>, pp.11-12). The second was when I was much younger, and thought I was well on the road to 'knowing it all.'

I had been absent from church for some time; the friends I had acquired around me believed that Christians were simple minded people beguiled by fables. Having returned to Australia after a number of years in academia I was engaged in building a career for myself. I was interested in pursuing some research into how people are able to overcome a severe illness by positive thoughts, what was euphemistically known as the 'Mind-Body' programme, when a colleague introduced me to a woman whom he thought would make an ideal candidate.

I learned that she had an indomitable spirit over her condition: a severe bone disease. She was bed ridden to prevent further fractures, sepsis had set in, and in an attempt to halt its spread radical surgery had been performed.

At our first meeting I casually asked 'and how are you?' Her reply set the tone for all our future meetings, 'safe in God's hands'. I never deigned to ask how she was again for she always spoke cheerily about how God had made her and watched over her. Initially, I looked upon her attitude as a form of coping mechanism over a very serious illness rather than mindfully attempting to cure herself. Nevertheless I was interested in talking to her.

A few months passed during which I would make a fortnightly visit to her, in which time I came face to face with a woman who epitomised 'long suffering'. Yet she spoke constantly of God's love and how Christ gave His life so that all could have it abundantly. She never spoke down to my purpose for being there, but invited me instead to look up to explore a meaning for my life.

Although she was in terrible pain, she never complained. Never once did she lament 'Oh why has God done this me?' She knew that whatever happened to her, all her days were in God's hands (Ps 31:17).

By her stoicism, and the inward Christian joy that emanated from her, she was a source of inspiration to all who met her. What I was witnessing was much more than a coping mechanism of her own making.



At our last meeting she was severely restricted by amputations and infection. I asked what I could do for her. She gestured for me to open the blinds a little more and haltingly said, "I can still gaze at God's wonderful creation". Tears welled up in my

eyes as I said my last goodbye and prayed for the first time in many years. At that moment God was back into my life.

She endured her suffering in the same manner which St Paul spoke about in Second Corinthians (1:6; 6:4; 12:12). It is not easy to capture the richness or depth of meaning of the Greek word that Paul uses here (*hupomone*, patient endurance), but by her ability to bear her infirmities in such a triumphant manner she showed me its meaning.

She showed how a deep love for God in the individual can manifest itself to those with whom one comes in contact. She had an aura of peace and contentment that drew people to engage with her. No matter what position you held, from cleaner to surgeon, you sensed a oneness with her; no one was alienated. You became aware how unique and important you are in whatever God has called you to do.

Despite how broken this world might have become, God's beauty may still be discerned, and God is always present, no matter what has befallen us.

Roy Port



The 2016 Paschal (Easter) Candle

'Moses and the "Burning Bush"'

– Mother Jenny Nelson –

How fortunate we are to have on the Ministry Team an artist of Mother Jenny's talents. Jenny is always open to suggestions for the 'theme' of the Paschal Candle which she prayerfully adorns and prepares for us during each Lent.

Lit for the first time from the 'new fire' at the Great Paschal Vigil service on Easter Eve, the candle burns at all services throughout the Easter season, and at every baptism and funeral service during the year, as a reminder of the presence of the Crucified and Risen Christ with his people.

The stories of Exodus are central to the symbolism of the Paschal Vigil, and indeed of baptism, and the text on which Jenny's painting is based (Exodus 3:1-7) is one of those read at the Vigil each year in a church illuminated only by the light of this candle, and the tapers lit from it. The 'tongues' of flame in this year's design also lead us towards Pentecost, the fiftieth day and climax of the Easter season.

If you've never experienced the Paschal Vigil on Easter Eve, you may like to consider attending next year. In the meantime, with thanks to Mother Jenny, please take a moment to 'turn aside' and reflect upon this year's candle.

For your Diary

Please note that Sunday School or Kids' Church are offered each Sunday, including on long weekends and throughout school holidays, as follows:

- Kids' Church at 12noon on the second Sunday of the month
- Sunday School during the 10am service on every other Sunday

Choral Evensong is sung by the Choir of CCSY on the third Sunday of each month at 6pm, followed by wine and cheese

Sunday 17 April, 6pm
Fourth Sunday of Easter Choral Evensong
Including launch of the draft Covenant with St Martin's Hawksburn (see pages 4-5)

Friday 29 April, 7pm Friends of Refugees Dinner
With St Martin's Hawksburn and CCGS, Christ Church Hall (CCGS grounds)
See pages 8-10 for details

Thursday 5 May, 7pm
Ascension day Ecumenical Choral Eucharist
An Ecumenical Service with St Joseph's Roman Catholic Parish, South Yarra Community Baptist Church, and St Martin's Hawksburn, followed by a festive supper

Friday 13 May, 6.15 for 7pm CCSY Choir 'Showcase Concert'
Complimentary drink at 6.15pm for a 7.00-8.00pm program; see page 11 for details

Saturday 14 May, 2.30pm ANZCO 'NextGen' Organ Concert
\$15 admission in support of young organists

Sunday 15 May, 10am
Day of Pentecost Procession & Choral Eucharist
Featuring 'ArtSearch' installation (see page 12), followed by festive morning tea

6pm Choral Evensong
Followed by wine and cheese

Sunday 29 May, 10am
Corpus Christi Choral Eucharist with CCGS
Including Admission to Holy Communion

PARISH DIRECTORY

CLERGY

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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*

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SERVICE TIMES

Sundays

8am Eucharist (*BCP*)
10am Choral Eucharist
12noon Kids' Church
2nd Sunday of the month
10am Sunday School
Every Sunday of the month except 2nd Sundays
6pm Worship
Choral Evensong 3rd Sunday of the month
'Service of Light' 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
8.45am Mondays & Fridays (during term)

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