

Christ Church St Kilda Parish

Sunday 17 December 2017

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.....Isaiah 40:3

We believe in One God: The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Christ Church Parish Vision Statement

A worshipping Christian community

- humbly loving God and one another;
- proclaiming the Gospel in word and deed; and
- creating an environment in which all people feel welcomed and accepted.

Christ Church Parish Mission Statement

We take as our Christian Mission the practice of:

- Pastoral Care for our community and the wider community
- Worship that welcomes all
- Nurturing all peoples
- Social Justice
- Caring for God's Creation

PLEASE NOTE WHERE THE EXIT DOORS ARE

OHS regulations require the Wardens to make sure that people know where the exits to the church are located in case of an emergency.

Diocesan News

Copies of the December TMA are available at the back of the church: please take a copy. This issue includes Anglican responses to the Same-Sex Marriage Postal Vote and reactions to the passing of assisted dying legislation in the Victorian Parliament.

You can study theology at Trinity College Theological School

A range of courses are available: see notice at the back of the church.

Trinity College Theological School are offering 3 Joan Adams Scholarships. Applications close on 5th January, 2018. See notice at the back of the church

2018 Australian Anglican Church Calendars are available for \$20 each. Please see Joan if you would like one – they make very good Christmas presents, and we are featured for the month of December.

Anglicare Christmas Catalogue is available at the back of the church.

Deanery News

All Saints' East St. Kilda this evening at 7.30pm

Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

Parish News

Monday, 18th December at 10.30am interment of Ian Pulling's ashes in our Memorial Garden. Parish to provide Morning Tea

Parish Council Meeting Monday, 18th December at 7pm

Thursday, 21st December at 8.30pm, Carols by Candle Light

Sunday, 24th December at 4.30pm, Christmas for Kids

Sunday, 24th December at 9pm, Christmas Eve Eucharist

Monday 25th December at 9am, Christmas Day Eucharist

Flowers in the Church

We are blessed to have flower arrangements in the church to give colour and beauty. Unfortunately, this costs money and we need your help to meet this expense. Please see Elisabeth Newman if you are able to make a donation.

Fr Turi on Holiday

Fr Turi will be on leave from Tuesday, 26th December until Tuesday, 9th January 2018. Our own Fr Ken will be taking the 9am Sunday service on 31st December and 7th January. There will be no 11am service on those days. If you need to contact someone in the Parish during this time you can phone:

Geoffrey Court - 0409 994 150

Bob Hall - 0408 355 226 or

Charles Baird - 0403 165 711

CALENDAR OF SUNDAYS

Newsletter

This is the last Newsletter for 2017 – it will resume in February 2018.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

Weekly Bulletin

As Christmas rumbles forward we are extremely grateful for the festive donations that we can add to food parcels. The clients are thrilled to have something special for the holidays. We offer a food item along with a gift from an assortment of items we have collected over the year. They may seem small but these thoughtful items mean a lot to people who live in challenging times. Our Stepping Stones Christmas lunch was a beautiful affair on Wednesday afternoon, and made all the more festive with a visit from Father Christmas with gifts for each diner. This coming Wednesday we will serve up a Christmas roast dinner. We wish everyone a Overy Merry Christmas.

Noticeboard

You will have noticed a white Noticeboard as you entered the church. Each Sunday this board announces an item that the Community Centre is short of in its foodbank and would love to receive from you. Please bring a contribution to church the following Sunday to help people in need.



24 December 2017

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Theme A God near at hand

9am Sung Eucharist

4.30pm Christmas for Kids

9pm Christmas Eve Eucharist

25 December 2017

The Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ

Christmas

Theme God with us

9am Sung Eucharist

31 December 2017

The Holy Family

Theme A new creation

9am Sung Eucharist

07 January 2018

The Feast of Epiphany

Theme The children of God

9am Sung Eucharist

14 January 2018

The Baptism of our Lord

Theme Revelation to the Gentiles

9am Sung Eucharist

PARISH OFFERTORY

Month of November 2017

Budget	Received	Variance	Cuml Deficit Oct-Nov
4,528	3,490	1,038	2,312