



## St John's Cranbourne & Christ Church Tooradin

### Pews News

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***The St John's bi-monthly newsletter is out today. Please collect your copy to save postage.***

### **Holy Week**

Today begins Holy Week. Please don't let things distract you from making it holy, and so deepening your appreciation of the love and power of God shown through Jesus' death and resurrection.

More help is needed across our Thursday night (7pm) and Good Friday (10am and noon-3pm) additional services. See the noticeboard to offer your help.

A special treat this year will be having a visiting conductor of the *Three Hour Service* on Good Friday (noon-3pm) – Archdeacon Jeffrey Parker, Vicar of St James' Dandenong. As is usual you are encouraged to come and leave as suits during the time of this service.

### **From Kathy and Darrell Douglass**

We are moving from Cranbourne & Saint Johns to our new country property in Nar Nar Goon. Easter Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup> will be our last day here. It is a bitter sweet time for us, as we have been around for over 30 years & will miss a lot of people who have loved us over this time. We will certainly plan to have a visit back every now & then to see you all.

Kathy & Darrell Douglass



### ***Palm Sunday***

Isaiah 50: 4-9a p594; Psalm 31: 9-18 p250;  
Philippians 2: 5-11 p954; Mark 14: 1- 15:27 p826

**Everlasting God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son to take our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross: in your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

## **Coming Week and Month**

Today, noon, St John's: Final Holy Week choir practice

Today, 6.30pm, St John's: *Evening Church* (last at 6.30pm – then at 5.30pm from Easter Day)

Wed, 10am, St John's: midweek Holy Communion

### **Holy Week Services – this week**

Maudy Thursday, 7pm, St John's: Commemoration of the Last Supper

Good Friday, 10am, St John's: Family Devotional Service

Good Friday, noon – 3pm, St John's: Three Hour Service with Adn Jeffrey Parker

Easter Day, 6.15am, Harewood: Dawn Easter Service

Easter Day, St John's: services at usual times (9am, 10.30am and 5.30pm)

Tues 3/04, 7.30pm, 3 Longhirst Ave Cranbourne: St John's Prayer Meeting (see below)

Mon 9/04, 10 am, St John's: Ladies Guild meeting.

Sun 29/9, St John's: **Celebration of the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our new buildings** (special services and Spit Roast meal – see newsletter)

### *Coming Readings*

Sun 01/04	Acts 10: 34-43 p895	1 Cor 15: 1-11 p935	John 20: 1-18 p882
Sun 08/04	Acts 4: 32-37 p888	1 John 1: 1-2:2 p989	John 20: 19-31 p883
Sun 15/04	Acts 3: 12-20 p887	1 John 2: 15-17, 3: 1-6 p990	Luke 24: 36b-48 p861

### **Primary School Ministry at St John's – J Kids**

Rebecca Awuor has resigned as St John's children's minister, which was necessary given that her position was funded to work with Dinka children, most of whom are no longer attending St John's. We thank her for her short time serving in that position, and also Carolyn Hooper for the particular support she gave with the *J Kids* program over term 1. *J Kids* finishes for the holidays today. Mary Murphy will take the lead role in term 2, and is keen to have additional assistants (WWC checks will be needed, or at least applied for). Please see David or leave a message at the office if you would like to learn more.

### **Practical Help Needed**

We will need several groups to help with the planning for our celebration on 29 April – an invitation committee, a catering group and a 'set up and pack u'p group. Please put your name on the list on the noticeboard if you would like to volunteer.

There is to be a working bee at St John's the week before the celebration on Saturday 21 April from 9am-noon, and there will be lots to do – inside and out. A list is being assembled of inside things that need attention – please add your suggestions to it on the noticeboard.

The six week season is here when the two historic trees outside the Community Hall drop their leaves in large quantities. Is there someone, or are there two or three, who would be willing to rake them up regularly, making make sure that the brown green waste bins are filled for each collection and we are not overwhelmed – rakes provided.

### **St John's Quilters**

St John's Quilters are having their *Quilting Exhibition* on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April. Proceeds go to *Blairlogie Living and Learning Project*. Our Special Effort is a Luxurious Getaway for two people, plus breakfast and dinner, at Inverloch Resort, valued at \$400.00. Tickets available at Reception for \$2.00 a ticket or a book of 10 for \$20.00.

## 2018 Parish Directory

The draft Parish Directory is on display today and will be passed back through the congregation at today's services, to enable everyone to quickly check that their details are correct. If you are not listed, but would like to be, please speak to the Reception team today, or email the office ([stjohnscanbourne@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnscanbourne@gmail.com)) by tomorrow. Next week will be too late: copies will have been printed and will be available for collection.

## Cinema Night

St John's hopes to have a cinema night to see *I Can Only Imagine* Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 6:30pm at *Hoyts Frankston*, if we can sell 41 tickets (\$12 each). Please see Dianne Mitchell for more information or just 'sign up' on the noticeboard.

*I Can Only Imagine* is a 2018 American Christian film based on the story behind the song by *Mercy Me* of the same name (the most-played contemporary Christian song of all time). It centres around *Mercy Me* lead singer Bart Millard, and his relationship with his father, Arthur Wesley Millard, who died when Bart was 18 years old, and whose death inspired the song. According to director Andrew Erwin, it tells a "complex father-son story," including emotional and physical abuse. The film stars J. Michael Finley as Bart Millard, the lead singer who wrote the song about his relationship with his father, as well as Dennis Quaid, Cloris Leachman and Trace Adkins.

## Two New Bible Study Groups in Term Two

Two new bible study groups will begin in term 2:

- One on Monday Nights 8pm for **Young Adults** at 36 Bakewell St beginning on April 23.
  - One on Friday Nights 7:30 fortnightly for **Youths** at 36 Bakewell St beginning April 20.
- Come along hang out, have some supper and think about how we can love God and those he has put around us. Talk to Simon if you have any questions.

## Short Notices

- Thanks to Joyce Bharat for providing this year's palm branches and for the team that gathered by Lyn Hosking on Wednesday to make 220 palm crosses for today.
- Thanks to Margaret Slee and her helpers for last week's sausage sizzle. Margaret not only organized the event, she also provided the bread and the delicious coleslaw.
- The parish office volunteer team will be on holiday from Friday until the start of term 2.
- The new flip tables are still being damaged because some are closing them incorrectly. They are not like the old card tables with bracing arms that have to be disengaged. The way to collapse them is with the long grab just under one of the long edges of the table top. Another problem is people moving the tables (and the blue folding screen) without first releasing the castor locks. We'll damage these assets if we're not alert and careful. Thank you.
- The spout for the new water heater in the main kitchen is not meant to swivel, so please don't try to rotate it. Thank you.
- Dianne Mitchell has been approached by someone offering a 1980 *Encyclopedia Britannica* free to a good home. Please contact her if interested (0409 435 769, [dmit1179@bigpond.net.au](mailto:dmit1179@bigpond.net.au)).
- The minutes of the recent Parish Council Meeting are displayed on the noticeboards.

Food Truck Request: rice crackers, medium packets of cereal & tinned fruit. Thanks.

**FOR NEWCOMERS** If you are new, and  would like a visit,  to be listed on the roll, or  to request nametags, please complete the following, ticking suitable boxes above and then put it in the offertory bowl, give it to one of the clergy, or leave it at Reception.

Christian names and surnames \_\_\_\_\_

Names and ages of children \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Comments \_\_\_\_\_

### **St John's Co-ordinating Committee Meeting**

This important committee met on Tuesday and amongst other things decided ...

- how we will celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dedication of the new St John's buildings (see newsletter).
- that the 'cold months' time for *Evening Church* should be 5.30pm, and that this should be for the half year of ordinary time, ie from the start of April until the end of September. This means that Evening Church from next Sunday (Easter Day) will move to 5.30pm
- to support an initiative to have a cinema night to see *I Can Only Imagine* (see elsewhere)
- to explore whether St John's might start a 'Mainly Music Ministry' (Simon is the one to see about this possibility – especially if you have knowledge of local programs).
- that the pigeon holes are no longer working at St John's, and that from now on there should be a 'mail table' as, and when, needed.

### **St John's Prayer Meeting – Easter Tuesday**

Paul in his final statements to the Thessalonians, encourages them in this way: Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-22)



As a church we obviously pray as individuals, in small groups and when we gather for our public worship, but this year we have committed to meeting regularly just to pray. Our second monthly prayer meeting is coming up. It will be on Easter Tuesday (3/4/18) from 7:30pm at Joseph Walliaveetil's home at 3 Longhirst Avenue Cranbourne. Our time in prayer will be followed by a late dinner.

### **Social Issues**

There are two opportunities coming up to contribute to debate and awareness about major social changes in Australian Society and Victorian life.

The first way, probably best suited to the fit, young and able, is to abseil the CBD in support of Anglicare Victoria on 27 or 29 April – see details on the noticeboard or go to [altitudeshift.org.au](http://altitudeshift.org.au) – See 'Face your fears for Foster Kids' poster.

The second is to be part of a march expressing concern about the Safe Schools program, Saturday 21 April, 1-3pm, 2-18 Spring St E Melbourne.

**Last Week's Giving.** Parish Council is looking to adjust the 2017/2018 budget after giving fell behind over the first 6 months, creating a need to catch up over the remaining half year. We will now require \$5120 on average each week to cover all our commitments, including servicing our loans. Last week \$4977 was received.