



## St John's Cranbourne & Christ Church Tooradin

### Pews News

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*Growing People, Building Community*

*St John the Evangelist Church Cranbourne*

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### **Regular Weekly Service Times**

**Sundays at St John's**, 27 Childers St Cranbourne: 9am, 10.30am, 5.30pm (standard time)

**Wednesdays at St John's:** 10am

**Sundays at Christ Church**, 61 South Gippsland Highway Tooradin: 9am

### **Heritage Report on St John's**

A recent City of Casey funded grant enabled heritage architects to inspect the 'old church' last month, and to write a report about the future maintenance of that building. The City of Casey paid for all of this. Parish Council has noted the report. Evidently, the brickwork hidden by the external paint is much more exciting than the celebrated brickwork on old Cranbourne Town Hall (near the floral clock), and was a first in Melbourne! It is hoped that external grant funding might be received to assist with the very considerable costs (\$40,000+) involved in implementing the report's recommendations. When the external paint is removed, which experts will be able to do without damaging the bricks, orange, cream and dark bricks will be revealed, they making a particular feature of the windows.

**Youth Bible Study** Is moving to meeting weekly on Friday nights 7:30-9pm at 36 Bakewell Street Cranbourne. For young people at high school or of high School age, come along and enjoy some games, Supper and a look at God's word. Contact Simon on 0433995878.

### **10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Samuel 11: 1-15 p248; Psalm 14 p233; Ephesians 3: 14-21 p950;

John 6: 1-21 p867

**Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth: grant that, believing in the one whom you have sent, we may know him to be the true bread of heaven and the food of eternal life, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be glory and honour for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

## **Coming Week and Month**

Today: *J-Kids* Art Display in the old church - PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU TAKE A LOOK

Today, 5.30pm, St John's: *Evening Church*

Tomorrow, St John's, 7.30pm: Powys Mediterranean Cruise photos show – all welcome

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

Wed, St John's: Meeting of the clergy of the local deanery

Next Sunday, noon, St John's: run through of coming 9am hymns– all singers welcome

Mon 06/08, 10am, St John's: Ladies Guild

### *Coming Readings*

Sun 05/08	2 Samuel 11: 26-12: 13a p248	Ephesians 4: 1-16 p951	John 6: 24-35 p867
Sun 12/08	2 Samuel 18: 5-14, 31-33 p255	Ephesians 4: 17- 5: 2 p951	John 6: 35, 41-51 p868
Sun 19/08	1 Kings 2: 10-12, 3: 3-14 p265	Ephesians 5: 11-21 p951	John 6: 51-58 p868

### **Looking ahead, St John's**

In the near future we may seek to recruit and train certain lay people to take on official pastoral care roles in the parish. Some do this already, informally, and that will continue, and will be encouraged. Some now exercising such ministry informally may choose to be formally recognized in what they are doing, and others will hopefully join them following training and recognition (and of course, various professional standards checks). If you would be interested in this ministry, please see David, Simon or Renice.

Following a consultation which included a number of 'newish parishioners' late in May and discussion at the St John' Co-ordinating Committee 10 days ago, the focus in this year's Stewardship Review be on involvement and participation, rather than on financial giving. Suitable volunteers will be trained next month to be available (eg after services) to help people understand the process and ways in which they might become more involved in the life and ministry of St John's. If you would be interested in playing such a helping role, and being trained for it, please see David, Jackie or Dianne, or put your name on the list on the noticeboard.

Stewardship Review Sunday will be fairly low-key this year, to be held on Sunday 16 September. The big decision is what to put on the front of the new giving envelopes. Does any one have a suitable line drawing, connected with St John's – it not we'll probably have an eagle!

### **Pie Drive**

The St John's Ladies Guild is planning another pie drive to co-incide with winter and the footy season. As previously, there will be printed order forms available, and the way to order will be to fill out the form, return it with payment before the deadline, and then collect the pies etc on a given date. The forms will be available on Sunday 29 July and the closing date for orders and payment will be Wednesday 22 August. Friends and neighbours are very welcome to place orders.

*August Food Truck Requests, as advised by our delivery man, Malcolm Pring: Cuppa Soup (not tinned soup), 420g tinned baked beans, 420g tinned spaghetti. Thanks to everyone who is contributing, whether weekly or occasionally. The Food Truck donations box is under the shelf in the foyer.*

## **Confirmation 2018**

The parish confirmation service has been set for Sunday 28 October at 6.30pm at St John's, with Bishop Barker. Preparation class dates (adults and teenagers welcome – please see David or Simon if you have not already done so) are being decided right now, with 4 prepared for term 3 and 2 for early term 4. Separately an admission to communion group will run at about the same time. Admission to Communion and Confirmation are quite different. Please ask if you are unsure about the difference.

## **Cleaning at St John's**

There has been a bit of confusion and discussion about cleaning responsibilities at St John's in recent weeks. Hopefully the paragraph below should remove the confusion. On the noticeboard there is now a list of the tasks for which we pay our cleaners.

St John's is professionally cleaned once a week, usually on Saturday nights. The jobs included are listed on the noticeboard. The timing of the cleaning explains why the facilities often look cleanest then. The way that the facilities stay reasonably clean is by each group making sure that they leave the spaces they have used as clean, or more clean, than they found them. This includes the toilets. There is cleaning equipment available – please ask its whereabouts if you need to. The office volunteers watch out for the paper supplies etc, but they have not 'signed up' to be janitors. *The responsibility to leave the buildings clean applies equally to church and non-church users.* Thanks to those who already knew this, and who have been doing as requested. Thanks everyone for your co-operation. If you see a problem with the cleaning, please report this to the office, giving the date and the details.

## **St John's Playgroup**

Jan Longley is carrying most of the responsibility for St John's Play Group, which has continued this year with about 8 children attending each week. New families are always welcome. The group meets on Friday mornings.

Jan cannot lead every week. Further, she cannot both lead and prepare the morning tea (including cutting the fruit for the children). There is no surprise here!

The co-ordinating committee has discussed this, and is looking for people with WWC checks, CrimChecks and Diocesan clearances (ie the now usual requirements) willing to either come on a rostered basis to do the morning tea and be a general support person or lead the group when Jan is not available (17/8, 24/8 & and 21/9)

If you could help, please contact Gail (0417500822 or mcmfamily@bigpond.com)

## **Reading at St John's**

As an alternative to asking another person from your roster to read for you if you cannot do so, please feel free to ask one of the clergy. It has been pointed out that they do not read often, and that some would like to hear them read more often, hopefully to set a good example. Hopefully they will read well and inspire others in their efforts. Preparing in advance is always important, but clergy should be better able to get away without doing that, so feel free to ask them at short notice, even just before the service.

<p><b>Last Week's Giving.</b> We required \$5120 on average each week from April to September to meet all our commitments, including servicing our loans. Last week \$5157 was received, the second week in a row that we have received more than the required amount.</p>
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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

### **CWA invitation!**

The Cranbourne CWA has invited St Johns members to attend their 90th birthday celebration lunch on Monday 6th August at 12.30 pm in the St Johns Community Hall. The guest speaker to be a representative from Casey Council. Door prize raffle and branch history on display. RSVP essential by 29th July. Contact Alice Needs ph. 5977 6369 mob. 0438 490 693 or email [aliceneeds@gmail.com](mailto:aliceneeds@gmail.com)

### **PowerPoint Photos**

At St John's we get through over 100 photos per year for the weekly PowerPoint. So please keep sending your nature photos for the opening screen each Sunday. They should be high resolution nature shots, hopefully not with high contrast, or with dappled areas – this makes it easier to make the words stand out. We want to appreciate God's handiwork, so cars, buildings, bridges, signs and other man-made things are best left out. Please send your photos attached to rather than pasted into an email, to either David or Simon (emails above). Please include details of who took the photo and where. Thanks to the 10 or 12 who have been keeping us supplied for the last 5 years. It would be great to have double the number new contributors. Photos can be shot in your back garden (Thanks Noel) or over the other side of the world.

### **Short notices**

- This edition of Pews News was prepared partly in Dubai but the sent from Nottingham! Thanks Virandi for your weekly contribution, and happy travels!
- It was a delight to welcome Adrian and Lorraine back last Sunday at 10.30am after over two months' absence, much of it spend in Sydney with Adrian in a critical condition. Please continue to pray for Adrian's complete restoration to full health (and, less importantly, but importantly for us, their return to their rostered duties☺). We have now discovered just how much Lorraine and Adrian do amongst us. Sometimes this only becomes clear when people are unexpectedly away).
- Please pray also for Dianne Mitchell who has had a very difficult 6 weeks and for Chris Jones who had an especially difficult week last week).
- The Vicar's Art Exhibition *Celebration of Light* raised \$750 for the Building Fund.
- Alex and Pam are back from Marseilles. Welcome.
- Carol Lewis (Casey Aged Care, Narre Warren Rd) appears to be failing. Her friends might do well to visit her soon – afternoons are best.
- **The August edition of the St John's bimonthly newsletter is out today. Please collect your copy and save the parish \$1 in postage.**
- Lyn Hoskin's needs jam jars. If you have any to offer, please leave at reception. Thanks
- The parish office is currently open some afternoons: It is suggested that you ring ahead.