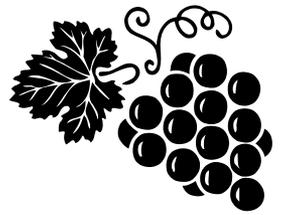


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LAMPOST GALLERY

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An exciting idea and dream is close to completion in our parish! We are well-advanced in the process of turning the narthex of the main church into an art gallery called: *The Lamppost Gallery*.

The purpose of the gallery is to provide opportunities for parishioners and others in our community to explore Christian themes and experience through the arts.

The space will facilitate our motto of 'knowing Christ and making Christ known' in that it will help deepen our faith as well as provide opportunities for others who do not know Christ to encounter our

community and get to form relationships with parishioners and the church in general.

The gallery has its beginnings in a dream and vision of one of our 9am congregation, Bek Pryor, an artist herself. Bek was searching for ways in which to connect faith and art and the idea of creating an attractive art space *in the church* emerged. After approval was granted by the Parish Council, a team was established, with Bek appointed as the gallery's first curator. The name 'Lamppost Gallery' came about primarily because of the four lampposts which mark the entry way into the main church of St James the Less.



Of course, any transformation of the narthex into a gallery costs money and an appeal was made to parishioners to support this exciting venture. This has been well-received and as of date of publication \$9135 has been received. New furniture, art-track lighting, and a new book desk has all been purchased, as well as painting and preparing the walls. The space is almost completed and looks very fresh and new!

The first exhibition will open on ***Friday night 27 March*** and run until ***Sunday 19 April***. It is an exhibition of work by the artist Paul Toms. Paul was born on the land of the Wiradjuri people in central New South Wales. He grew up in Canberra where he studied sculpture at the School of Art at ANU exploring the relationship between individual identity, spirituality and the natural world through structural forms and experimental drawing techniques.

He then moved to Melbourne and became interested in effects of the built environment on these relationships as well as the role of the artist in the context of community. Recently his work has been informed by the way that the ordinary embodies great significance.

He has continued to exhibit both two and three-dimensional work, taking part in over twenty shows, including being shortlisted for the Blake Prize in 2012. He lives in a community in the inner north of Melbourne with his wife Amber and their daughter Yarra.



Monument: Coffee Pot by P. Toms

FETE 2015

Where will you be on the morning of **14 March 2015**? Hopefully your answer is at the Anglican Parish of Mount Eliza 2015 Fete!!

It is that time of year again when we gather as a community for fellowship, fun, and of course, food and picking up a bargain or two.

It is always a great day and a lot of people are working hard to ensure the success of the Fete. The Fete coordinator is Phillip England. If you can help or need to make a donation towards one of the stalls please feel free to contact him on 0408 628 583 or by email: pengland@net2u.com.au.

All the usual stalls will be there plus the opportunity to enjoy a delicious morning tea or lunch. Plan to be there to get your bargains, with more books, plants, cakes, jams, bric-a-brac, and lots of other treats to delight and bedazzle.



While we need you to be there we also need your help in bringing donations for the various stalls in the next two weeks leading up to the 14 March. The one item we always run out of early is cakes—so we are asking for everyone to get busy baking.

The following are the stall leaders who along with Phillip ask to be in your prayers.

Lunches/Morn. Tea—John Welsh
Plants—Peter Verrall
Books—Andrew and Jill Miglietti
Craft—Sue Brooks
BBQ—Michael O’Ryan
Cakes, Jams, Preserves—
Rosemary Bywater and
Sue Cooper
Children Activities—Sam White
Trash ‘n Treasure—Helen Butler
Sweets—Vale Cole
Gits and Jewellery—Jo Dellit
Parking—Ross Hunt
Rosters—Louise Brown

If you can help in any of these particular areas please contact the office—9775 3301 or Phillip.



150TH CELEBRATIONS

2015 marks 150 years of continuous ministry by Anglicans in the little historic church of St James the Less. We are planning a series of events to mark this tremendous milestone from *Friday 9 October to Sunday 18 October 2015*.



Under the leadership of Di Horscroft, a small team is preparing a wonderful ten days of events. Our draft program starts with a concert in the main church on Friday 9 October, which will highlight music from each decade from 1865 to the present.

On Saturday 10 October there will be a Men's ministry breakfast in the morning followed by afternoon tea in the grounds for all. On Monday 12 October we have invited Joy Freier, the wife of our Archbishop and Primate, Philip Freier, to be the guest speaker at a Caritas event in the hall.

On the evening of Tuesday 13 October, the Reverend Dr Scott Cowdell, leading Anglican theologian and writer, will present the inaugural St James the Less Lecture on the topic: The future of the Parish? Wednesday 14 October will see a special service of Holy Communion in the Historic church followed by lunch.

For Thursday 15 October we are in the process of inviting Felicity Teague, the grand-niece of Violet Teague, who painted the mural in the Historic church to come to speak about her great-aunt's work and legacy. On Friday 16 October we plan to host a film in the main church for all ages.

Sunday at 10am we are planning a grand service of celebration in the main church. The Archbishop and Primate, the Most Reverend Dr Philip Freier, has agreed to celebrate this service. After this the current plan is to host a sit-down lunch in the Pioneer hall.

There will be an art exhibition in the Lamppost Gallery and craft display in the small hall running at the same time. Be on the lookout for advertising regarding all these events!!

Mid-week Service

This service is held every Wednesday in the St. James the Less Historic church and is first order Holy Communion. It finishes at 11.00am and is followed by light refreshments in the Main Church Narthex.

On the second Wednesday of the month a light lunch follows the service. Our next lunches will be on Wednesday 11 March, Wednesday 8 April and Wednesday 13 May. You are most welcome to join us. Contact for all enquiries: Mike Simpson 9775 3301 (office) or 9708 8245 (home).

Grapevine

We are looking for a new editor for the Grapevine! If you have desk-top publishing skills and an interest in communication and keeping everyone up-to-date with what is happening in the life of our parish please make contact with the Vicar on 0432 681 177.

We have started sending the grapevine out as an electronic copy to all on our email list. If you want a hard copy let us know at the Parish Office 9775 3301.

Gospel Sunday

The Parish Council, as part of its strategic planning has decided to designate a number of Sundays across 2015 as 'Gospel Sundays.'

The idea is for everyone in the parish to invite friends and neighbours to worship on particular Sundays where they will hear the 'Gospel' message clearly. It is a follow-on from the 'welcome back to church' program which many churches around the world have tried over the last number of years.

We have designated ***Sunday 19 April*** as the first of these 'Gospel Sundays' for our parish. Please mark this date in your diary and pray that God might reveal to you those to invite to church on this important day!



NEW PARISH COUNCIL

At our annual meeting last November a new parish council was appointed to govern the parish for the coming year. They are as follows:

- Kel Taylor Warden
10.30am service 8319 5676
- John Welsh Warden
10am service 9787 8176
- John Paterson Warden
9am service 9787 2739
- Ross Hunt Treasurer
9am service 9787 1612
- Louise Brown
9am service 9789 9062
- Kay McCauley
9am service 0419 379 664
- Christine Creaser
10.30am service 5974 3164
- Debby Hardman
10am service 5977 5727
- Lynda Melen
10am service 5978 6827
- Richard Brooks
10.30am service 5973 6037

Please continue to pray for our leaders as they guide us in doing God’s work here!

VICAR ON LEAVE

Our Vicar, the Reverend Shane Hübner, with his lovely wife, Janet, will be taking Long Service Leave and annual leave from the end of April 2015. They will be away for 14 weeks in total and not back in the parish until Monday 3 August 2015. Some of this time will be spent overseas as the choir in which Shane sings, ‘The Australian Welsh Male Choir’ is doing a tour of England, Wales, and Ireland in May 2015.

While they are away, our Associate Priest, the Reverend Mike Simpson has been appointed Locum Vicar. He will be assisted by two locum assistants, each of whom will be here for five weeks—The Reverend Murray Harris and the Reverend Alan Hoskins. Please pray for and welcome these clergy into the life of our parish while our Vicar is away.



CONFIRMATION

Our confirmation service this year will happen on *Sunday 17 May 2015* at *10am* at the *Chapel of Resurrection*, Peninsula School. Bishop Paul White will be in attendance and celebrate and confirm. The Reverend Mark Sweeney will be the main clergy organising the service. Please contact Mark via the Peninsula School if you think you are ready to be confirmed in the faith or would like to discuss what is involved.

During the combined parish confirmation service on Sunday 17th of May there will be an opportunity for those children aged over 7 who regularly attend church to be received into holy communion. This will mean that they can take the bread and the wine during communion rather than just having a blessing. If your child would like to be received into holy communion, please speak with Sam White as she will be arranging a short course (3 Sundays during the children's program time at the 9am service.). You can contact Sam on her mobile or email. Put this date in your diary now and plan to come to this special celebration!



PLAYGROUP/ CRE

Playgroup continues to grow and thrive in our parish. We are running two sessions on Monday mornings during school term time, with the first session completely full. We have up to 26 children and their parents or carers at the first session and around 15 children at the second session. If you are interested in either attending playgroup or volunteering to help out with one of the groups, please contact Sam White.

SRI (which was previously called CRE) will recommence at Mount Eliza Primary School for Term 2 with lessons for those children in grades 2 - 4 whose parents have opted into the program. This program is run by Access Ministries and provides 30 minutes per week of Special Religious Instruction (Christianity) by accredited instructors. Sam White and Cathie Curtis will be the instructors working in the school. Please pray for them and for the teachers and students they will be working with this year.

SMALL GROUPS IN LENT

The Small Group leadership community continues to meet every two months. Existing Small Groups are listed in the Small Group brochure, available in the Narthex of each church.

During Lent this year Small Groups are using study material prepared by the Brotherhood of St. Laurence in partnership with Anglicare and the Diocese. "Share the Benefit" is a five-week programme.

Through Bible study, together with personal and group reflection, we will be thinking deeply about those living with disadvantage and poverty.

If you would like to join a Small Group or are interested in hosting or leading a group, please contact Mike Simpson, 9708 8245 or, mike-simpson@msn.com.au who will be delighted to assist you.



MEN'S MINISTRY

The Men's ministry of the parish continues to grow and blossom! The plan is to host four events throughout the year at which the men of the parish, and their friends and invited guests can gather for fellowship. The aim is to deepen friendships and relationships and provide a space where people of faith and others can meet.

Our next event will be held Friday 17 April, 6.30pm for 7.00pm, with a dinner at The Royal Hotel, 770 Esplanade, Mornington 3931. Guest Speaker: David Spitteler, facilitator and Lay Pastoral Minister at The Asylum Seekers Centre, Dandenong'

There will be a 2-course meal, choice of 2 starters and 3 main courses with a glass of house wine, plus other drinks at the bar. Cost is \$30 per head. Tickets available from: Mike Simpson, Paul Carr, Peter Verrall, Richard Congreve and Bevan Whelan. For more information contact: Mike Simpson, 9708 8245 or mike-simpson@msn.com.au



PASTORAL CARE

Libby Paterson is the Parish Lay Pastoral Care Coordinator responsible to the clergy. She has a small team of lay pastoral visitors who are able to provide reserved sacrament.

Libby has produced a new Pastoral Care information brochure, available in each church narthex and online. Please pray for Libby in her new role. Encourage and support her by reading the brochure and making your response. Please Contact Libby 9787 2739 or 0438 872 739 for further information.

Seven men of the parish have offered to provide short-term practical assistance to parishioners in need of occasional help with lawn mowing, gutter clearance, computers and general handyman jobs. Please contact John Paterson 9787 2739 to access this service.



MARKING MORTALITY

One of the few things that happens to *everyone* born on this planet is that we all die! There is no doubt that many in our society don't want to talk about death and dying and it does seem to be a taboo subject. However, that should not be the case and our parish is holding a half-day seminar entitled **'Marking Mortality - A Christian view of death.'**

This will happen on Saturday 11 April 2015 from 9.00am to 1pm in the Main church. There will be presentations on what Christians believe concerning death and dying, a presentation from a representative of the funeral industry on all the practicalities involved, and a presentation of what we offer here in the parish in the way of services.

Please mark this date in your diary and plan to come!



LENT—ASK THE HARD QUESTIONS— DO THE HARD WORK

As well as providing extra small groups to our usual number for the season of Lent (see page eight) both clergy are conducting sermon series at Sunday services for the season of Lent.

Mike is looking at the hard questions (7.45am and 10am services):

22 February—What about suffering?

1 March—What about other religions?

8 March—Is there a conflict between science and Christianity?

15 March—How does new age spirituality relate to Christianity?

22 March—Is there anything wrong with sex before marriage?

Shane is looking at the classic spiritual disciplines (9am and 10.30am services):

22 February– Introduction and Meditation

1 March—Fasting and Study

8 March—Solitude and Simplicity

15 March—Service and Submission

22 March—Worship and celebration

Sermon outlines for each series are available in each week’s pew bulletin.

EASTER SERVICES

Holy Week and Easter are important in the life of Christians and I encourage us all to attend as many of these services as we can!

29 March—**Palm Sunday**
celebrated in all four main Sunday services

2 April—**Maundy Thursday**
Communion Service with foot-washing and remembrance of the Last Supper—7.30pm
Chapel of Resurrection, Peninsula School.

3 April—**Good Friday**
10am family service (non-communion) - Main Church
12-3pm Three hour devotion—Main Church

3.15pm—Communion service—Main Church
7.00pm—Choral presentation of Crucifixion—Main Church

5 April—**Easter DAY**—services as per usual!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The next three months are a busy time in the life of our parish. Please check the weekly pew bulletin and updates on the web site (mteliza.melbourneanglican.org.au) for more details closer to when events are to happen.

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
14 March	FETE	Pioneer Hall	9.30am
18 March	Parish Council	Pioneer Hall	7.30pm
22 March	Evensong	Historic Church	5pm
29 March	Palm Sunday	All services	
2 April	Maundy Thursday	Chapel	7.00pm
3 April	Good Friday Children's Service		
	3 Hour Devotion	Main Church	10am
	Eucharist	Main church	12 noon
	Choral Presentation of Stainer's Crucifixion	Main Church	3.15pm
5 April	EASTER DAY	All Services	7pm
15 April	Parish Council	Pioneer Hall	7.30pm
26 April	Evensong	Historic Church	5pm
17 May	Combined Service Confirmation	Chapel	10am



REGISTRAR NOTES

BAPTISMS: Nikolaas Weerheim; Evelyn Smith
WEDDINGS: Matthew Bell and Kate Hadwen; Michael Violi and Gabrielle O’Ryan
FUNERALS: Lynne-Elizabeth Simpson; Gwendoline Martin; Barbara Macdonald; James Stock; Scott Edwards; Edna Warne
 Please continue to pray for these people and their families.

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We are a community of Christians who are knowing Christ and making Christ known, in our church, in our families, in our communities and in the world. We worship in the wide variety of styles offered by the Anglican tradition, from choral Eucharist to Sunday school, from traditional service to contemporary praise, for seniors and children, for youth and adults. There is something for everyone ~ whoever you are, wherever you come from, you are welcome to join us as we meet God here.

SERVICES AT MT ELIZA

Sunday

7.45 am Holy Communion (from the 1662 *Book of Common Prayer*)

St James the Less historic church

9 am Holy Communion with Children's Programs every week in term time.

St James the Less main church

10 am Holy Communion

Chapel of the Resurrection, The Peninsula School.

10.30 am Choral Eucharist

St James the Less main church

6.00pm Choral Evensong ~ 4th Sunday

St James the Less historic church

Wednesday

10.30am Holy Communion

St James the Less historic church