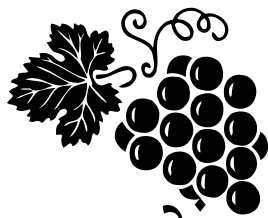


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The Grapevine

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Seasonal News of the Anglican Parish of Mount Eliza

FROM THE VICAR



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Greetings and welcome to our Spring-Summer edition of Grapevine.

As this comes out, I will be on annual leave enjoying the alpine areas of New Zealand. During my absence there are some exciting events in the parish. On the last weekend of October there is the biennial 5 Gardeners' Gardens which is being ably coordinated by Di Horscroft. More details are within this Grapevine. Do support it, so much work has been put into this event which helps support the parish.

On November 12 we are having a combined service for 'Remembrance Sunday' at 10am which includes the Legacy Church Parade and special prayers for the same. And of course we are already planning Christmas Services including a Carol Service to be held at the Chapel of the Resurrection in Peninsula Grammar on Sunday December 10 at 5pm.

The Rev Alex Packett will be the Locum Priest while I am on leave (October 16-November 12). Alex was Assistant Curate here at Mount Eliza from 2000-2002. He retired as Vicar at the Hastings parish a year ago, and we are delighted to welcome him and his wife Pam back to the parish for this time.

The peace of God be with you.

Jennie

REFLECTION FROM THE VICAR

The Suffusing of Light

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. (Genesis 1:1-3)

Let there be light are the first words of God spoken in the Bible. And then God separated the light from the darkness and called the light day.

We might imagine the light being ignited in some way, the beginning of the universe, described by scientists as the big bang where light was the first thing that truly happened. Light pouring out, spreading and revealing expanses of space. Light, the first act of creation.

As we draw towards Advent, the four-week season prior to Christmas, we prepare an advent wreath with four candles, one to be lit each week to let us know that time is really moving on, that what we await is actually drawing near. While we are looking forward to the celebration of the historical event of Christ's birth, we are also looking forward to his coming again, into our very lives, and again in the summation of all history.

Here in the Southern Hemisphere, our journey towards Christmas coincides fortuitously with our journey towards the longest day, the summer solstice on the 22nd December. Jesus is described as the coming of the light into the world. The true light which enlightens everyone. Those who will follow his light will receive the light of life, and not remain in darkness.

What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. (John 1:3b-4)

The first Advent Candle ignites the Advent season, starting a process of waiting and being alert to the signs of Christ. As more candles are lit lighting up the path towards Christmas, we ponder their meaning of hope, peace, joy and love – all those things that Christ brings with him into the world.

It is a life journey, and one made over and over. Even what is called the day in the Genesis account of creation, may be more understood as a length of time, an era, or an age. And during these lengths of time, God spoke, created, separated, named, made, gathered, brought forth, set in place, blessed, and saw it was very good. And God's activity continues

REFLECTION FROM THE VICAR (CONTINUED)

to this day in redeeming and reconciling, bringing his world towards a new creation.

As we mark the time of Advent by lighting a candle each week, we can also mark where we are in our own journey, where the creating work of God is being felt, where light is suffusing the darkness.

You are a God of new beginnings, my Lord.

Continue what you have begun in me,

and bring it to fulfilment in the coming of Christ,

toward which I begin to look, even now. Amen.

**One Service to Remember
10am, 12th November 2017
St James the Less**



5 GARDENERS' GARDENS

28-29 OCTOBER



5 GARDENERS' Gardens
around mount eliza

October 28 & 29, 2017
10am to 4pm TICKETS \$7 per garden \$30 for 5 Gardens

- Teas •
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5 Amesbury Road, Mount Eliza (Melway 101 K11)
Willowie, 10 Watts Parade, Mount Eliza (Melway 101 E10)
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\$7 per garden or \$30 for all 5

The gardens vary from a regular quarter acre block (an amazing organic garden full of surprises) to two acres with resident waterfowl in the dam.
This is a major fund raising event for our Parish. As well as the gardens there will be stalls selling plants, produce, gifts and second-hand gardening books.
Teas and light lunches will also be available.

5 GARDENERS' GARDENS 28-29 OCTOBER

1269 Nepean Highway, Mount Eliza (Melway 105 D6)

Organic garden with sustainable vegetable garden, orchard with espaliered trees, courtyard with a pond and bridge, hundreds of roses, perennials and bulbs to arouse the senses and calm the soul—all on a standard house block.

Organic pest control display.

Morning Star Estate, 1 Sunnyside Road, Mount Eliza (Melway 105 B8)

Sweeping views, 800 varieties of roses, 11ha of vineyards, formal and informal gardens, olive trees, orchard and vegetable garden used by the restaurant and a picking garden for flowers—a feast for the eyes.

Teas, Produce, Salvia sales.

5 Amesbury Road, Mount Eliza (Melway 101 K11)

Rambling garden with different microclimates including a dry garden, orchard, vegie garden, chickens and bees. As much as possible is recycled, reused, cooked, preserved or given away. In the words of the owners "Our retreat".

Teas.

Willowie, 10 Watts Parade, Mount Eliza (Melway 101 E10)

Long driveway to a garden formally arranged around the pool. It features many roses, camellias, and hydrangeas among a delightful range of plants with a glimpse of the bay. A hidden gem.

Pre-loved Gardening books. Gift stall.

65 Boes Road, Tyabb (Melway 148 C12)

A leisurely stroll around park-like woodland and lake. Quirky sculptures emerge with interesting succulents and native plantings as well as a large variety of trees. The dam is home to water birds and ducks with blue wrens, spotted pardolotes, eastern rosellas and willie wagtails among the frequent visitors to the garden.

Plants stall. Sausage sizzle.

IMPORTANT SERVICES SOON



Sunday 12 November 10am
Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 3rd December 10.30am

The Christmas Pageant

Sunday 24th December

Morning service 10am (Advent 4 Eucharist Service)

Family Christmas Eve Service 7pm

Midnight Eucharist from 11pm

Christmas Day 9am Eucharist



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Blessing of the Pets

Eighty humans and 24 pets (1 turtle, 2 ponies, 21 canines — a ratio of a little more than 1 pet for every human!) assembled inside St James the Less Church on Sunday October 1, 2017.

The occasion was to celebrate and recognise the contribution of our pets and all animals to God's creation and to our lives.





The Blessing of the Pets service is not unique to us in Mt Eliza — it is in fact celebrated across all Christian denominations as each congregation sees fit.

The date of the first Sunday in October recognises the feast day of St Francis of Assisi which is October 4 — many of the stories that surround the life of Saint Francis say that he had a great love for animals and the environment.





With only a couple of “Amens!” from Billie White and Alfie Melen the service was a delight — and not one accident from pet or human!





Why not mark
next year's
BLESSING OF THE PETS
Service
on October 7
in your diary and
in your phone
and bring along your
OWN SPECIAL PET
(well behaved,
of course!)



LAMPPOST GALLERY

Creative seasons ahead!

With another major exhibition over, the Lamppost Gallery Group is now working on the next program of events that will inspire us into 2018. Watch this space (as well as our Facebook page and the Lamppost page on the website) as our creative plans come together!

One artist's memories and meditations on landscape -

Jill Miglietti's Time : Place exhibition opened on 1 September, with a crowd of 70 people joining the celebrations. Jill Miglietti, artist in fibre and textiles and long-time member of the parish, shared a complex collection of textile works that variously captured something of one of her family's most loved environments in the Australian bush. The exhibition included two-dimensional works, including several of Miglietti's Colourscapes, whose multiple layers and organic fibres added further dimension to the work. A series of crocheted works were also included: each one a mediation on an object, colour or element drawn from the landscape. One of the works most commented on by visitors was Miglietti's Memory Map (2017). This work combined linen and thread, shape, pattern and text to sensitively map out her family's campsite according to the personal events and memories it evoked.

In her opening comments, Jill Miglietti elaborated on the connections between geography and emotion, and the effects of such special places on the spirit. In this body of work, the artist invites us to look closely at the world around us, to notice its uniqueness and open ourselves up to the creative possibilities it inspires in us.

For more on Jill Miglietti's art practice, visit her website: www.jillmiglietti.com

Special thanks again to our dedicated team of volunteer Gallery Attendants who make such events possible: Clive, Lois, Jill, Andrew, Linda, Val, Alison, Ross, Carol, Roberta, Ken, Don, and Jan. You're amazing!

Rebekah Pryor, Curator, Lamppost Gallery



Photo: R.Pryor

GIFFORDS DINNER –AUGUST



On 19 August, our Link Missionaries attended a fund-raising dinner and enlightened us about their work in Barcelona.

Thanks to John Welsh and John Paterson and their team, everyone enjoyed a Spanish-themed feast.

Funds raised (\$1100) have been sent to CMS to support the Gifford Family.



CARITAS

It is that time of the year again and we will be holding our Caritas AGM following our usual monthly meeting on Monday, 23 October commencing at 10.00am. After morning tea together, we shall have some musical games led by our wonderful Wendy Leaver.

Our talented craft ladies have been assiduous as ever producing beanies, scarves and knee rugs for the Frankston homeless and for the bare-headed children in a village school in the Kingdom of Lesotho (Africa). We have also received many very welcome contributions from ladies of a U3A group with which one of our parishioners is associated. It is heart-warming as well as head warming to receive and distribute such gifts of love.

All ladies are very welcome to join in with us at any of our meetings which may interest you. We also welcome our menfolk to attend when we have a Guest Speaker who might be of interest to them.

If you would like to know more about our group please contact

Joan Mitchell (Pres) 5914 0079

or Joan Stock (Sec) 5976 8719.



FAMILY MINISTRY

This time of year is always busy in family ministry. As we approach Christmas (seriously, where did the months go?) there is much to plan and organize with children's programs in church and playgroup ministry. October and November are filled with preparing for the Christmas Pageant on the 3rd of December, the playgroup Christmas breakup on the 18th December and our special Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. As the ministry teams and program teams work together and discuss the plans we try to find ways to share the Christian message of love and hope with all the children and families that engage with our programs each week.

From our smallest babies in playgroup to the tallest of our youth contingent, we hope to take the gifts and talents they have and weave them together into the story of our church and what Christmas means for us here, in Mount Eliza.

As a part of this process, the recently established youth small group that came together for Youth Alpha is hoping to meet regularly and continue some interesting discussions around life and faith.

So often in society today, we see Christmas as being about showing value for each other and seeing value in ourselves through the gifts that are given and received. The Christian message is that we already have value. God loved the people of the world so much that he gave his only Son so that everyone who had faith in him will have eternal life and never really die. John 3:16

Through Operation Christmas Child, the playgroup and church families have an opportunity to show something of God's love to a child in another country who may never have received a gift before. We look forward to blessing the boxes on the 29th of October before they are sent off on their overseas journey.



WARDENS' FINANCIAL UPDATE

A comprehensive review of our financial position covering the twelve (12) months to 30th September 2017, as well as the budget for 2017-18, will be provided as part of the Annual Report presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 15th November 2017.

However, this edition of the "The Grapevine" provides an opportunity to give a brief update, as well as to highlight the importance of "5 Gardeners' Gardens", both as a fundraising activity for our parish and an opportunity to raise awareness of our parish within the community. Its' purpose is to:

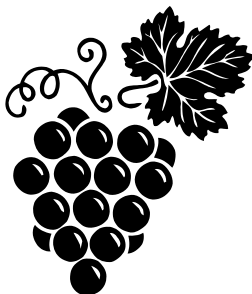
" .. support the repayment of loans for the refurbishment (now completed) of our parish hall, which is now used by many groups from the wider Mount Eliza community, as well as a range of parish activities, including a playgroup. Funds raised will also be used towards major maintenance works on our actual church buildings. However, 10% of net revenue will be allocated to humanitarian causes in Australia and overseas."

From a financial perspective, total income and expenses for the 12 months will result in a deficiency of approximately \$11,000, almost equal to the budget deficiency. The reduction in attendances over recent years, and the related reduction in Offertory income, were both further adversely impacted by changes in structure implemented in April of this year. The dollar shortfall in Offertory has been offset by the postponement of non-essential maintenance and cost control in other operational areas.

The full impact of reductions in staff costs will enable us to look forward to a break-even budget next year, as outlined in the August Stewardship letter. This should allow a catch-up in our maintenance program, although well supported working bees to undertake much of the non-technical tasks, e.g. painting and around the grounds, will be of fundamental importance.

While giving of money and of our time and talents, remain the most important and reliable aspects of income and cost saving, congregation and parish-wide support of rosters, set-up and clean-up, and by promotion through family, friends and acquaintances, of this month's "5 Gardeners' Gardens" will ensure we "kick-start" the new year on a very positive note.

On behalf of the wardens



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please check the monthly pew bulletin and updates on the web site for more details closer to when events are to happen.

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
25 October	Parish Council Meeting	Meeting Room	7.30pm
28-29 October	Five Gardeners' Gardens		10.00am—4pm each day
12 November	Combined Service Remembrance Sunday—Legacy Church Parade		10.00am
15 November	Annual Parish Meeting (Coffee and cake at 7pm)	Main Church	7.30pm
29 November	Parish Council Meeting	Meeting Room	7.30pm
3 December	Children's Christmas Pageant	Main Church	10.30am
24 December	Advent 4 Eucharist Service	Main Church	10.00am
	Family Christmas Eve Service	Main Church	7.00pm
	Midnight Eucharist	Main Church	from 11pm
25 December	Christmas Day Eucharist	Main Church	9.00am

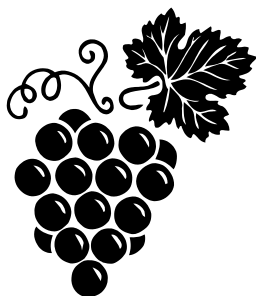


REGISTRAR NOTES

IN MEMORIAM: *Jennifer Ruth Karine Cavill*
 Hilma Marie Suren
 Archie Kent Harold Sanders
 Lesley Semmens
 George William (Bill) Petry
 Keith Donald Jeffs

Please continue to pray for the families of these people.

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We are a community of Christians who strive to know Christ and to make 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 sung 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

Sundays in the Main Church

8.30 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Contemporary Family Service

5.00pm Choral Evensong ~ 4th Sunday

St James the Less Historic Church

Every Wednesday

10.30am Holy Communion **St James the Less Historic Church**

**REMEMBRANCE
SUNDAY**

**12 NOVEMBER
COMBINED SERVICE 10.00AM
LEGACY CHURCH PARADE**

**CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS
PAGEANT**

**SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER
10.30AM**