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FROM THE VICAR



November –
A Time to Remember

I have often felt that the month of November lends itself to a time of intentional remembrance and reflection. From the Northern Hemisphere we have these dated events of All Hallows Eve, or Halloween, as it's now popularly known on October 31st; from the Christian Church there are the feast days of All Saints and All Souls on November 1st and 2nd; and then the civic Remembrance Day on November 11th.

In the Christian calendar, the feast days of All Saints and All Souls Day provides us with the opportunity to give thanks, sometimes to repent or forgive, or simply to be aware of our sense of loss, grief or pain.

In the Northern hemisphere it is getting noticeably darker which would have been the reason for adapting these commemorative events. The ancient Celtic people believed this time was a thin space where heaven and earth whispered to one another across a luminous veil, and those who walked before us are especially accessible. Hebrews 12:1 reminds us we are encouraged by the great cloud of heavenly witnesses and of Jesus, not just at this time, but always. But it can be helpful for us to have a time set aside to pay attention to our feelings of loss

It is a different perspective for us in our hemisphere with the light getting ever stronger. But for all the light, we are aware of coming toward the close of another year. Where has the year gone? Has it been a good year, or a disappointing year? Feelings of loss and grief

REFLECTION FROM THE VICAR (CONTINUED)

are not confined to bereavement. We can feel this way over the state of the world, or the church (for the shame felt from the Royal Commission), or over one's own self.

Despite the commercial hype that heralds Christmas from October on, there is a weariness from the past year's activity, and sometimes the forced gaiety of Christmas looming makes one want to pull inwards or step out of the rushing tide of life and just be still for a moment. Some need the time to reflect, or to mourn, or simply to remember other times and other people who are no longer part of the intensity of the now.

Of course, this year is also the Centenary of Armistice Day which will be very much in focus throughout the world. We have included a short article in this edition by Bishop Billings in regards to this Centenary and its effect on Australia and the Church.

We will remember them.

So during November, we have a number of services aligned with this theme of 'A Time to Remember':

Sunday November 4

8.30am – All Saints traditional service of Holy Communion

10.30am – Healing Service. There will be different options of prayer ministry from the laying on of hands, to lighting a candle, sitting in quiet reflection, writing or drawing.

Sunday November 11:

8.30am Traditional and 10.30am Contemporary services of Holy Communion, both commemorating the Centenary of Armistice (see article from Bishop Bradly Billings re the Armistice)

Sunday November 18:

8.30am Traditional service of Holy Communion

10.30am 'Legacy Sunday' Contemporary Holy Communion with speakers from Legacy (see article by Sarnia Birch regarding Legacy's work).

2pm A Service of Remembrance and Holy Communion at the Chapel of the Resurrection in Peninsula Grammar. This service is an opportunity particularly for those who once worshipped at the chapel, some of whom have the ashes of loved one in the Chapel's Garden of Remembrance, to come and worship and to spend some time in the Garden. All are welcome.

On **Sunday November 25**, we are having a combined service at 9.30am followed by our parish annual meeting at 10.45am, then a shared lunch in the hall together. Evensong will also be on that day at 5pm.

It is not sinful, not wrong to have feelings of grief and loss. But it is good to have hope, and these words from Paul's letter to the Romans are ones that I find put great hope into my heart:

For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

REFLECTION FROM THE VICAR (CONTINUED)

nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39

If these things, which include death, cannot separate us from God, and if we are all members, one with another, in the Mystical Body of Christ, then we are assured that death cannot separate us from one another either.

With love and peace in the Lord, Jennie



Wish you were here! **Anglican Parish of Mount Eliza**

JOIN OUR WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY

We are a vibrant community that offers many ways to connect. Contact our ministry team for more information:

Sunday 8.30am Traditional Service
Sunday 10.30am Contemporary Service with Children's Program

Wednesday 10.30am Traditional Service in the historic church

Playgroup, Children's Church, Caritas, Bible Study Groups, Bible Study @ Church, Prayer Chain, Pastoral Care, Hospital Visiting, Frankston Community Support—Food Donations, MECCS Transportation, Community Fete,

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THE CENTENARY OF ARMISTICE DAY
(OR REMEMBRANCE DAY)
SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2018

Sunday 11 November 2018 marks the one hundredth (or centennial) anniversary of the armistice that ended what we now know as 'the Great War.'

The First World War raged (for Britain and its Empire, then including Australia) from 4th August 1914, until the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month, 1918, one hundred years ago, when the armistice took effect and the guns finally fell silent. The war was unlike any experienced previously, being the first truly global war, and among the first mechanised or industrial conflicts. The sheer number of the dead, the dying, the wounded, and the permanently maimed, was a human catastrophe of unprecedented scale, producing the epithet 'great' and the (still unrealised) hope that this would be 'the war to end all wars.'

For a small nation (numerically), at the geographical fringes of the then British Empire, which had existed in its own right for little more than a decade, the contribution of Australia, and the part played by Australians, in the Great War, was immense. Some 64,000 Australians were to pay the ultimate sacrifice, and another 150,000 were maimed and wounded. The casualty rate was close to 65%, one of the highest of any nationality on both sides. The physical and psychological effects on those who returned, whether physically wounded or not, are beyond calculation. For all Australians, the war years left an indelible imprint on the national memory and national conscience that is still markedly apparent today, especially on national occasions of remembrance such as Anzac Day.

The Christian churches, including the largest denomination at the time the Church of England in Australia (as the Anglican Church was then known), played an important role on the home front during the war years, especially as the casualties mounted. Clergy bore the difficult, and spiritually burdensome, task of notifying the loved ones living in their parish of a death at the front. Because none of the bodies of the fallen (apart from two, General Bridges an early casualty at Gallipoli, and the 'Unknown Soldier') were ever repatriated home, churches became the sacred places in which the war dead, for whom there would never be a funeral and no grave to visit, were remembered. Almost immediately, the church, and especially the Anglican Church, was at the forefront of leading the nation in ritual acts to assist its people in their grief. These rituals (some have called them 'secular liturgies') were soon crystallised into the familiar form of the Anzac Day observances.

*The Rt Rev Dr Bradly Billings
Assistant Bishop of Melbourne*

BLESSING OF THE PETS

What a delight it was to be joined by 21 dogs, 2 budgies and 2 ponies as well as their human companions for our Blessing of the Pets service in early October.

The beautiful weather encouraged people to come along and we all worshipped together with some of the Pets taking particular note of Jennie's words! The animals were all very well behaved and the budgies were a welcome addition to the choir that morning. It was lovely to see new people attend who had heard about the service through Facebook or via the highway poster.

We encourage you all to invite your friends to worship with us, particularly when we have special services such as a Blessing of the Pets or for Remembrance Sunday and, of course, our Christmas services.

COOKING CLASSES

Over recent months, John Welsh has conducted informal cooking classes in the Hall kitchen, tackling sourdough bread and home-made pasta so far, with great success.

There will be further classes before Christmas—possibly a repeat of the sourdough bread class and then English pork pies in time for Christmas!

These classes have been a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and fun while learning useful skills. Keep an eye out for announcements in the pewsheet.



COMMUNITY FETE—2 MARCH 2019



Planning has started for the 2019 Community Fete to be held on **Saturday 2 March 2019**—we hope to see you there!

CHRISTMAS @ CHURCH

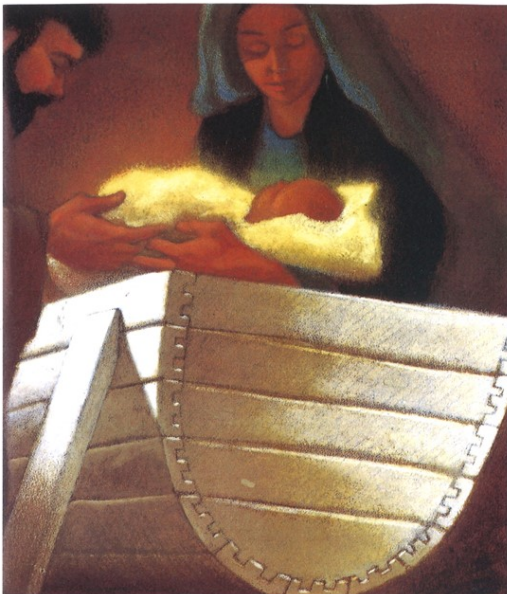
This year we have several different services happening over the Christmas season, starting in our Prayer and Praise service on **Sunday 2nd December** at 10.30am where we will have the pageant.

On **Sunday 16th December** from 5pm we will enjoy a traditional Christmas carol service with Greg Leone, organist, and the choir.

On **Christmas Eve** we offer a family service at 7pm followed by Holy Communion from 11pm.

Christmas Day we have a 9am Holy Communion Service. So, whatever your preferred style of worship, we look forward to celebrating the Christmas season with you during December.

The image shown here comes from a book called "The Tale of Three Trees" which will form the basis of our pageant this year as well as being a part of our Christmas Eve family service. The book is a traditional folk tale which seeks to develop our faith through showing the theological links from the infant Jesus images associated with Christmas, through to the Messiah images of Easter.



Christmas Services

Pageant:

10.30am 2nd December

Traditional Carol Service:

5pm 16th December
With Greg Leone, organist,
and choir

Christmas Eve:

7pm Family Service
11pm Holy Communion

Christmas Day:

9am Holy Communion

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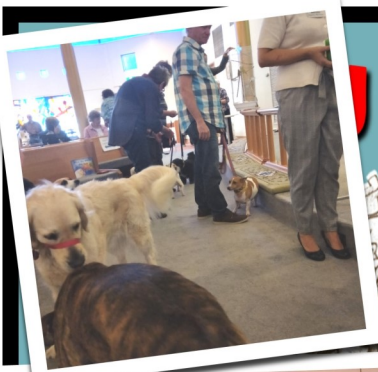
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CHILD SAFETY

FEEL Safe! BE Safe!

Feeling Unsafe?

TRUST
your feelings

TALK
to someone
about it

TAKE CONTROL
to feel safe
again

EVERY CHILD

has the right to feel safe
and to be safe all of the time.

IF YOU DO NOT FEEL SAFE
there are things you can do.

Tell an adult you trust

REMEMBER:

Nothing is so awful that you can't
talk about it with someone.

REMEMBER:

Every child has the right to feel safe
and be safe all of the time!

**If you don't get the help you need at first,
don't give up, keep reporting your concerns until
something is done and you feel safe again.**

Adapted from Catholic Education Australia's *Safe Schools*



Child Safety is something with which all organisations working with children are having to come to terms. Whether they are sporting clubs, music clubs, schools or churches, they all have a responsibility to be Child Safe and to comply with Government standards for ensuring child safety. The Standards are implemented by the Commission for Children and Young People (CCYP). This is an independent statutory body that promotes improvement in policies and practices affecting the safety and wellbeing of Victorian children and young people, with a particular focus on vulnerable children and young people.

The Victorian Government Commission for Children and Young People explain the Child Safe Standards in terms of 7 principles:

- Governance and Leadership
- Clear commitment to child safety
- Code of Conduct
- Human Resources practises
- Responding and reporting
- Risk management and mitigation
- Empowering children.

Everything that we are putting into place in our policies and procedures is designed to ensure that our church community is a safe place for all children and vulnerable people to come to know and love God.

If you have any queries then please contact the Child Safety Officer, Samantha White, or the vicar Rev'd Jennie Savage.

FAMILY MINISTRY

Playgroup Created for parents and carers of babies and preschool children, this program runs on Monday mornings during school term times, from 9.30am to 11am.

Contact Sam White for more information if you would like to join.

The **Sunday Morning Children's Program** runs during term time and during holidays there is a space in the main church for the children to use some resources related to the weekly gospel readings.

The **Children's Christmas Pageant** will be presented as part of the Prayer and Praise 10.30 service on Sunday 2 December.

See Sam White for more details.

MOTHERS UNION / CARITAS

Our group meets on the fourth Monday of the month – February to November – in the small meeting room in the Pioneer Hall. We meet at 10.00am for a short meeting, and then enjoy fellowship over morning tea, followed by a guest speaker or an activity.

Each winter we knit and collect beanies, warm socks and scarves for distribution to the homeless men in the Frankston area. These are distributed by the Community Support Frankston agency. There is a box in the narthex where contributions can be placed each Sunday to be blessed along with the food donations before being delivered to the agency.

You are assured of a warm welcome if you would like to attend any month. If you would like to know more about our group please contact Joan Mitchell (Pres). 5914 0079

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LEGACY



Legacy is a uniquely Australian organisation set up in 1923 in the aftermath of World War 1 where 60,000 Australians were

killed and 150,000 returned home wounded, with many dying in the years immediately following the war. There were a lot of young widows and many, many young children with no father.

The 1916 battlefield promise from one soldier to his dying mate to 'look after the missus and kids' is still being fulfilled nearly 100 years later. Forty-seven Legacy Clubs across Australia, and one in London, ensure that the families of those killed or who have become incapacitated because of their service are not financially or socially disadvantaged.

The social conditions in the 1920's and 1930's were such that a modest widow's pension was no guarantee that the family unit was sustainable and children who did not receive adequate care and oversight were readily placed in State care.

Legatees, initially only ex-servicemen who had served overseas, were there to provide support, advice and assistance needed to help the widows raise their children.

By 1963, there had been further conflicts in Korea and Malaya and everyone knew about Legacy. A second wave of commitment to families, and particularly to children, from WWII ex-servicemen helped Legacy to continue to care for thousands of widows from World War 1, whose needs were changing, but also tens of thousands of World War II widows and their children.

Legacy managed large numbers of children at camps, fixed their teeth and made sure they had what they needed for school and 'kept them on the straight and narrow'. The focus was on the children and the family's needs and the Diggers from WWII took on the task just as their forebears had done. The widows got together and supported each other, finding comfort with others in a similar situation.

Many 'Legacy kids' have gone on to contribute to Australian society through their achievements on the world, national and local stages. Names such as Ron Barasssi, Belinda Green, the football coaching Scott brothers, Corporal Mark Donaldson VC and Bryan Dawe will be familiar to you.

Legacy membership was gradually opened up to other ex-servicemen, then in more recent years to ex-servicewomen and finally to anyone who believes that the families of those who died or gave their health in service to the nation deserve a special place in our society. Those with no service background now make up over 40% of the 5000 Legatees across the country caring for about 50,000 veterans' dependants ranging in age from toddlers to 105 years old. Most of our current beneficiaries are over 80 years old.

LEGACY (CONT'D)

There are nearly 600 Junior Legatees, under 25 years old, who are supported through tertiary education if they wish.

The task is different for elderly widows whose children are now adults who shoulder the primary task of caring for their parents. Legacy is there to plug gaps, to help with pension entitlement and to help to deal with social isolation by providing and encouraging Widows' Clubs, outings, and Legacy events throughout the year.

Legacy also cares for about 1000 dependants with disabilities, many of whom are now in their 60's.

By 2025, Department of Veterans' Affairs projections indicate that there will still be 25,000 widows being cared for by Legacy.

As veterans of more recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as peace-keeping missions, deal with ill-health and incapacity, Legacy is there to help the families survive some tough times.

Some 250 families of veterans suffering Post Traumatic Stress and other significant physical and emotional incapacity can receive Legacy benefits while the veterans are unable to care for their families themselves.

Legacy creates an environment where families and dependants feel that they are valued members of Australian society and where children enjoy and experience the best upbringing, education and opportunities that Legacy can facilitate.

We aim to ensure that families and dependants receive the full extent of pension, government and community support to which they are entitled as well as the best possible comfort, support and friendship that Legacy can provide. In spite of their loss, we help to ensure resilient families and dependants.

Locally, the Mornington Peninsula Legacy Club cares for 1200 widows, 17 persons with a disability and four children. There are six Widows' Clubs in our area, which covers Mordialloc to Portsea and across to Hastings. While numbers are dwindling, the companionship and social support is most important.

The summer camps for Junior Legatees enable them to have fun with children in similar situations and to make life-long friendships with others who understand their experience.

As a volunteer organisation, we are always seeking more members and appreciate the help we receive from other organisations such as Lions and Rotary as well as invaluable support from HMAS Cerberus during our annual 'Badge Week' appeal in September.

In our congregation, Legatees Sarnia Birch, Michael Butler, Peter Clemence or Jim Dickson would be pleased to speak to you if you are interested in helping Legacy.

Our annual Church Parade is on 18 November at the 10.30 service.

Sarnia Birch

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
11 November	Remembrance Day	Main Church	8.30 & 10.30am
18 November	Legacy Church Parade	Main Church	10.30am
21 November	Parish Council Meeting	Meeting Room	7.30pm
25 November	Combined Service 10am, Annual Parish Meeting : Main Church Followed by Parish Lunch		
2 December	Children's Christmas Pageant	Main Church	10.30am
16 December	Carol Service, with Greg Leone, Organist, & Choir	Main Church	5.00pm
24 December	Christmas Eve 7pm Family Service 11pm Christmas Eve Carols & Holy Communion	Main Church	7.00pm 11.00pm
25 December	Christmas Day 9am Holy Communion	Main Church	9.00am



REGISTRAR NOTES

*IN MEMORIAM: Lorraine Arnold Pigdon
Hazel Amelia Rose Burge
Rev'd Dr Rossly David Buckman*

Please continue to pray for these families.

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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**

