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Seasonal News of the Mount Eliza Anglican Church

FROM THE VICAR



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Recently, I preached a couple of sermons on

1 Corinthians 12 about what it means for the church to be called the 'Body of Christ'. Those sermons are available to be listened to as a podcast on our website. We recently had a Leaders Day also focusing on what is the church's core business. The following are some further thoughts and summary about what it means to be God's church.

Collective nouns, like a pride of lions, a murder of crows, or a mob of kangaroos, note a particularity about the corporate nature of a type of creature.

In the bible, the church, which accurately means the assembly of God's people rather than the name of the place we meet, has a number of collective nouns assigned to it: a flock of sheep (John 10), the vine and its branches (John 15), the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12), a spiritual house (with each of us described as a living stone), a chosen race, a royal priesthood, and a holy nation (all from 1 Peter 2).

There is a lot of significance in these collective nouns for they describe what we are like, and also what we do. Some of the images are comforting, like being a flock of sheep that God looks after with our Lord Jesus Christ being our Good Shepherd. But that is not all there is to us. We do not remain as lambs. Some of the other images call upon us to be bold and responsible.

Peter's images denote cohesion as a group, also a distinction and a privilege for the purposes of God to be



REFLECTION FROM THE VICAR (CONTINUED)

worked through each and every member of the church. Paul, in using the image of the body of Christ, also emphasizes this as he describes the many different parts, all of which are important. Each member has been given gifts from God so we all can contribute to the life and health of the church – together we are like a complete body with everything working. Each gift we have comes to the fore in leading the body when it is most important.

That is important to realise in understanding the area of leadership. Leadership not only comes from the head, but from individuals within and the community as a whole. Within a community, each person may have their moment of leadership. It may be an opportune moment for truth-telling, a moment when one's unique gift comes to the fore, or a moment when a different perspective clarifies an issue. Even ongoing faithful support in the background leads towards change. And that has been the case as we, as a whole church, have gone through a significant transition.

The whole community when fulfilling their corporate identity are purveyors of hope, giving the message that something is worth the effort. Community leadership is, of its essence, about the gathering of people. Gathering invites people to be stronger and to act for what we believe in, by being together.

By gathering together, our faith is stronger, our witness is stronger, and our ministry is stronger.

This is more than running a church. We are not a club. We have a calling, a significant role to play in the world both as the church gathered and the church dispersed.

Jesus used the image of a vine for his followers. Vines who would bear fruit as long as they were connected and drawing their life from the main trunk. This image is very organic, very body of Christ-like. We receive, we grow, we bear fruit and we give nourishment, or life, to others.

Collectively we are the vineyard, the body, the Temple, the household – there are many collective nouns for the church. They all have significance, as describing those who make up the church.

There is a story of the Spartan King who boasted to a visiting monarch about the walls of Sparta. The visiting monarch looked around and could see no walls. He said to the Spartan King: "Where are these walls about which you boast so much?" His host pointed at his bodyguard of magnificent troops. "These," he said, "are the walls of Sparta, every individual a brick."

Jennie

SHORT STUDY: BOOK OF REVELATION

Rev'd Jennie Savage will conduct a Short Course Study on the New Testament book of Revelation (alongside the sermon series) commencing 30 April.

Parish Meeting Room
5 Weekly Sessions
Tuesdays 7.30pm-9.30pm
From 30 April to 3 June 2019
(No session 14 May)

Unlimited spaces

Please register your interest at the office 9775 3301 or by email to anglicanmounteliza@gmail.com

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:

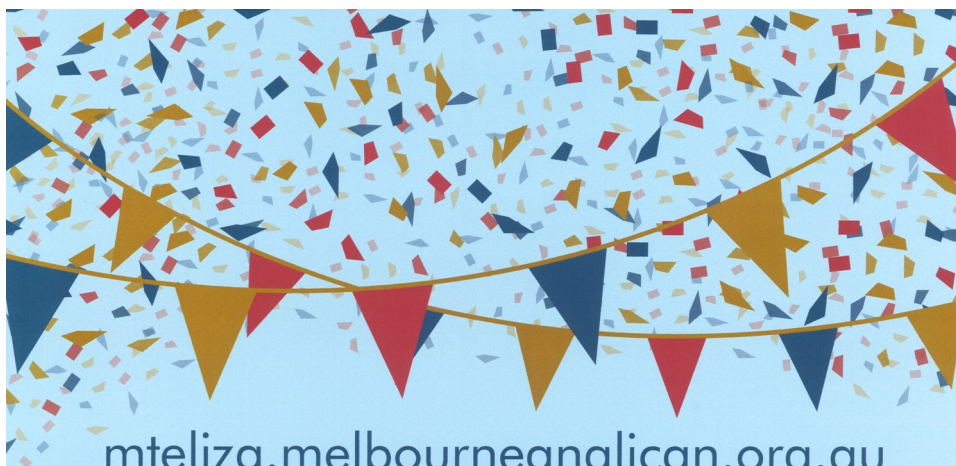
Sunday 8.30am Traditional Service
Sunday 10.30am Contemporary Service with Children's Program

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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Community Fete

Saturday 2nd

March

9am - 1.30pm

105 Koetong Parade, Mount Eliza

MOUNT ELIZA

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MOTHERS' UNION / CARITAS

Our group meets on the last 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. Our membership is not limited to ladies only and parishioners are welcome to come along to attend any meeting. The program for the year will be displayed on the noticeboard in the narthex or I can email you a copy.

Our nimble-fingered members are knitting comfort rugs this year for distribution to Fusion, Mt Martha. 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. Thank you to our parishioners who donate wool for this cause. See Val Cole if you have any queries.

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

COOKING CLASSES

HOT CROSS BUNS FOR EASTER!

John Welsh will be taking orders at the Fete for Hot Cross Buns (\$5 for 6).

Anyone who would like to learn how to make them is welcome on the morning of Thursday 11 April.

Hot Cross Buns will be available for collection in the afternoon.

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



SPECIAL SERVICES COMING UP

ASH WEDNESDAY: 6 MARCH

10.30AM Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes,
Historic Church

7.30PM Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes, Maun
Church

COMBINED SERVICE: 31 MARCH 9.30AM

Followed by Parish Sausage Sizzle

EASTER @ CHURCH

EASTER SERVICES



Maundy Thursday
7.30pm

Good Friday
10am

Easter Sunday
10am

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MAUNDY THURSDAY: 7.30PM

Taize Style Service with The Washing of the Hands and Feet, Communion, the Stripping of the Sanctuary, and Hour of Prayer

GOOD FRIDAY: 10AM

Veneration of the Lord's Passion

EASTER DAY: 10AM

Holy Communion on the most important day of the Christian calendar.

ALL WELCOME—PLEASE COME!

KEN DUNCAN PHOTOGRAPHS

Our thanks to Brian and Julie van Twest who have donated Ken Duncan photographs for display in the narthex.

Ken Duncan is well known as the pioneer of Limited Edition Photographic Art in Australia. After a visit to New York in the early 1980's, Ken returned home with a dream to see photography widely accepted as an art form in this country. The increasing number of Australian photographers now emulating his panoramic style and finding a market for their work is testimony to Ken's success.

Recognised internationally as a gifted and prolific landscape photographer, Ken still chooses to describe himself as "... an average photographer, with a great God – merely an interpreter of God's creation". The art, he says, is in seeing, capturing and presenting these images to others. And this Ken does with his own unique style and his exceptional ability to capture the very spirit of a place at a given moment in time.



Ken Duncan's basic philosophy is best summed up by these words of truth from the Bible. "For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – His eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse." (Romans 1:20).



MEMORIAL WALL REPAIRS

The Memorial Wall repairs have been completed with the construction of a buttress, fence railing and new garden bed.

Our thanks to Steve Swanwick for his expertise and labour in completing the project considerably under budget and in good time.



WARDENS' 'FLASH' FINANCIAL UPDATE

YTD - 4 Months to 31Jan'19

With a third of the year having passed, our overall financial position is better than budget due primarily to significant savings made in repair of the Memorial Wall and its surrounds.

As stated in last year's annual report, we had made a provision of \$8,000. However, through volunteer labour and project management, combined with a generous donation, the final cost was less than half this amount.

All remaining expenses are less than or close to budget. The next major project is painting of the outside of both the main church and historic church.

Overall total income is just under budget. This includes Offertory (5% allocated to Mission), which is almost at levels committed as a part of our Stewardship Program in August last year.

A whole of parish effort towards our major fundraising activity for the year, the Community Fete on Saturday 2 March, will be needed to achieve, or even exceed the budget target of \$10,000.

FAMILY MINISTRY

Our Playgroup families continue to grow and enjoy their time playing, chatting and supporting each other. During term 4 last year we explored the stories of Christmas and the good news of Jesus coming into the world as Emmanuel, God with us.

We had a stable set up with dress ups for the children to act out being a part of the Christmas story. We learnt to sing 'Away in a Manger' and 'Twinkle, Twinkle Christmas Star'.



During term 1 this year we will be looking at the story of Easter and what Jesus did for us in his life, death and resurrection. We have welcomed some new families attending with their babies who have just started walking and exploring the world and we have farewelled other families whose youngest children are now graduating up to Kinder.

During our **Sunday morning kids ministry time** we explored ideas and concepts around Advent and told the story of The Three Trees, an ancient folk tale that explains the concept of God and Jesus and how he came into the world.



FAMILY MINISTRY (Continued)



The whole congregation came together to create artworks for Remembrance Day that were then turned into crosses to go on one of the trees.

Keep your eyes open this term to see how the images evolve again for Lent and Easter.



This term we will be working towards a deeper understanding of the Easter story through exploring the lectionary readings and creating new artworks as a congregation.

OUR MISSION GIVING SUPPORTS:



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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
14 February	Executive Meeting	Meeting Room	9.30am
20 February	Parish Council Meeting	Meeting Room	7.30pm
2 March	COMMUNITY FETE	Church Grounds	9am—1.30pm
6 March	Ash Wednesday	Historic Church Main Church	10.30am 7.30pm
14 March	Executive Meeting	Meeting Room	9.30am
20 March	Parish Council Meeting	Meeting Room	7.30pm
31 March	Combined Service Followed by Parish Sausage Sizzle	Main Church	9.30am
14 April	Palm Sunday	Main Church	8.30am & 10.30am
17 April	Parish Council Meeting	Meeting Room	7.30pm
18 April	Maundy Thursday	Main Church	7.30pm
19 April	Good Friday	Main Church	10am
21 April	Easter Day	Main Church	10.am
15 May	Parish Council Meeting	Meeting Room	7.30pm



REGISTRAR NOTES

*IN MEMORIAM: Trevor Curtis Andrew
Dianne Griffiths
Rhonda Weste
Robert Edward "Bob" Vousden*

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**

