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The Grapevine

Seasonal News of the Anglican Parish of Mount Eliza

FROM THE VICAR



In May this year, we were saddened by the passing of The Reverend John Aylmer Leaver AO

RFD ED. John came to Mount Eliza in 1974 ministering in the parish of Mount Eliza North and taking on the role of Chaplain at Peninsula Grammar. Even in his retirement, John remained active with the congregation at the school's Chapel of the Resurrection and the general parish.

A memorial service was held for him at Peninsula Grammar on May 24 with attendance being over 1,000. John's ministry is detailed in this issue of Grapevine as outlined by the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne. He was quite an entrepreneur, a charismatic leader, and a beloved pastor. At the memorial service, people who were baptised or married by John were asked to put up their hands, and from the stage there was an absolute sea of hands waving. Those speaking at John's service were The Reverends Roger Rich and Garry Gason, both assistant curates to John in their early ministry, Bishop Paul Barker, Assistant Bishop of the Melbourne Diocese, Brig Doug Perry OAM RFD ED speaking on John's ministry with the army, and Mr Stephen Higgs speaking on John's leadership in establishing the Victorian Ecumenical System of Schools. John's daughter Susan and grandson Charlie gave the Family Tribute. All in all, it was a great celebration of John and his ministry. John's wife Wendy, his partner in ministry got many mentions. We are so pleased to have Wendy still in our parish, appreciating her great skills on the piano and leading the choir. We pray for Wendy, her daughters and their families as they mourn their loss of John. May he rest in peace, and rise in glory.

Jennie

REFLECTION FROM THE VICAR

Grandparents Passing on the Faith

Deuteronomy 6: 4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. 6 Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. 7 Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. 8 Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, 9 and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

The opportunities of grandparents

Over time, I have noticed the little acts that grandparents do in passing on the faith.

There are the grandparents who bring their grandchildren to church, either on occasion, some manage a semi regularity.

There are grandparents who bring young children to church playgroups whilst minding them on a regular basis.

There are grandparents who look out for good resources for the young, both to give and to keep at their own homes for when they visit.

There are grandparents who have a comfortable enough relationship or are able to communicate comfortably with their grandchildren and can discuss their faith with them.

There are grandparents who read Bible stories to their grandchildren and grandparents who pray with their grandchildren.

There are grandparents who invite their grandchildren to say grace with them before a meal.

Have you heard of the Russian Babushkas (grandmothers) who subversively passed on the faith to their grandchildren during the Communist regime? When the churches reopened there were enough of the younger generation waiting to come back in.

One grandmother I know was able to say quite openly to her teenage grandson, 'Stephen, hold on to your faith in God, because God will always be there for you. Your faith is worth so much.'

Another told me about her own grandchildren asking questions about Jesus. Grandparents can be in quite a unique position to pass on the faith. Whether it is just that one occasion or moment to something more regular - opportunity will tell.

I wonder whether grandparents of faith could play a greater part in their grandchild's baptism? If the parents were willing, perhaps grandparents could play a more intentional role in passing on the faith, to not be only grandparents, but actual godparents.

Here are a few basic areas where your faith may touch your grandchildren. It all presupposes a good relationship. That goes for sharing your faith with anyone.

God's Story

What are your memories of Sunday School or church? Are they good?

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Did you have a favourite story about Jesus? Was there a prayer you had learnt off by heart?

What was your image of Jesus as a child?

I had this picture of Jesus holding a little lamb up in the air and smiling at it.

I also had this little Ladybird book called Jesus the Helper, my daughter loved it too, particularly the story about Jesus making the little girl well.

Storytelling was the mode for handing down the faith in ancient times. There are many wonderful picture books that bring the bible stories to life and to various age levels. Sometimes they're helpful for your own knowledge too!

When kids ask questions like 'why did Jesus die?' you need to know what you believe. It is hard to answer these off the top of your head when you've not done so before. Trying to put it into appropriate words is another challenge. This is one reason I scour bookshops looking for a picture book that tells the story or states its meaning in a way I'm happy with.

Faith from the heart - their story and your story

Another basic is to listen to them. Do they have questions and are they wanting your answers or are they trying to struggle with working it out themselves? Perhaps they just need you as a soundboard, to take their wrestling seriously.

This is where it is good for you to be familiar with your own stories.

If you have older grandchildren and issues of right and wrong come up, tell your own story of struggling with such issues, such as doubts, prejudice, greed or materialism ...

One example is swearing or saying nasty words to someone.

When my son went off to school, he started picking up certain language that was nasty and hurtful. We looked up the letter of James which talks about being in control of your mouth and what comes out of it, how such a small thing as your tongue can do incredible damage and is one of the hardest things to control.

We also talked about how even we as adults lose control from time to time over our tongues - the times when something slips out in front of someone we love. My son found it all very interesting and still remembers and can find where that passage is in the bible.

Prayer

Grace, the short prayer before a meal is the simplest thing to introduce. We started with 'Thank you Jesus for our food and for this day.' By the age of 2-3, they could say it. Our case was in reverse with grandparents who were atheists. When they came for dinner my small son would make them take hands and say grace before we started!

The Examen is a great way to help children learn to pray and to reflect. This can be done over dinner or before going to bed or any time of the day. The Examen simply asks each person to say one thing that made

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them glad today (or over the past week, or...) and one thing that made them sad. E.g.: I was glad when my teacher praised my homework today. I was sad when my best friend chose to play with someone else in the schoolyard. Looking for the good in the day gives us hope and makes it easier to deal with the things that make us sad and for children particularly to reflect on what makes friendships good and what works against friendships, this being a major part of their world.

Conclusion

It is recognized that evangelism is more effective between people who have a relationship. Passing on the faith is something real 'from my life to yours'. The text from Deuteronomy at the start certainly sees passing on the faith being in a context of relationship and a daily way of life, faith that is walked as well as talked.

All these ideas, of course, can be used by parents, godparents, and generally by anyone who has a relationship with young people.

Let us pray that the younger generations will see the love we have for the Lord our God and be open to hearing the good news.

Jennie

Our Gracious God, we desire to worship you with deeper meaning and serve you sincerely. Help us to be more faithful in our stewardship of the life you have given us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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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REV'D JOHN AYLMER LEAVER



Archbishop Dr Philip Freier sent this Ad Clerum on 15 May:

The Reverend John Aylmer Leaver AO

John Leaver has died today. He was ordained Deacon in Melbourne in 1956 and priested in 1958.

He was a chaplain in the Army Reserve from 1959 to 1985. He was Rector of Seymour in the Diocese of Wangaratta from 1961 to 1966. In the former Diocese of St Arnaud he served as both Rector and Archdeacon between 1966 and 1974. In Melbourne he served at Mt Eliza from 1974 to 1981 and was Chaplain of The Peninsula School from 1974-1997. He was Archdeacon of Frankston from 1986-1991 and an associate priest in Brighton Beach from 2007-2015.

John Leaver was made an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2000, in recognition of his pioneering service to education, through the establishment of the Victorian Ecumenical System of Schools

and the Association of Christian Community Colleges.

We give thanks to God for the life and ministry of the Reverend John Leaver and pray for his wife Wendy, his children and grandchildren at this time of loss.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Grace and peace in Jesus Christ. Philip Melbourne

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

STEWARDSHIP 2018-2019

The Stewardship Program for the next 12 months will be launched in late August when Stewardship letters and the Commitment forms for members of all congregations, will be available. Copies will also be mailed to those supporters of the parish who are not in a position to regularly attend services.

Over the next few weeks please consider with prayer, you or your family's personal commitment to the giving of your time and talents and of your financial resources over the 12 months commencing October 2018, in support of ongoing ministry in our parish and the many necessary tasks that need to be carried out.

A Christian life is marked by its commitment to service and giving. We are all called to service within the Church, in ministries, such as assisting in aspects of Sunday and Wednesday services, pastoral care, helping with fund-raising and other events, and working bees to maintain grounds and buildings. A further important aspect of Christian life is how we use our financial resources and, more particularly, how we use them to support God's work and his Church.

In order to maintain a positive financial position over the next 12 months, we will need to increase Income, largely from Offertory giving, by at least 10%. Please consider this as you determine your commitment for 2018/19.

"Why make a personal financial commitment?" An important aspect of stewardship is planning your giving so as to make it a real part of your whole life. First, include your stewardship in your personal weekly, fortnightly or monthly budget. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to make a personal financial commitment to giving to the life and ministry of our Parish. A commitment to giving keeps you accountable to your own budget and intentions and allows Parish Council to more accurately budget and forecast.

There are two ways in which you will be able to make a commitment to financial giving next month:

- **Direct credit to the parish account with the Anglican Development Fund, or Auto ADF**, via electronic transfer from your bank or credit card – weekly, fortnightly or monthly. This is the preferred means of giving as it allows the parish to manage cash flow. Almost 70% of total current giving is by this means. ADF Giving forms will be in your Stewardship Pack.
- **Parish Envelopes** - a set of envelopes will be provided to you by the Parish Recorder. Envelopes, containing cash/cheque are then placed in the collection bowl at each service.

When you receive your Stewardship Pack, please complete the forms and return them to the Parish Recorder at any service leading up to or on **Thanksgiving Sunday, 9 September 2018**, where all giving commitments will be received and blessed.

Please prayerfully consider your position over the next few weeks.

COMMUNITY FETE—MARCH 2018



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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 Archdiocese of Melbourne



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.

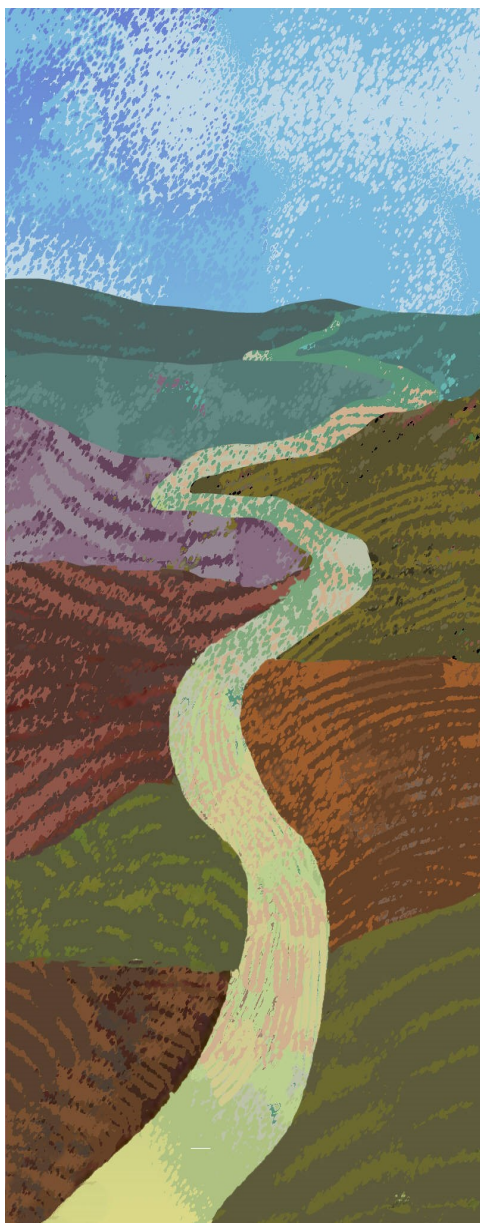
Everything that we are putting into place in our policies and procedures is designed to ensure that our church community is a safe place for all children and vulnerable people to come to know and love God.

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

BLESSING OF THE PETS



THE WAY OF FAITH



The Way of Faith – Spiritual Disciplines

This is a four week course with sessions on:

- Learning to Pray
- Reading the Bible
- Belonging to the Church
- Sharing Holy Communion

This is the second unit of 'The Way of Faith' course exploring the spiritual disciplines that help Christians move forward in their faith and journey in life.

The Vicar, Rev Jennie Savage, will lead these sessions on four consecutive Monday evenings at 7.30-9pm from August 27 through to September 17, 2018.

The sessions will be held in the Parish Centre Meeting Room.

If you are interested in participating in the course, please contact the office either by email: anglicanmounteliza@gmail.com or by phone 9775 3301 to register your interest.

(If you would like more information on the course, you can contact Jennie when she comes back from leave on August 6).

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
18 July	Parish Council Meeting	Meeting Room	7.30pm
15 August	Parish Council Meeting	Meeting Room	7.30pm
9 September	Thanksgiving Sunday	Main Church	8.30am and 10.30am
19 September	Parish Council Meeting	Meeting Room	7.30pm
7 October	Blessing of the Pets	Main Church	10.30am
17 October	Parish Council Meeting	Meeting Room	7.30pm
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		



REGISTRAR NOTES

BAPTISMS: Nathaniel Roy Gardner Bennett

*IN MEMORIAM: Rev'd John Aylmer Leaver
Russell Stanley Blair Ussher
June Dorothy Henry
Dorothy Evelyn Cooke*

Please continue to pray for these families.

News of the Anglican Parish of Mount Eliza



To know Christ and to make Christ known

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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**

