

WINTER 2019



The Grapesvine

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Seasonal News of the Mount Eliza Anglican Church

FROM THE VICAR



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Cheerful giving amidst the hard ground of reality

We are coming up to our time of considering our stewardship, our financial giving to the church. We do this each year, as it is something we each have to assess as does the church in planning the next year's budget. (By the way, the church's financial 'year' runs from October 1 to September 30).

Whatever our plans may be in managing our finances and intentions for giving, 'stuff happens', or we get 'thrown a curve ball', something that puts us off course in our planning and intentions.

A couple of examples from my household: Basketball was being played out in our small backyard when smash! - the ball had bounced back and straight through the glass of the garage window. There was a bill I didn't need.

A letter comes home from school. Year 11 students who are doing Maths Methods must purchase this specific super-doooper calculator at a cost of \$200 - what!

A knee operation urgently required.

The cost of living for the things we plan and for the things we don't plan is a reality we constantly have to adjust to. It doesn't matter what something used to cost in my memory, what it costs today is simply what I have to pay.



REFLECTION FROM THE VICAR (CONTINUED)

And as a church community, we are affected by this as well, the cost of living for a church. In my last parish a windstorm lifted the shed, blew it over and into pieces! The shed had been filled with stacks of chairs, and some liturgical furniture and the whole lot went splat!

We have to face the fact too, that the church is a business, and in being a business we have to make it work. It sounds cold speaking of the church like that, the church is better imaged for many as a family, a place and community of support and comfort, of enrichment and inspiration, but that image too has its needs and requirements.

In maintaining our buildings, we provide for our church family and guests, amenities that need to be accessible and safe. We are reliant on technology for all administration and finance for that is how it is done today. Communications are all through email, records are kept and submitted electronically, communications with people of our own community and the wider public are increasing dramatically through email, website and social media.

Jesus was asked a trick question by some Pharisees and Herodians: Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor? (Matthew 22:15-21) This was a hated tax by the populace by the Roman overlords. But denying it was treason. 'Pay to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's' was Jesus' reply.

What are the things of God? Well, everything! We encounter and serve God in the reality we live in, and we trust that in our generosity towards all things, God's providence will be witnessed. *God loves a cheerful giver* (2 Corinthians 9:7).

God is a cheerful giver and that is witnessed through God's people when they love, care and serve in community.

We sow good seed in both our taxes and our church offertory which is for the benefit of far more than just our own selves. And yet, as part of the Australian community, and as part of the church community, we also get to reap the benefits of the giving of these communities.

The using and giving of our money is a spiritual act that is based in the hard ground of reality.

May God bless and increase the harvest of all communities' gifts, both in the world and the church.

Jennie

O Lord Jesus Christ, who has commanded us to make disciples of all nations, fill us with your own great love for those who do not know you. Help us to be good stewards, both of the gospel and of the money entrusted to us.

May your Spirit so inspire and direct us, that by our prayers, our gifts, our service and our witness, we may make you known to others, and lead them to trust you as Saviour and serve you as King. For your name's sake. Amen.

SPECIAL SERVICES @ CHURCH

COMMITMENT SUNDAY—8 SEPTEMBER 8.30AM AND 10.30AM

Please return your pledges at services today.

COMBINED SERVICE: 22 SEPTEMBER 10.00AM

Visit from Archbishop Philip Freier

Confirmation, Reception into the Anglican Church and Reaffirmation of Faith

Followed by Parish Lunch

BLESSING OF THE PETS

SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER 10.30AM

ALL WELCOME—PLEASE COME!

**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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5 GARDENERS' GARDENS

26-27 OCTOBER 2019 10AM—4PM EACH DAY



95 Cobb Road, Mount Eliza

Toorak College, 73-93 Old Mornington Road, Mount Eliza

34 Rannoch Avenue, Mount Eliza

7 Rendlesham Avenue, Mount Eliza

9 Earimil Drive, Frankston

I AM THE BIBLE

I am the Bible, God's wonderful library.
I am always—and above all—the truth.
To the weary pilgrim, I am a strong staff.
To the one who sits in darkness, I am glorious light.
To those who stumble beneath heavy burdens, I am sweet rest.
To him who has lost his way, I am a safe guide.
To those who are sick in sin, I am healing strength and forgiveness.
To the discouraged, I am a glad message of hope.
To those who are distressed and tossed about by the storms of life,
I am an anchor, sure and steadfast.
To those who search for salvation, I reveal the Saviour of the world.
I am the Bible.



Community Fete
Saturday 2nd March
9am - 1.30pm
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STEWARDSHIP

The theme of 'stewardship' will be explored at both services on 18 and 25 August when stewardship pledge packs will be available.

Commitment Sunday, when completed pledges are to be returned, will be Sunday 8 September.

Regular donations can be made through ADF (Anglican Development Fund), envelopes, direct credit to the parish bank account or in the open plate each Sunday.

The parish bank account details for any direct donations:

BSB: 703 122 Acct No.: 05004937 MOUNT ELIZA ANGLICAN CHURCH

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.

In July we are participating in the World Wave of Prayer then have a Church Mouse Lunch (bread & cheese plus slices), in August the Principal of Balcombe Grammar is our Guest Speaker and there will be flower arranging in September.

Our nimble-fingered members are knitting comfort rugs this year for distribution to Fusion, Mt Martha. Thank you to our parishioners who donate wool for this cause and who also donate hand crafted rugs as well.

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

OUR MISSION GIVING SUPPORTS:



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FAMILY MINISTRY

Playgroup, as easy as 1, 2, 3.



Play

Each week we have a 1 hour play session where the children choose their activities.

Create

We provide a craft activity, painting space and play dough table for the children to express their ideas

Share

We share food, stories, songs and dance. We show and tell how God loves us.

We hope that you experience something of God's love for you whilst spending time playing and chatting with your family and the other friends at playgroup. Each week the craft activities, toys and stories follow a particular theme. This term we have explored how God knows and loves us all, how God created the world and all that is in it and how we are called to love one another. Big themes made easy for little people.



During Term 3 we will hear some stories of friends of God, Abraham and Sarah, Daniel and Joseph as well as some friends of Jesus, the disciples, Zacchaeus, Mary and Martha. We will explore what it means to love each other and how we can see God's love in the world around us.

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
4 August	Visit from Bp John & Mrs Gayelene Harrower—	CMS	8.30am & 10.30am
8 August	Executive Meeting	Meeting Room	2.00pm
21 August	Parish Council Meeting	Meeting Room	7.00pm
5 September	Executive Meeting	Meeting Room	9.30am
8 September	COMMITMENT SUNDAY	Main Church	8.30am & 10.30am
19 September	Parish Council Meeting	Meeting Room	7.00pm
22 September	Archbishop's Visit—Combined Service Followed by Parish Lunch	Main Church	10.00am
6 October	BLESSING OF THE PETS	Main Church	10.30am
12 October	Executive Meeting	Meeting Room	2.00pm
16-19 October	Diocesan Synod		
30 October	Parish Council Meeting	Meeting Room	7.00pm
26-27 OCTOBER	5 GARDENERS' GARDENS	10am –4pm each day	
24 November	Combined Service	Main Church	9.30am
	Annual Parish Meeting	Main Church	10.45am



REGISTRAR NOTES

*BAPTISMS: Owen & James Vatsousios
Dottie Ann Grigor*

MARRIAGE: Robert John Thompson & Judith Lorraine Marriott

*IN MEMORIAM: Dorothy Elaine Neill
Claude Mervyn Wright
Wendy Ann Secondis
Peter Hugh Clemence
Ben-Jeanie 'Suzanne' Stella Healey*

Please continue to pray for these families.

News of the Mount Eliza Anglican Church



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

Choral Evensong ~ 4th Sunday
(4pm April-September, 5pm October-March)

St James the Less Historic Church

Every Wednesday

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

