

AT HOLY TRINITY

Church Services have now resumed conforming to Vic Government restrictions at Holy Trinity Church,

We want to stay connected. If you have any needs or concerns please contact the Parish Office. Tel. 039890 2165

THIS WEEK'S DAILY READINGS

Date	1st Reading	Psalm	Gospel	Colour
Monday 10 th	Acts 16: 11-15	Ps 149	John 15: 26 - 16.4	White
Tuesday 11 th	Acts 16: 22-34	Ps 138	John 16: 5-11	White
Wednesday 12 th (10am)	17: 15 (16-21) 22-18.1	Ps 148: 7-15	John 16: 12-15	White
Thursday 13 th Ascension Day	Acts 1: 1-11	Ps 93	Mark 16: 15-20	White
Friday 14 th	Acts 18: 9-18	Ps 47	John 16: 20-23	White
Saturday 15 th	Acts 8: 21-28	Ps 47	John 16: 23-28	White

Next Sunday 16th May: at 8am and 9:30am services (White)

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26, Psalm 1

2nd Reading: 1 John 5: 9-13

Gospel: John 17: 6-19



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From the Vicar

In the last few weeks we have been looking at the problem of money

No one wants to talk about it - or preach on it

But the question needs to be asked – who do we serve?

'No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. - Matt 6.24

We have been looking together at

What does Jesus teach on giving?

What does the Bible teach on giving?

Christian giving

Welcome

We have seen together

Jesus expects and requires us to give

Jesus wants us to give for the right reasons

Jesus wants us to practice charitable giving

Jesus reminds us that our giving is ultimately to the all-seeing heavenly father

The Bible teaches that Christian giving is an act of worship

That Christian giving should be done in the light of the incarnation

That Christian giving should be done in accordance with our means

The Bible teaches that the liberality of God's blessings to us is connected to the liberality of our Christian giving

Today we will look together at Christian giving

As we do so we will see

That Christian giving must be willing giving, free giving

That Christian giving ought to be cheerful giving

As we reflect on our relationship with God we need to remember his blessings poured out upon us. And the Bible teaches that our giving is to reflect what it is that we have received from God

Our generosity is to be based on what God has done for us

And we have received so much from God

We have been greatly blessed

And will continue to do so as we give to God

Given how generous God is, how generous are we towards him?

God Bless

Mark

Holy Trinity Parish Office Hours

Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30am to 12:30pm

and Wednesday afternoons from 1pm to 4pm

phone: 03 98902165 email: office@holytrinity.sh

The HT men's breakfasts are returning from **Sat 8th May, @ 8.30am.**

Our men's breakfasts are scheduled for the second week of May, July, Sept, Nov ie. Sat 8 May, 10 July, 11 Sept, & 13 Nov. Starting at 8.30am and expected to be finished by 10am. Cost: \$15 per person.

May's speaker is Simon Wheelton who will talk about his response to Covid-19 last year, work with Rotary, sales background and other experience. July's speaker is Richard Hoy on music.

Venue: SisNMe cafe, 1069 Riversdale Rd Surrey Hills opposite Wattle Park, on tram 70 route, just east of Prestige Motors.



Pastoral care news

Presently the parish has a growing number of parishioners experiencing difficulty attending church services, and other church activities. On my visits have noticed the sense of loss of fellowship, and social isolation.

It would be great to have a small Pastoral Care team to visit them. If you are interested in joining this team and would like further information, please contact me on 0409384037. **God bless, Jenny**



Kids' Church - Sunday, May 2

Lots of fun @ Kids' Church on Sunday, when the children learnt about David through the verses of the 23rd Psalm; met Fiona - a new member of the KC team, and ended up with yummy cup cakes made by Kaye.

Kids' Church Family Night

**Saturday 5th June
5pm- 7pm**



You're warmly invited to this fun, social function and family dinner. BBQ, salads and desserts provided

BYO adult drinks

A night of fun, games and good food!

Collect: Sixth Sunday of Easter

O God, for whom we long as a woman in labour longs for her delivery: give us courage to wait, strength to push, and discernment to know the right time, that we may bring into the world your joyful peace; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Today's Readings

Acts 10: 44-48 Psalm 98
1 John 5: 1-12 John 15:9-17 (White)

Organ Postlude:

"Little Prelude and Fugue in G"
by J S Bach (1685-1750)



Parish Prayer List

Our parish We pray for the residents of Wilson Street, Surrey Hills

For those who need our prayers: Gill Bell, Josey (4 months old), Joan Willenberg, Sean, Zelma Cox, Helen Burston, Colin Taylor, Sean Dillon, Rob Hand, William, Stewart (Stu) Parry, Stephen Binns, Robyn Foksett, Gwen Patton and Craig Paton, Phoebe, Siraj Shah, Monique Artinian, Pat Burridge, Marg Cameron, Connie Carlyle, Jean Reilly and for those in hospital.

and for: Jill Goldsworthy, Anthony Bell, Trevor Evans, Rachel Hayman, Alwyn Charlesworth, Janet Morgan, Barbara Wheelton, Patricia, Margie Thomas, Elizabeth Goodman, Melissa Mariani, Tess, Barbara Plunkett, Nora Fortune, Joan Crowley, Hamish and Ursula Waters.

The departed We give thanks for the lives of those we remember:

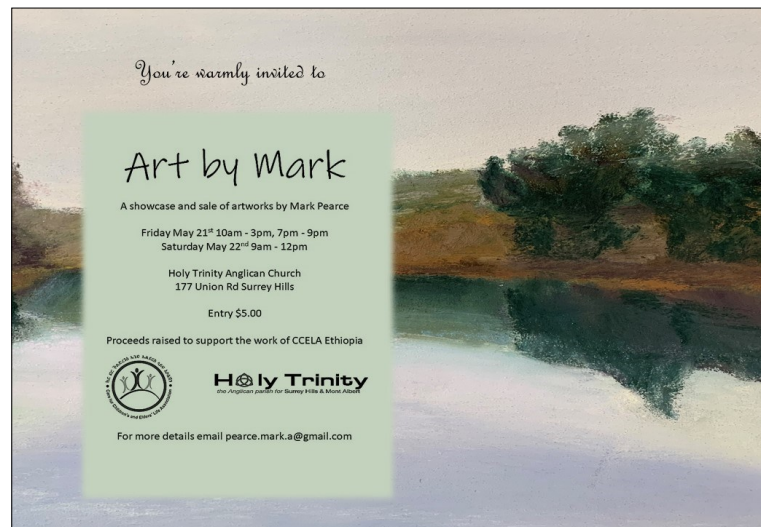
Constance Annie Thick, 10 May 2011; Lloyd Stanley Eva, 11 May 2008; Edna May Cartwright OAM, 13 May 2016, , interment of ashes 6 July 2016; Frederick Johann Petersen, 14 May 1973; Myrtle Ruth Jeffers, 14 May 1973; Arthur Alexander Gulliver, 14 May 1985; Yvonne Bernhardine Hobbs nee Anderson, 14 May 2008.

✠ Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord & let light perpetual shine upon them

There will be a Commissioning service on Sunday 16th May at 9:30 am for Parish Leaders, Rev Jenny Sumpter (Pastoral Care) and Dr Jude Westrup (Parish Office Administrator)



A very happy 90th birthday today to Anne Richards



Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd May Many of us know that Fr Mark, our vicar is a man of many talents - and painting is one of them. On Friday, May 21 and Saturday, May 22 he will be having a showcase and sale of "Art by Mark", with proceeds going to CCELA Ethiopia. Please let others

Direct Giving to HTSH



Direct Giving: You can give directly to the Parish, instead of putting envelopes, or cash, in the weekly plate, via the Anglican Development Fund (ADF). BSB: 703-122. Account No: 0500 4680 Holy Trinity Surrey Hills. Reference: add your name (so we know who it's from). Thank you.
<https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/agencies-anglican-development-fund/>

Treasures & Tastes @ Trinity market on the 15th May

Treasures has got off to a good start for 2021 thanks to many of you. We need your continued support, and hope that you will join us on Saturday, May 15 with your friends and family. We are very pleased to be welcoming five new stall holders for the May market. There'll be a short profile from each of these stalls in the next Treasures stall holders' Newsletter. Contact: Jude 9890 2165.

Treasures & Tastes @ Trinity market : New stallholders

Among our new stall holders and their beautiful craft and artisan work are: items include hand-crafted beading work, scrunchies and head bands, baby gift packs and nappy cakes, infinity fabric scarves, seasonal candles in containers, and other products that you'll be delighted to see and buy when you come to the market on Saturday 15th May.

Saturday 15th May Helpers needed

A few extra helpers are required for the market on Saturday 15th May, in the following areas: Door monitors (4); BBQ helpers: clean up after BBQ and market in general. Please speak to Di Weetman on 0419 549 821

Please note: There are larger print copies of the *Half yearly financial report* and *Fr Mark's sermon series* available in the church narthex.



TREASURES & TASTES @ TRINITY

Saturday 15th May 9 - 1 PM

Treasures & Tastes @ Trinity has wonderful stalls selling the finest Australian craft, art, baby wear, quilts & cushions, clothing and homewares.

We also have award winning cakes & pastries, honey, jams, chutneys, olives, and pet treats - just to name a few.

COME AND FIND YOUR TREASURES

Check updates & what's available at www.facebook.com/TreasuresAndTastesAtTrinity

Hand crafted, Australian made Gifts

40+ indoor & outdoor stalls

Talented Artisans

Award winning Cakes & Biscuits

Jams & Chutneys

Olives, olive oil & honey

Gift Hampers

Quality Plants

Cafe, BBQ & Sausage Sizzle

A Community Event of Holy Trinity
Cnr: Union Road & Montrose St, Surrey Hills

Enquiries: 9890 2165

Barry Fry has moved into "Hedley Sutton" Retirement Village and his new details if you need to contact him are [Apartment 18, 19 Canterbury Road, Camberwell, 3124](#) and his 'phone number is 9834 4118. His email address remains unchanged (ianbarryfry@gmail.com).

The May edition of the Melbourne Anglican is available in the church narthex, or online at: <http://tma.melbourneanglican.org.au/this-months-tma>



Holy Trinity Surrey Hills: Half yearly update of Church Finances 31.3.21

Good Morning

Given the year that we have had the Parish Council has asked me to provide an update of our finances. I will also make a few points to support Fr. Mark's sermons on Giving.

A summary of the 6 months performance to the end of March is included in two tables in the Parish press and I will endeavour to provide more detail for you.

As you will all have realised our finances have been impacted by Covid and when our budgets were completed for this financial year – the period 1st October, 2020 through to 30th September 2021, we did not know what to expect and so the budgets were cast conservatively.

Points we looked at were:

- Loss of giving income due to parishioners not being able to attend church.

- Loss of Fundraising income with no Parish Fair in November and Treasures and Tastes monthly markets not proceeding.

- Loss of Hall Hire income at least until March this year

Fortunately we have done a little better as a good number of parishioners made electronic transfer of funds so their regular giving was maintained and both Treasures and Tastes and Hall Hire restarted last December.

The first table gives the overall summary of Income and expenditure based on the parish, our rental properties and the Foundation. Points to make are:

Our full year budget indicated a net deficit of \$101,613. This comprises a deficit of \$144,315 for the Church offset by net rental income of \$42,702. As mentioned, since the budget was completed we have done a little better as Covid restrictions have reduced and we have resumed activities. A recalculation of our budget is being undertaken now and I am pleased to advise that it is expected our end of year deficit will be less than \$100,000 and more of the order of \$70,000. It is still a deficit but fortunately due to good management of our funds by past Clergy and parish councils we do have the funds to meet this.

The second table just looks at our income and expenses for the parish.

On the Income side we are ahead of budget areas of Giving, Hall hire, Fundraising and Donations. We have also been assisted with Job Keeper although this has now ceased. On the Expenditure side we have held expenses well and are in fact \$2,000 under budget.

When looking at our expenses the Diocese expects that our stewardship or giving should as a minimum cover the costs of our Ministry costs to indicate a viable Parish. Currently our giving is only meeting around two thirds of this and therefore we are looking for a giving increase of around \$50,000 on a full year basis. This equates to 100 parishioners increasing their giving by just \$10 per week.

I would like to stress that we do have sufficient funds to meet this year's deficit but as with any financial operation we do need to plan to meet future years commitments. The earlier we do this the better as it helps to strengthen our viability.

One aspect I should mention for information is the amount budgeted of \$34,068 for Assessments. This is the amount that we pay to assist the Diocese with running expenses. All Parishes are levied this with the calculation based on the income from a parish offset by certain allowable expenses.

The tables are summaries only and several of you may have questions in respect to more detailed aspects of the financials. You are welcome to approach me after the service concludes should you have any questions.

Our parish has been very fortunate in the past to have parishioners who have been able to undertake voluntary work such as administrative duties of bookkeeping, parish administration, maintenance, treasures and tastes and hall hire. These are now costing us money to provide as we no longer have the youthfulness and energy to provide these services. Many still assist with Treasures and Tastes and the Parish Fair. However, none of us are getting any younger – I got a bit of a shock the other day when a young lady gave up her seat for me on the train – I didn't think I looked that old!!

While it is well understood that many of us now cannot put in the energy and labour for church administration and fundraising, perhaps we could provide an increased monetary contribution to offset this.

Today I am asking all of us to review our giving and in this respect I would like to make a few points for your consideration.

- If you want good ministry then you have to pay for it. A vicar once said "if you don't give much you cannot expect much"

- A cup of coffee a week is around \$4-5 dollars, how many cups do you buy each week? Does it come close to your stewardship giving? Could you increase your giving by say \$5-\$10 per week?

- Stewardship is what happens after you say "I believe". Good stewardship is at the heart of Christian commitment – the more you give the more you receive – on a personal basis I found this to be very true when I was retrenched several years ago and despite the setback Sheila and I increased our giving as we had faith and amazingly God looked after us.

- It comes back to that age old saying, "the more you put in the more you receive". I certainly believe this to be true.

- Reviewing your giving and knowing you are making a contribution to this parish makes you feel good.

- As with all parishes, this parish depends on our total and absolute commitment to God through our local mission.

- Giving is like a subscription to God's club. Many of us are members of sporting and social clubs and we pay a subscription to remain a member. Non payment and you cannot continue to be a member.

- In God's club however, there is no insistence on a membership fee, however, if we did not have a stewardship programme and if we did not review our programme in relation to increasing costs then the parish would not survive.

In conclusion I would also like to make the following points:

- Many parishioners already donate their time, labour and money and this is very much appreciated as it ensures the success and continuity of this parish.

- We are a very friendly parish and I know that many of us very much look forward to coming primarily to worship here, but also to catch up with friends and to enjoy the camaraderie and success of the parish.

- This is borne out by monetary gifts we occasionally receive and bequests from dearly departed parishioners.

- Please give prayerful consideration to increasing your giving. There are several ways to do this:

- Using the envelope system or making a regular cash contribution into the giving bowl at the rear of the church

- Increasing the amount those of you are providing by electronic funds transfer

- A direct one off donation

- Consideration of a bequest in your will hopefully many years down the track. Thank you for your patience and for listening to me. The Lord be with you. Nigel