Prayers are requested for Shirley, Hannah, Jonathan, for all who are homeless and struggling through this time of year. We pray for refugees and those seeking asylum escaping war, poverty and oppression.

**Readings for the coming weeks**

**18th after Pentecost 19th after Pentecost 20th after Pentecost**

**13th October 20th October 27th October**

**Jeremiah 29.1, 4-7 Jeremiah 31.27-34 Joel 2.23-32**

**Psalm 66.1-11 Psalm 119.97-104 Psalm 65**

**2 Tim.2(1-7) 8-15 2 Timothy 3.10- 4.5 2 Tim 4.6-8, 16-18**

**Luke 17.11-19 Luke 18.1-14 Luke 18.15-30**

Please save your postal stamps – Doreen collects them for BCA.

Give thanks, give hope, give generously

The contribution of the congregation to this need is fantastic and gratefully appreciated. If each of us contributes a packet, tin or product into the basket we can make a significant difference to a person’s life – non-perishable items (tinned or in packet) sanitary items; toiletries (soap, shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, razors etc) these items are all acceptable. These groceries are donated to **Anglicare** and then distributed to the needy – may God be with you in this ministry, Judi

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**DIARY DATES**

**20th October** – Parish Council meets @ 12noon in Parish Hall.

**AMS Men’s diaries available now -please see Tom. These handy little pocket diaries are week at a glance and contain the Church Calendar as well. Well priced at $6 each.**

**![C:\Users\Robyn\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\AGSX7FUT\christmas-bells[1].png]()Christmas Gifts and wrapping paper for Anglicare please.**

These gifts need to be donated by late November/early December for distribution. Do NOT wrap the gifts in paper, thank you.

**Welcome to the Anglican parish of St Paul’s Romsey**

**& Christ Church, Lancefield**

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**Welcome**: We extend a very special welcome to you if you are a visitor, a newcomer or attend regularly please stay with us for morning tea following the liturgy and then go in Peace. We hope your presence will bring you a blessing, as it has blessed us.

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**OCTOBER 5TH–17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST–YC**

**9.00am Sunday Eucharist @ St Paul’s**

**10.30am Sunday Eucharist @ Christ Church**

Judi’s Jottings: It is said there are two privileged places where God is revealed - in Scripture and in Creation. For myself one predominately engages the mind and the intellect, the other engages the heart. In the human journey and the life of faith we are in the process of bringing the mind and heart together so we can 'see more clearly, love more dearly and follow our Lord more nearly'. Today is special time to give thanks to God the creator, for the wonder and gift of creation and to acknowledge our dependence on its lifegiving energy that sustains our life. It is a day to give thanks for new life and new possibilities, especially for the new life in Christ we share with young Christian people within this Diocese. Hopefully one of the outcomes of this day is that we will take more notice of the natural world around us, that we will see God's life giving Spirit in everything, that we will have a heart and mind for caring for creation and for making the decisions that will make life sustainable and prosperous for all. We are truly blessed and God's blessings are to be shared generously. On another note – TODAY at 2pm you are invited to attend the Fundraiser at Christ Church in Lancefield to hear Maria Forde sing for us and enjoy a wonderful afternoon tea. Please make this an event to support the Christian presence in our parish. Again - thank you to all who are working so hard to make this happen.

I will be taking the next four weeks off – annual leave beckons! Rev Tom Morgan will be the locum in my absence.

Have a blessed week, **Judi**

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**Sentence:** ‘Who is greater, the one who is at table or the one who serves? But I am among you,’ says the Lord, ‘as one who serves.’ Luke 22.27

**Prayer of the Day:** Faithful God, have mercy on us your unworthy servants, and increase our faith, that, trusting in your Spirit’s power to work in us and through us, we may never be ashamed to witness to our Lord, but may obediently serve him all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The first reading is from Lamentations.

1How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal. 2She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies.3 Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting-place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress.4 The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve,\* and her lot is bitter.5 Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the Lord has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe.6 From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

For the word of the Lord, ***thanks be to God***

**The Epistle is from** **the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy**

1Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

2 To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.3 I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. 4Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. 5I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. 6For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; 7for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. 8 Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, 9who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, 10but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 11For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher,\* 12and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him.\* 13Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 14Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

May your word live in us, ***and bear much fruit to your glory***

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THE GOSPEL

The Lord be with you, ***and also with you***

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **19 Luke 17.(1-4) 5-10**

***Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ***

**The Rich Man and Lazarus**

17The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’ 6The Lord replied, ‘If you had faith the size of a\* mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea”, and it would obey you. 7 ‘Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, “Come here at once and take your place at the table”? 8Would you not rather say to him, “Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink”? 9Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? 10So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, “We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!” ’

For the gospel of the Lord, ***Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ***

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**Message:** Christian discipleship is about fully living the faith you have, and it is a basic human duty, not a cause for special commendation.

God of Mission

Who alone brings growth to our church? Send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions and power to our witness.

Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you,

and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.