Prayers are requested for Shirley, Hannah, Jonathan, Rev Bill(ret’d), Ken Cormick, 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**

**21st after Pentecost 22nd after Pentecost 23rd after Pentecost**

**3rd November 10th November 17th November**

**Habakkuk 1.1-4, 2:1-4 Haggai 1:15b-2:9 Isaiah 65:17-25**

**Psalm 119:137-144 Psalm 98 Song of Isaiah**

**2 Thess 1:1-4, 1-12 2 Thess 2:1-5, 13-17 2 Thess 3:6-13**

**Luke 19:1-10 Luke 20:27-40 Luke 21:5-19**

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**

**30th November** – Street Stall at Romsey IGA 9am start

We need plenty of home made cakes, slices, biscuits etc

**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.**

**Church Calenders available $13 each, see the notice boards for order forms**

**![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 27TH–20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST–YC**

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

**10.30am Sunday Eucharist @ Christ Church**

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**BCA Prayer for regional Victoria**

Heavenly Father, we praise you for the wonderful diversity in Regional Victoria: for the diversity in its people, its animals and plants, and in its land, from the Wimmera-Mallee plains to the snow-capped mountain ranges, from the Red Gums in the Murray to its sea-swept cliffs and beaches. Pour out your Spirit of mercy on Regional Victoria, so that all would find the forgiveness, love and hope won by your Son. May our many blessings be a blessing to many, and may all live to the praise and glory of our Lord Jesus Christ, In whose name we pray, Amen.

**Sentence:** Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it. *Luke 18:17*

**Prayer of the Day:**

O God, who alone can probe the depths of the heart; you hear the prayer of the humble and justify the repentant sinner:

grant us the gift of humility, that, seeing our own faults clearly, we may refrain from judging our neighbour but rely solely upon your saving grace.

We make our prayer through your Son, our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**![C:\Users\Robyn\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\R3ROQXOE\Birthday1[1].jpg]()A huge Happy Birthday to Doreen Morgan and Jean Hassell both born 21st October, may God continue to bless them and keep them in his care along with everyone else having a birthday this year**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**The first reading is from Joel**

O children of Zion, be glad
   and rejoice in the Lord your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
   he has poured down for you abundant rain,
   the early and the later rain, as before.
The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,
   the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years
   that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
   my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
   and praise the name of the Lord your God,
   who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame.
You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
   and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again
   be put to shame.

Then afterwards
   I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
   your old men shall dream dreams,
   and your young men shall see visions.
Even on the male and female slaves,
   in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

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

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

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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 18.15-30 -**

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

**The Rich Man and Lazarus**

People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called for them and said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.’

A certain ruler asked him, ‘Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; Honour your father and mother.” ’ He replied, ‘I have kept all these since my youth.’ When Jesus heard this, he said to him, ‘There is still one thing lacking. Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.’ But when he heard this, he became sad; for he was very rich. Jesus looked at him and said, ‘How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.’

Those who heard it said, ‘Then who can be saved?’ He replied, ‘What is impossible for mortals is possible for God.’

Then Peter said, ‘Look, we have left our homes and followed you.’ And he said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, who will not get back very much more in this age, and in the age to come eternal life.’

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

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