**Prayers for those in need:**  - Hannah, for Hannah’s family as they care for her, for Lydia, Shirley, and those we name in the silence of our hearts. . . . .

**Readings for the coming weeks**

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| **19th May** | **26th May** | **2nd June** |
| **5th Sunday of Easter** | **6th Sunday of Easter** | **7th Sunday of Easter** |
| **Acts 11.1-18**  **[Psalm 148]** | **Acts 16.9-15**  **[Psalm 67]** | **Acts 16.16-34**  **[Psalm 97]** |
| **Revelation 21.1-16**  **John 13.31-35** | Revelation 21.10-14,21.22-22.5  John 14.23-29 OR John 5.1-9 | **Rev. 22.12-22**  **John 17.20-26** |

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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

COLLECTIONS – PLEASE SAVE USED STAMPS - DOREEN COLLECTS THEM FOR BCA

**DIARY DATES**

Sunday May 19th - Parish Council meets on Sunday at 12noon.

Thursday 30th May – Ascension Day – 10.30am Eucharist at Christ Church.

*Saturday June 1st, Street stall outside Romsey IGA 9am start. Need plenty of cakes, slices etc. Many hands make light work so please help out in any way you can. Contact Glenice – 54296418 or Betty 54291597*

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# Welcome to the

Anglican parish of St Paul’s Romsey & Christ Church, Lancefield

Please stay awhile following our celebration of the Eucharist to share in fellowship. If you are a visitor, long time parishioner or searching for a place to be welcomed - this is it – we’ve found you! Help us get to know each other over a cuppa!

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4th Sunday of Easter – May 12th YC 2019

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**9.00am Sunday Eucharist – St Paul’s Romsey 10.30am Sunday Eucharist – Christ Church Lancefield**

**Judi’s jottings** – **Faith and Doubt**Many in our communities of faith experience doubt. They doubt their abilities to overcome difficult situations, they doubt if they will make it through without succumbing to an old addiction, they doubt their friends or parents are aware of how much pain they are in, and they doubt God’s presence in their lives and their connections to God. Doubt and questioning are normal parts of our lives as people and as persons of faith. When we acknowledge that reality from the pulpit and in our teaching, we give permission for people of faith to admit their doubt and make it normative. And we empower folks to claim their own journeys. So often in church we talk about faith and that is a powerful thing to talk about, but to not claim the flip side of faith, the perpetual travelling companion of faith -- doubt -- means we are not leaving room for the real life experiences of people. Even the most faithful have moments of doubt. As believers and followers we are not exempt from doubts so as we gather today we come with perhaps a foot in both camps – trusting in faith yet holding onto doubts that hold us back in our God relationship, may you trust in the one who loves you, **blessings to you and your loved ones, Judi**

**SENTENCE:** The Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Revelation 7.17

**Prayer of the Day:** Gracious God, you sent Jesus, the good shepherd, to gather us together: may we not wander from his flock, but follow wherever he leads us, listening for his voice and staying near him, until we are safely in your fold, to live with you for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**The First reading is from the Acts of the Apostles**

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Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, ‘Please come to us without delay.’ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, ‘Tabitha, get up.’ Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

**The Epistle is from the Revelation according to John**

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!’ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, *‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’* Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?’ I said to him, ‘Sir, you are the one that knows.’ Then he said to me, ‘These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

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

**THE GOSPEL**

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John 10.22-30**

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, ‘How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.’ Jesus answered, ‘I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.’

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

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**VALE: Lawrence Stephen Thomson**, 5th May, peacefully at home.

Our Sincere condolences go to Laurie’s family and friends in this time of mourning. As a faith community we also grieve his passing. Laurie was a long-term parishioner and valued member of the community.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

A Funeral service will be held at St Paul’s Romsey, 77 Main St Romsey on Tuesday 14th at 10.30am everyone is welcome to attend.