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**

**23rd after Pentecost Last after Pentecost First Sunday of Advent**

**17th November 24th November 1st December**

**Isaiah 65:17-25 Jeremiah 23:1-6 Isaiah 2:1-5**

**Song of Isaiah Song of Zechariah Psalm 122**

**2 Thess 3:6-13 Colossians 1:11-20 Romans 13:9-14**

**Luke 21:5-19 Luke 23:33-43 Matthew 24:36-44**

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 17th November for distribution on the 19th. 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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**NOVEMBER 17th–23rd 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:**

*‘I am the resurrection and the life,’ says the Lord. ‘Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die’. John 11:.25—26*

**Prayer of the Day:**

God of all the living, in the resurrection of Christ Jesus you have given us the promise of life which death itself cannot destroy:

in the strength of this unshakeable promise, give us a new heart to live, even now, as your new creation. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**The first reading is from Habakkuk**

on the twenty-fourth day of the month, in the sixth month In the second year of King Darius,in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendour, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendour of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

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

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

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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 20:27-40 -**

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

**The Rich Man and Lazarus**

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, ‘Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.’

Jesus said to them, ‘Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.’ Then some of the scribes answered, ‘Teacher, you have spoken well.’ For they no longer dared to ask him another question.

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

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