PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NEED: We pray for Hannah and family, Glenice as she awaits surgery, Shirley, for the homeless living on our streets, and for those we hold in the silence of our hearts………..Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**Readings for the coming weeks**

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| **9TH JUNE** | **16TH JUNE** | **23rd JUNE** |
| **DAY OF PENTECOST** | **TRINITY SUNDAY** | **2nd after Pentecost** |
| **Acts 2.1-21 OR Genesis 11.1-9****[Psalm 104.26-36 ]****Rom. 8.14-17 OR Acts 2.1-21****John 14.8-17 (25-27)** | **Proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31 [Psalm 8]****Romans 5.1-5****John 16.12-15** | **1 Kings 19.1-4,8-15a [Psalm 42; 43]****Galatians 3.10-14,23-29****Luke 8.26-39** |
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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

**NEXT SUNDAY – DAY OF PENTECOST**

….is the occasion to celebrate Pentecost Sunday when God sent his Holy Spirit upon the church. It is traditional to wear red as symbol of the flames of the Spirit. A red hat, scarf, jacket, tie, socks or . . . . .!! **Oh by the way, wearing something red that can’t be seen doesn’t count……!!!**

**Diary Dates**

Parish council meeting in June is yet to be finalised.

**PIE DRIVE – JUNE 23RD. TONY’S PIES - A GREAT FUNDRAISER FOR THE PARISH!**

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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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7th Sunday of Easter – June 2nd YC 2019

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

**Judi’s jottings** – It’s funny what can happen to you on your way to worship. Luke tells us that Paul and Silas were on their way to worship in Philippi when they ran into a young girl, a slave, who made a fortune for her owners by telling other people’s fortunes.  As the apostles passed before her, we are told, the spirit of divination within the girl registered something of who they were—‘slaves of the Most High God’ who had ‘a way of salvation’ to proclaim.  Over the next couple of days, the spirit apparently compelled the girl to follow the men around, loudly announcing what she had learned to anyone who would listen.  Pretty weird, hey? A demon, a spirit of divination, doing the work of evangelism! You may be surprised by Paul’s response, then.  Luke tells us that Paul, having listened to the girl for several days already, becomes very much annoyed.  Finally he turns on the girl and orders this truth-telling spirit to be gone in the name of Jesus.  Sure enough, it skedaddles (or ‘disappears’, for those of you who speak Oz). Now, this is all very perplexing.  Why did Paul cast this spirit out?  It was telling the truth, wasn’t it?  Paul and Silas were 'slaves of the Most High God', and they were proclaiming a 'way of salvation', were they not?  So what's the problem?  Wasn’t everyone on the same side here?  Paul appears not only to miss a golden opportunity to footnote his own authority with an pagan authority already recognised amongst his hearers, but also to prevent that authority from speaking its truth altogether.  One could quite reasonably conclude that Paul has not been a very bright boy at this point!  Especially when one notes that the immediate result is that he and Silas end up in prison!

**blessings to you and your loved ones, Judi**

**SENTENCE:** ‘Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved .’ Alleluia. *Acts 16:31*

**COLLECT OF THE DAY:** Almighty God, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he are one: grant that your Church, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom you have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of 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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One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. 17While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” 18She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour. 19But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. 20When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews 21and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” 22The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. 23After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. 24Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. 25About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. 27When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. 28But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” 29The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” 31They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” 32They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. 34He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God. *[Acts 16:16-34]*

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

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

“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. 13I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” 14Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. 15Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. 16“It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.” 17The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let everyone who hears say, “Come.” And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. 18I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book; 19if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away that person’s share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. 20The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! 21The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen. *[Revelation 22:12-21]*

*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 17:20-26**

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



”I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, 21that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, 23I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. 24Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. 25“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. 26I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

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

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Dear God, so far today I’ve done alright. I haven’t gossiped, I haven’t lost my temper, I haven’t been greedy or grumpy, nasty, selfish or overindulgent. I’m very thankful for that. But in a few minutes, God, I’m going to get out of bed,,,, and from then on, I’m probably going to need a lot more help. Amen