Prayers are requested for Shirley, Glenice, and Hannah – we pray for those who are homeless, for refugees and those seeking asylum escaping war, poverty and oppression.

**Readings for the coming weeks**

**28th JULY 4TH AUGUST 11th AUGUST**

**7th AFTER PENTECOST 8TH AFTER PENTECOST 9TH AFTER PENTECOST**

**Hosea 1.2-10 Hosea 11.1-11 Isaiah 1.1, 10-20**

**Psalm 85] [Psalm 107.1-9, 43] [Psalm 50.1-8, 23-24]**

**Colossians 2.6-15 [16-19] Colossians 3.1-11 Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16**

**Luke 11.1-13 Luke 12.13-21 Luke 12. 32-40**

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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**TMA- July’s copy available, please collect one before you leave today.**

**DIARY DATES**

**21ST JULY** - PARISH COUNCIL MEETS **TODAY**, 12 NOON

**24TH AUGUST** – SAUSAGE SIZZLE – LANCEFIELD FARMER’S MARKET

**6TH OCTOBER** – FUNDRAISER – MARIA FORDE – IRISH SINGER – CHRIST CHURCH

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

**& Christ Church, Lancefield**

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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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**JULY 21st YC 2019**

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

**10.30am Sunday Eucharist @ Christ Church**

**Greetings from the Vicar** – Today’s Gospel can start an argument. It describes two opposing ways of living our faith. Jesus is a guest in the home of two sisters who act in very contrary ways. Martha is busy with the chores of hospitality while Mary is sitting quietly listening to Jesus. Which one is doing the right thing? Is Mary just lazy …or wise? Is Martha responsible …or just too busy? This issue mirrors a problem in the early Church, and maybe even at your house today. Some early Christians thought that they should spend their entire day in quiet study, contemplation, and prayer, while others thought everyone should engage in active ministry in the world. Who is right? Jesus actually does not take sides but transcends both activities with a profound teaching, and a warning to both sides. Neither action nor contemplation are valid unless each is done as a ***calling from God***, and He wants both behaviours, although usually from different people, and maybe even at different times. God does not chastise Martha for being industrious. We know this because there are just too many other examples in the Gospels of Jesus asking His followers to be very active. Yet He is concerned about her because of the nature of her request to Him. Anytime our prayer begins with the words, “Lord, what you need to do is….” Well, those are not the words of someone responding to Our Lord but telling Him what to do! Both Mary and Martha are called to be responsible, in the original meaning of that word; to act in a way that is a ***“response” to a calling from God***. Both action and contemplation are appropriate if we respond to His call and not just what we think we should do. Discerning that calling means making a wise judgment, that is also confirmed by other wise and faith filled people. We can certainly ask God for special intentions, such as to heal a sick relative or ask for a better economy, but our prayer should always end with the words Our Lord Himself spoke in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night before His crucifixion, “…not my will, but yours be done!” For those who are active, you cannot see Martha as your friend and Mary as your enemy, and for those who are contemplative, you cannot see Mary as your friend and Martha as your enemy. It all depends on what God has called you specifically to do at this time that will help build the Kingdom of God, Blessings to you for the week ahead **Judi**

**Sentence of the Day:**  In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be your strength. *Isaiah 30.16*

**Collect of the Day:** Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ and make yourself our guest: amid the cares of our daily lives, make us attentive to your voice and alert to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever*.* ***Amen***

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

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This is what the Lord God showed me—a basket of summer fruit. He said, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A basket of summer fruit.’ Then the Lord said to me, ‘The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by.  The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day,’ says the Lord God; ‘the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!’  Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, ‘When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practise deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.’ The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?  On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight.  I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day.  The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord.  They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

Hear the word of the Lord, ***thanks be to God***{"cb":3,"cr":3,"fn":"Luke2thumbs.jpg","id":"W-X\_FQ7oq6oAsM:","is":"1600\u0026nbsp;\u0026#215;\u0026nbsp;1196","isu":"lookbothwaysartandfaith.blogspot.com","ity":"jpg","msm":"More sizes","msu":"/search?q=%22Luke+2:41-52%22\u0026um=1\u0026hl=en\u0026sa=N\u0026tbo=d\u0026biw=1024\u0026bih=571\u0026tbm=isch\u0026tbs=simg:CAQSEglb5f8VDuirqiHl0zppRxzfmw","s":"These are my thumbnail sketches for \u003Cb\u003ELuke 2:41-52\u003C/b\u003E (Jesus as a boy, \u003Cb\u003E...\u003C/b\u003E","sc":1,"si":"/search?q=%22Luke+2:41-52%22\u0026um=1\u0026hl=en\u0026sa=N\u0026tbo=d\u0026biw=1024\u0026bih=571\u0026tbm=isch\u0026tbs=simg:CAESEglb5f8VDuirqiHl0zppRxzfmw","sm":"Similar","th":194,"tu":"http://t3.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcQFfzlhp2fxysc-l3A9-aE\_8cjiWEI02Ar8eqJbUMeZuq1gd0oreQ","tw":260}

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Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers -- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him -- provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil and struggle with all the energy that he powerfully inspires within me. *Colossians 1.15-29*

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 **Luke 10.38-42**

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



Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

This is the Gospel of the Lord, ***praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.***

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