Prayers are requested for Shirley, Hannah, Jonathan, 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**

**22nd SEPTEMBER 29th September 6th October**

**15TH AFTER PENTECOST 16th after Pentecost 17th after Pentecost**

**Jer. 8.18-19:1, Jeremiah 32.1-3a, 6-15 Lamentations 1:1-6**

**[Psalm 7] [Psalm 91.1-6, 14-16] [Psalm 137] 1 Tim. 2.1-10 1 Timothy 6.6-19 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 16.1-13 Luke 16.19-31 Luke 17:5-10**

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**

15th September – 12 noon PARISH COUNCIL MEETS

15th September - BCA boxes due in

25th September - BCA  SPRING LUNCH -.12-2pm. $20.   RSVP 18th Sept. At Holy trinity Flora Hill (S.E. Bendigo) - Ministry   In the Top    End -Speaker.. REV. KRISTAN SLACK - KATHERINE. N. T.

**6TH OCTOBER** – FUNDRAISER – MARIA FORDE – IRISH SINGER – CHRIST CHURCH $25.00 entrance fee includes afternoon tea. Please see Val or Glenice or book online through trybooking

**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.**

**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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**14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, 15TH SEPTEMBER YC 2019**

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

**10.30am Sunday Eucharist @ Christ Church**

**Judi’s jottings:** Once again Jesus is hanging out with the sinners and the tax collectors, and the priests and the most devout followers of God are grumbling.

Since the start of summer, Jesus has set his face towards Jerusalem, all the while eating with sinners, and he’s all about the repentance. *Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over 99 righteous persons who need no repentance.* What does repentance mean? Does repentance mean to be sorry for some-thing we’ve done, to ask for God’s forgiveness, and promise to do better next time?  Yes, it does.  But that’s not the repentance that Jesus is talking about here. Does repentance mean to change the direction of our lives and follow Jesus as our Saviour and Lord?  Yes, it does. But that’s not what repentance means in our Gospel this morning. It is a definition found only in the Gospel of Luke, as well as I can determine, and Jesus’ repentance today means this:  *being sought and found by God.* Repentance where the one who is found doesn’t even have to know that he or she was lost. In the15th chapter of Luke, Jesus tells three parables about the lost being found, and in each case the repentance is the result of the one who is seeking and finding and welcoming and loving. The kind of repentance that God alone does.  blessings to you all, Judi.

**Sentence of the Day:** I tell you there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. *Luke 15.10*

**Collect of the Day:** Undaunted you seek the lost, O God, exultant you bring home the found: touch our hearts with grateful wonder at the tenderness of your forbearing love; grant us delight in the mercy that has found us; and bring all to rejoice at the feast of forgiven sinners. 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 the Prophet Jeremiah.

11At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights\* in the desert towards my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse— 12a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgement against them. 22 ‘For my people are foolish, they do not know me;
they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good.’ 23 I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light.
24 I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro.25 I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. 26 I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger.

27 For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.28 Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back. *Jeremiah. 4.11-12,22-28*

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

The Epistle is from the 1st Letter of Paul to Timothy, chapter 1

1Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Saviour and of Christ Jesus our hope,

2 To Timothy, my loyal child in the faith:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.3 I urge you, as I did when I was on my way to Macedonia, to remain in Ephesus so that you may instruct certain people not to teach any different doctrine, 4and not to occupy themselves with myths and endless genealogies that promote speculations rather than the divine training\* that is known by faith. 5But the aim of such instruction is love that comes from a pure heart, a good conscience, and sincere faith. 6Some people have deviated from these and turned to meaningless talk, 7desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make assertions. 8 Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it legitimately. 9This means understanding that the law is laid down not for the innocent but for the lawless and disobedient, for the godless and sinful, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their father or mother, for murderers, 10fornicators, sodomites, slave-traders, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to the sound teaching 11that conforms to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me. 12 I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, 13even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, 14and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 15The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. 16But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. 17To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever.\* Amen. 18 I am giving you these instructions, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies made earlier about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight, 19having faith and a good conscience. By rejecting conscience, certain persons have suffered shipwreck in the faith; 20among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have turned over to Satan, so that they may learn not to blaspheme.

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 25 **Luke 15.1-10**

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

15Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. 2And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, ‘This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ 3 So he told them this parable: 4‘Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? 5When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. 6And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, “Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.” 7Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance. 8 ‘Or what woman having ten silver coins,\* if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? 9When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, “Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.” 10Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.’

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

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**Christmas Gifts and wrapping paper for Anglicare please.**

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