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**

**29th September 6th October 13th October**

**16th after Pentecost 17th after Pentecost 18th after Pentecost**

**Jeremiah 32.1-3a, 6-15 Lamentations 1:1-6 Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7**

**[Psalm 91.1-6, 14-16] [Psalm 137] Psalm 66:1-11 1 Timothy 6.6-19 2 Timothy 1:1-14 2 Tim 2 :( 1-7) 8-15 Luke 16.19-31 Luke 17:(1-4)5-10 Luke 17:11-19**

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**

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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**SEPTEMBER 22nd – 15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – YC 2019**

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

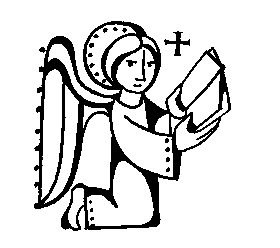
**10.30am Sunday Eucharist @ Christ Church**

**Judi’s jottings:** This morning's parable is puzzling because it seems to contradict gospel values by praising the roguish activity of the manager. Initially, he is dismissed by his wealthy employer for 'squandering his property', only to be commended later for acting 'shrewdly' in response to his dismissal. The word 'shrewd' often has a negative connotation, and we associate it with the scheming and conniving behaviours of those who serve nobodies interests but their own. This is but one definition of the word 'shrewd' which likewise means practical intelligence, astuteness, prudence, and savvy. To be 'shrewd' is not incon-gruous with gospel values, indeed, the bible is littered with many such behaviours in the service of God. Jesus' use of the steward as a figure in several parables has significantly influenced the church's description of Christian duty and of church leadership in particular - hence the importance of stewardship in the life of our church today. As disciples we are likewise stewards of all that God has gifted us with. It is imperative that we see our life on earth as a temporal situation, and our life beyond as eternal. Doing so not only gives us a healthy perspective on the here and now, but assists our prior- itisation of that which matters over and above that which does not. In the parable, it is not dishonesty that is commended but prudence and Jesus is saying that if a dishonest rogue can prudently plan for his future, surely you disciples can do likewise. In the kingdom of God, we aren't owners of property and possessors of material wealth, and our worth isn't measured accordingly, but we are called to be good stewards of all that God has entrusted us with. If we have the humility to acknowledge that God is our creator and that every-thing belongs to God, we will be more inclined to offering our time, talents, and monetary resources to God's church. This is what good stewardship is all about - as surely God has given to us, we are called to reciprocate. As a community of faith, let us be mindful that we are stewards called to serve God and each other with whatever gift we've received. St Ignatius encouraged the church of his time to: "Labour with one another, struggle together, run together, suffer together, rest together, rise up together as God's stewards and assessors and servants. Be pleasing to him in whose ranks you serve, from whom you receive your pay." Blessings for the week that awaits.. Judi.

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**Sentence:** You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you may become rich. 2 Corinthians 8.9

**The Collect:** O God, you are rich in love for your people: show us the treasure that endures and, when we are tempted by greed, call us back into your service and make us worthy to be entrusted with the wealth that never fails. 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.

[](http://www.sundayschoollessons.com/matthew.htm)THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The first reading is from the Prophet Jeremiah.

18 My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. 19 Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: ‘Is the Lord not in Zion?    Is her King not in her?’ (‘Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?’) 20 ‘The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.’ 21 For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. 22 Is there no balm in Gilead?    Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? 9[\*](javascript:void(0);)O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people! *Jeremiah 8.18 - 9.1*

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

The Epistle is from the 1st Letter of Paul to Timothy, chapter 2

2First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, 2for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. 3This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, 4who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5For here is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, 6who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. 7For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth,[\*](javascript:void(0);) I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

8 I desire, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or argument; 9also that the women should dress themselves modestly and decently in suitable clothing, not with their hair braided, or with gold, pearls, or expensive clothes, 10but with good works, as is proper for women who profess reverence for God.

*1 Timothy 2.1-10*

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 **Luke 16.1-13**

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

16Then Jesus[\*](javascript:void(0);) said to the disciples, ‘There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. 2So he summoned him and said to him, “What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.” 3Then the manager said to himself, “What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. 4I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.” 5So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, “How much do you owe my master?” 6He answered, “A hundred jugs of olive oil.” He said to him, “Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.” 7Then he asked another, “And how much do you owe?” He replied, “A hundred containers of wheat.” He said to him, “Take your bill and make it eighty.” 8And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. 9And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth[\*](javascript:void(0);) so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.[\*](javascript:void(0);)10 ‘Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. 11If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth,[\*](javascript:void(0);) who will entrust to you the true riches? 12And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? 13No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.’[\*](javascript:void(0);)

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

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