Prayers are requested for Shirley, 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**

**11th AUGUST 18th AUGUST 25TH AUGUST**

**9TH AFTER PENTECOST 10TH AFTER PENTECOST 11TH AFTER PENTECOST**

**Isaiah 1.1, 10-20 Isaiah 5.1-17 Jeremiah 1.4-10**

 **[Psalm 50.1-8, 23-24] [Psalm 80.1-2,8-19] [Psalm 71.1-6]**

**Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16 Hebrews 11.29—12.2 Hebrews 12.18-29**

**Luke 12. 32-40 Luke 12.49—59 Luke 13.10-17**

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**

**17th AUGUST** - PARISH COUNCIL MEETS, 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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**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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**8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, AUGUST 4 YC 2019**

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

**10.30am Sunday Eucharist @ Christ Church**

**The Vicar’s Ramblings** The thing about prejudice is that there’s just a tiny sliver of truth in it, otherwise it wouldn’t be so infuriating. If there weren’t, you could just dismiss it as stupid. But prejudice takes a tiny insight and makes it into a colossal generalisation that obscures the complexity, texture and goodness of its object. Many, perhaps most, Christians have a prejudice about the Old Testament. One version is the abiding idea that the God of the Old Testament is a God of war and revenge while the God of the New Testament is a God of peace and love. Another version is that the Old Testament is largely made up of prophecies of Jesus’ coming and, once Jesus came, its use is largely to demonstrate that Jesus was part of God’s plan all along. Yet another version says that the Old Testament is full of arcane laws and commands and that these are exactly the kind of strictures that the gospel releases us from. There’s a sliver of truth in all of these prejudices, which is why they’re still around long after they should have been put to bed. But today’s reading from the prophet Hosea shows how impoverished all these perceptions of the Old Testament really are. In fact, I think it’s no exaggeration to say that if you were going to advise a newcomer to Christianity how to read the Old Testament, you’d best skip Genesis, Exodus and the rest, and start here. So as I preach today I hope that I am able to share from the Old Testament in a way that is helpful. *[extract from Learning to Dream Again, Samuel Wells]* **Blessings today and through the week Judi**

**Sentence:** If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. *Colossians 3.1*

**Collect:** Living God, Judge of us all, you have placed in our hands the wealth we call our own: through your Spirit give us wisdom, that our possession may not be a curse, but a means of blessing in our lives. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

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11When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.
2 The more I\* called them, the more they went from me;\* they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. 3 Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my\* arms; but they did not know that I healed them. 4 I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love.
I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks.\* I bent down to them and fed them. 5 They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. 6 The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. 7 My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.\* 8 How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah?  How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. 9 I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.\*10 They shall go after the Lord,  who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west.11 They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord. *Hosea 11.1-11*

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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So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

 Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all! *Colossians 3.1-11*

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 **Luke 12.13-21**

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



Someone in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’ But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’ And he said to them, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’ Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

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

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