Prayers are requested for Shirley, Fr Jonathan Chambers 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**

**8th SEPTEMBER 15th SEPTEMBER 22nd SEPTEMBER**

**13TH AFTER PENTECOST 14TH AFTER PENTECOST 15TH AFTER PENTECOST**

**Jeremiah 18.1-11 Jer. 4.11-12, 22-28 Jer. 8.18-19:1,**

 **[Psalm 139.1-5, 12-18] [Psalm 14] [Psalm 79:1-9]**

**Philemon 1-25 1 Tim. 1.1-2, 12-19a 1 Tim. 2.1-10**

**Luke 14.25-35 Luke 15.1-10 Luke 16.1-13**

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

**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.**

Revd. Tom Morgan – Tom has taken the Locum Tenens for the parish of St Albans, St Albans and will be away from the organ console for the month of September. May he and Doreen be blessed in their ministry.

**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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**12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, SEPTEMBER 1ST YC 2019**

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

**10.30am Sunday Eucharist @ Christ Church**

**Judi’s Jottings :** Pride and status are social issues in any culture, and the ancient Jewish culture was no exception. Status brings power, and power often begets pride. Jesus regards this equation as destructive to spiritual health. Jesus' disciples are marked by humility. Both how we operate socially and whom we invite to dinner indicate the type of person we are. Humility means ignoring rank or class. Friends can be made anywhere. The lesson is a hard one but Jesus' picture parable (v. 7) shows that he regards this attitude as fundamental to discipleship. Jesus' teaching, though it addresses a discipleship issue, is really a rebuke to many at the dinner table. Jesus expands the picture of humility by exhorting his audience to invite to their dinner table the needy and those who cannot repay such kindness. Hospitality should be open to all. **Blessings each and every one Judi**

**Sentence** All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. Luke 14.11

**Prayer of the day** O God, you invite the humble and the sinful to take their place in the festive assembly of the new covenant: teach your Church always to honour the presence of the Lord in the poor and the outcast, so that we may learn to recognise each other as brothers and sisters gathered together around your table. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah chapter 2 beginning at verse four.**

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: hat wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, ‘Where is the Lord
who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?’
I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things.
But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, ‘Where is the Lord?’ Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me;
the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children’s children.  Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

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

**A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews, chapter 13.beginning at verse 1.**

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, ‘I will never leave you or forsake you.’ So we can say with confidence, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?’

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

May your word live in us, ***and bear much fruit to your glory***

The Lord be with you, ***and also with you***

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 14.1-14

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. Just then, in front of him, there was a man who had dropsy. And Jesus asked the lawyers and Pharisees, ‘Is it lawful to cure people on the sabbath, or not?’ But they were silent. So Jesus took him and healed him, and sent him away. Then he said to them, ‘If one of you has a child or an ox that has fallen into a well, will you not immediately pull it out on a sabbath day?’ And they could not reply to this. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ‘When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, “Give this person your place”, and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher”; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’ He said also to the one who had invited him, ‘When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’

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

