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**

**1ST SEPTEMBER 8th SEPTEMBER 15th SEPTEMBER**

**12TH AFTER PENTECOST 13TH AFTER PENTECOST 14TH AFTER PENTECOST**

**Jeremiah 2.4-13 Jeremiah 18.1-11 Jer. 4.11-12, 22-28**

**[Psalm 81.1, 10-16] [Psalm 139.1-5, 12-18] [Psalm 14]**

**Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16 Philemon 1-25 1 Tim. 1.1-2, 12-19a**

**Luke 14.1, [2-6] 7-14 Luke 14.25-35 Luke 15.1-10**

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**

 **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.**

**A BIG Thankyou to all who assisted with the sausage sizzle yesterday at the market**

**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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**11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, 25TH AUGUST YC 2019**

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

**10.30am Sunday Eucharist @ Christ Church**

**The Vicar’s Ramblings** When something happens to a person in desperate need our hearts seem to turn on the tap of compassion. On television we have programs that seem to soak up the compassion. Let us build a new house or add some renovations for someone.

Others, like the talent shows, that draw on the person's history to attract a sympathy vote. In the synagogue we read of a woman shuffling painfully, bent over as she was. Many would have known her. The worshippers notice Jesus spotting her out in the crowd, something the religious leaders had failed to do for years. They hear Jesus' words, there is no magic, no incantation. He doesn't even talk of healing. Instead he says 'You are set free”.  The exciting thing is that she doesn't waste any time. She bursts out in praise of God. The presence of God is so freely given to this unimportant woman. On the opposite side of the coin is the synagogue leader who gets no response when he tries to whip up the crowd against Jesus. He cannot even interpret what Jesus is saying about the Sabbath. Every single person sitting with us today, matters to God. Never ever imagine yourself, cringing in the darkness, thinking you are not worthy before God. Step into this church community with confidence, and make sure that it is a place where each person is known and expected by you personally.

This then becomes the place where the humble figure Jesus can welcome us all. **Blessings today and through the week Judi**

**Sentence:** You, O Lord, are my hope, my trust from my youth. Upon you have I leaned since my birth. *Psalm 71.5-6*

**Collect:** O God, the Judge of all, through the saving blood of your Son you have brought us to the heavenly Jerusalem and given us a kingdom which cannot be shaken: fill us with reverence and awe in your presence, that in thanksgiving we and all your Church may offer you acceptable worship; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives to intercede for us, now and forever. Amen

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4Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, 5 ‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.’ 6Then I said, ‘Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.’ 7But the Lord said to me,
‘Do not say, “I am only a boy”; for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you. 8 Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.’ 9Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, ‘Now I have put my words in your mouth. 10 See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.’ *[Jeremiah 1.4-10]*

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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18 You have not come to something\* that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, 19and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. 20(For they could not endure the order that was given, ‘If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.’ 21Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, ‘I tremble with fear.’) 22But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, 23and to the assembly\* of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. 25 See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! 26At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, ‘Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.’ 27This phrase ‘Yet once more’ indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. 28Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; 29for indeed our God is a consuming fire.  *[Hebrews 12.18-29]*

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 **2 49 Luke 13.10-17**

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

10 Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. 11And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. 12When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, ‘Woman, you are set free from your ailment.’ 13When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. 14But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, ‘There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the Sabbath day.’ 15But the Lord answered him and said, ‘You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? 16And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?’ 17When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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

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