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**

**4TH AUGUST 11th AUGUST 18th AUGUST**

**8TH AFTER PENTECOST 9TH AFTER PENTECOST 10TH AFTER PENTECOST**

**Hosea 11.1-11 Isaiah 1.1, 10-20 Isaiah 5.1-17**

 **[Psalm 107.1-9, 43] [Psalm 50.1-8, 23-24] [Psalm 80.1-2,8-19]**

**Colossians 3.1-11 Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16 Hebrews 11.29—12.2**

**Luke 12.13-21 Luke 12. 32-40 Luke 12.49--59**

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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**TMA- July’s copy available, please collect one before you leave today.**

**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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Please stay awhile following our celebration of the Eucharist to share in fellowship. If you are a visitor, long time parishioner or searching for a place to be welcomed - this is it – we’ve found you! Help us get to know each other over a cuppa!

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**7th Sunday after Pentecost YC 2019**

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

**10.30am Sunday Eucharist @ Christ Church**

**The Vicar’s Ramblings:** How do you rate your prayer life? Some pray many times a day, some only once and others when something important is required. Prayer allows us to deepen our intimacy with God. It isn't really the one way conversation some would think. It is an opportunity to hear God's plan for each of us as individuals. Luke begins this section of the Gospel story with Jesus in prayer. There was obviously some quality about the way Jesus prayed that attracts the disciples to want to learn. They knew by watching him that prayer was somehow central to his being, to all that he was doing. Teach us to pray the disciples ask. Jesus does not explain to them how they should sit, whether they should be quiet or not, or if they had to be still. No, he tells them just talk to God. Just bring the whole muddle of your life, all the ups and downs, the pains and celebrations, to God. By doing that, in one breath we ask for the coming of God's kingdom and our daily bread. Don't think that you have to sanitise your prayers, or that they have to be perfect. Don't think that we only have to chat to God about the things we think he wants to hear. Prayer according to Jesus is to be basic, done daily. Jesus encourages us to bombard God with everything, to talk to him about every part of our daily lives. Try not to shut God into the tiny prayer box we set aside on Sunday at Church - love him and talk to him all through the day. The amazing thing is that you will learn more about him and yourself at the same time.

**Blessings today and through the week Judi**

**Sentence:** Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. Luke 11:9

**Collect:** Provident Father, with the prayer your Son taught us always on our lips, we ask, we seek, we knock at your door: help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, and so to knock that the door of mercy may be opened for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

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2When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, ‘Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord.’ 3So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. 4 And the Lord said to him, ‘Name him Jezreel;\* for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. 5On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.’6 She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, ‘Name her Lo-ruhamah,\* for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. 7But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen.’8 When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. 9Then the Lord said, ‘Name him Lo-ammi,\* for you are not my people and I am not your God.’\* 10 \*Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people’, it shall be said to them, ‘Children of the living God.’ *Hosea 1.2-10*

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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As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God. *Colossians 2.6-19*

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 11.1-13**

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

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

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