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**

**25TH AUGUST 1ST SEPTEMBER 8th September**

**11TH AFTER PENTECOST 12TH AFTER PENTECOST 13TH AFTER PENTECOST**

**Jeremiah 1.4-10 Jeremiah 2.4-13 Jeremiah 18.1-11**

 **[Psalm 71.1-6] [Psalm 81.1, 10-16] [Psalm 139.1-5,12-18]**

**Hebrews 12.18-29 Hebrews 13.1-8,15-16 Philemon 1-25**

**Luke 13.10-17 Luke 14.1,[2-6] 7-14 Luke 14.25—35**

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**

**18th AUGUST** - PARISH COUNCIL CANCELLED

**18th AUGUST** - 11am at the Romsey Cenotaph Vietnam Vets National service, all people welcome

**24TH AUGUST** – SAUSAGE SIZZLE – LANCEFIELD FARMER’S MARKET

**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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**10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, 18TH AUGUST YC 2019**

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

**10.30am Sunday Eucharist @ Christ Church**

**The Vicar’s Ramblings** For being the Prince of Peace, Jesus sure knows how to stir up trouble!

Every now and then you hear of a study that has been conducted to see what effect religion has on a person’s health. In a study conducted a while ago by a medical research centre some doctors had collated the relationship between frequent church attendance and health. One of their findings was that people who attend church regularly, as opposed to people who attend church infrequently, enjoy lower blood pressure and visit the doctor less frequently.

Now I don't know what is happening in your life at this very moment or your attitude about being in this worship service this morning but at least you ought to be pleased that this service is having a good effect on your blood pressure! However, I wonder what effect today's Gospel will have on your hypertension and stress levels. Whatever purpose Jesus had in mind in saying the things that he says to us in today's Gospel, it could not be to promote better cardiovascular health! Jesus’ opening words of his sermon were, *"I came to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already kindled!* That’s not a very soothing and comforting beginning, but I bet he had everyone’s attention. And as people listened Jesus’ words become even more disturbing*. "Do you suppose that I came to bring peace to the world? No, not peace, but division".* That even arouses our stress levels even more. So mixed feelings today – contentment because you have attended worship yet disturbed because Jesus is not the sweet, gentle person depicted in many of the Sunday School teachings we satisfy ourselves with. Strong firm love is the best.

**Blessings today and through the week Judi**

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**Sentence:** 'Is not my word like fire,' says the Lord, 'and like a hammer that breaks a rock to pieces?'

**Collect:** Everliving God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking sin and all that hinders us, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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5Let me sing for my beloved, my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.2 He dug it and cleared it of stones,  and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. 3 And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. 4 What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? 5 And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,  and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
6 I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. 7 For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry! *[Isaiah 5.1-7]*

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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29By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. 30By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. 31By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient,\* because she had received the spies in peace.

32And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— 33who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, 34quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. 35Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. 36Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. 37They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two,\* they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— 38of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. 39 Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect. 12Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,\* and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, 2looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of\* the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. *Hebrews 11.29-12.2*

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 Luke 12.49-59**

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

49 ‘I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! 50I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! 51Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! 52From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; 53they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’ 54

He also said to the crowds, ‘When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, “It is going to rain”; and so it happens. 55And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, “There will be scorching heat”; and it happens. 56You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time? 57 ‘And why do you not judge for yourselves what is right? 58Thus, when you go with your accuser before a magistrate, on the way make an effort to settle the case,\* or you may be dragged before the judge, and the judge hand you over to the officer, and the officer throw you in prison. 59I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the very last penny.’

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

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From Grandma: My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday.. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 62. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

From Grandpa: When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure."

"Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised, "mine says I'm 4 to 6."