Prayers are requested for Shirley, Hannah, Jonathan, for all who are homeless and struggling through this time of year. We pray for refugees and those seeking asylum escaping war, poverty and oppression.

**Readings for the coming weeks**

**17th after Pentecost 18th after Pentecost 19th after Pentecost**

**6th October 13th October 20th October**

**Lamentations 1.1-6 Jeremiah 29.1, 4-7 Jeremiah 31.27-34**

**Psalm 137 Psalm 66.1-11 Psalm 119.97-104**

**2 Timothy 1.1-14 2 Tim.2(1-7) 8-15 2 Timothy 3.10- 4.5**

**Luke 17.(1-4) 5-10 Luke 17.11-19 Luke 18.1-14**

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

**20th October** – Parish Council meets @ 12noon in Parish Hall.

**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.**

**![C:\Users\Robyn\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\AGSX7FUT\christmas-bells[1].png]()Christmas Gifts and wrapping paper for Anglicare please.**

These gifts need to be donated by late November/early December for distribution. Do NOT wrap the gifts in paper, thank you.

**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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**SEPTEMBER 29TH–16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST–YC**

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

**10.30am Sunday Eucharist @ Christ Church**

**Judi’s jottings:** Once again we hear a parable which is only recorded by the evangelist Luke. It is a high point of the social teaching of Jesus. He points to the desperate injustice of one man's treatment of another, a theme which is as relevant today as it was then. The profound disregard which the rich man shows to the poor man at his very gate should give us all a jolt. Is it possible we too perpetrate such injustice? The parable makes very clear that the time for action is now. The day will come when the 'great gulf' will be fixed and we will no longer be able to assist our fellow human beings in their need. The rich man from Hades continues to look on Lazarus as his inferior. He asks Abraham to send Lazarus to warn his brothers to repent. But the warning is already to be found in the words of the Scriptures, in the Law and in the prophets. Blessings for the week that awaits.. Judi.

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**Sentence:** Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. James 5.16

**Prayer of the Day:** O God, from whom light rises in darkness for those who seek you: grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us do, that in your light we may see light, and in your narrow path may not stumble; 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.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**The first reading is from the Prophet** **Jeremiah chapter 32 beginning at verse 1**

32The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. 2At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, 3where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Zedekiah had said, ‘Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the Lord: I am going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it;

6 Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: 7Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, ‘Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.’ 8Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, ‘Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.’ Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord. 9And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. 10I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. 11Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; 12and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. 13In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, 14Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. 15For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land. *Jer. 32.1-3a, 6-15*

For the word of the Lord, ***thanks be to God***

The Epistle is from the 1st Letter of Paul to Timothy, chapter 2

6Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; 7for we brought nothing into the world, so that\* we can take nothing out of it; 8but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. 9But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

The Good Fight of Faith

11 But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. 12Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made\* the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 13In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you 14to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. 16It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

17 As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, 19thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life. *1 Timothy 6.6-19*

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 16.19-31**

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

The Rich Man and Lazarus

19‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. 20And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. 22The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham.\* The rich man also died and was buried. 23In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.\* 24He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” 25But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. 26Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” 27He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— 28for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” 29Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” 30He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” 31He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.” For the gospel of the Lord, ***Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ***

**BCA**BCA Boxholders, thank you for your contributions to the wide-ranging ministry of Bush Church Aid.  $ 275 has been forwarded in to BCA Office.

Glenice, Ken, Tom and Doreen had an enjoyable and instructive trip up to Holy Trinity Flora Hill (SE Bendigo) to learn from the Rev Kristan Slack of the challenges of his ministry, with his wife and four little ones, at KATHERINE N.T.    Countryside a beautiful green and varying cloud formations kept us entertained on our journey.   Ken caught up with a number of old friends at the lunch.
Doreen Morgan.

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