



Lovers of the Place*

Newsletter – Queenscliff Lonsdale Anglicans

Sunday 25 July 2021

Patronal Feast of St James Apostle and Martyr

(by hand to those without email)

OPENING THE CHURCHES - A TRIAL

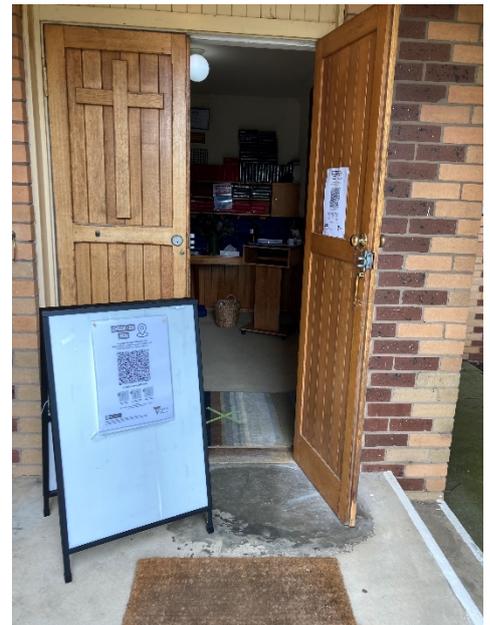
Amongst the deprivations COVID has brought is the hidden hardship of not being able to open our church doors during daylight hours for public access.

As far as we know this is the first time in the history of our two churches that the doors have been closed in this way. A glance at the entries in the visitor books over many years shows just how much comfort, solace and connection people receive by a quiet visit. The primary connection is with God, or, for those without explicit faith, a connection with beauty and transcendence which is part of every person's life. For many visitors there are also deep connections associated with significant people and occasions, in some cases going back generations. Our churches are oases of civility and sanity. Especially in challenging times, to sit in a quiet church, to perhaps light a candle, can orient us towards new horizons of hope.

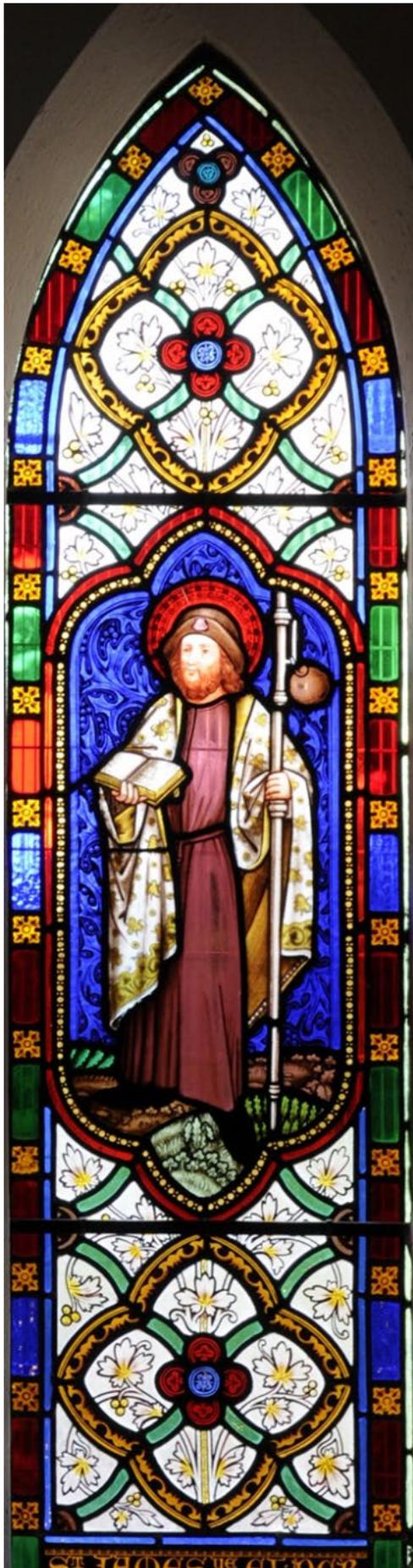
Part of an Anglican Priest's daily spiritual practice is to pray Morning and Evening Prayer, preferably in the parish church and with lay people joining her/him (this was Thomas Cranmer's vision when he compiled our Book of Common Prayer in the 16th Century). These traditions, which Cranmer was so keen to maintain and extend to laypeople, go back to Judaism and the practice of Jesus and the Apostles.

Sadly, it looks like COVID restrictions will be with us for a while yet. After much thought, I propose to trial the opening of our churches to the public. This could involve offering morning and evening prayer, or simply for someone to be on duty to ensure COVID protocols are observed by those who visit. To begin with we would open for an hour or so on select days of the week. To succeed, this would need to be a parish effort.

I will make known the details of this trial as soon as the current lockdown finishes.



*We acknowledge that we gather and worship on the traditional land of Wadda Wurrung people and honour and pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We affirm, with them, in the Wadda Wurrung language: 'kim barne barre Wadda Wurrung' (this is the land of the Wadda Wurrung).



The St James' Window at St George the Martyr Church, Queenscliff. Note the 3 traditional pilgrim symbols associated with St James:

1. the scallop shell on his cap
2. the gourd
3. The staff

STEWARDSHIP. ST JAMES IN POINT LONSDALE

From Treasurer Sally Hawkins

St James Church holds a special place in the hearts of a diverse range of people. The place has created long lasting memories, has been a source of spiritual nourishment, and been at the centre of many significant occasions. There are those whose connections and memories are across generations, for others the connections are more recent. These days there are those who come here on retreat, and more recently others who have connected through our on-line offerings of live streamed worship and daily prayers and meditations on Zoom. Also, St James has been and continues to be a favourite place of worship for regular attenders. From this extended belonging we receive feedback which indicates people's 'love of the place'.

A Special Appeal for St James

While the cost of repairing the collapse of the south wall of Gill Hall last year was covered by our insurance, it has come to light that there is more work that needs doing.

As the wall collapse was due to non-regulation brick ties being used at the time of construction in 1990, we were advised by our insurers that we may not be covered by insurance if there was a similar failure in the future. Consequently, we commissioned an engineer's report on the whole of Gill Hall. We included in the engineer's brief an examination of the integrity of the brickwork of the church and the Vicarage as well. Fortunately, the engineer found that structurally St James church and the Vicarage are fine. However, Gill Hall needs the rest of the brick ties replaced, and the louvred vents on the north and south walls replaced.

Having been alerted to the structural issues at Gill Hall, Parish Council has decided to prioritise the safety of our buildings to Parishioners and the public and also to attend to some other issues that are in need of attention.

We are compiling a list of essential works for all three buildings that make up the St James precinct. Once these are costed we will launch an appeal to fund the work. In the long term, we plan to put in place a maintenance program so that we can properly maintain our buildings in an organised way into the future.

It is easy to keep putting off maintenance and necessary improvements to our buildings due to insufficient funds, however, once things deteriorate beyond repair they will need to be replaced and this will be more costly.

Parish Council has a plan how best to fund the building work at St James. Since we are custodians of our Parish buildings, we have a duty to keep them in the best condition possible. It has come to our notice and from different conversations with the wider community that there is a sense of ownership and a connection with St James for many people. We believe that if we start a separate funding programme for the building work at St James, we will be successful in raising the funds required for the work to be done.

Next week my newsletter article will be about St George's.

Once again, please contact myself or any other member of the Parish Council with any feedback or suggestions you may have!

PARISH SNAPSHOT

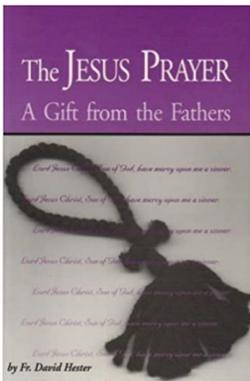
If not for the current lockdown, over this weekend and next week the parish would have been:

1. Offering our ministry of hospitality to someone on retreat in the St James House of Prayer.
2. Hosting an exhibition of Indigenous Art in the St George's Old School Hall
3. Hosting a concert in the North Wing of the Old School Hall by violist, William Murray.

These have been cancelled and with the cancellations we lose both income and the opportunity to support really worthwhile ventures. A taste of what so many small businesses are going through at the moment. Unfortunately, there is for us no provision for government financial support.

LIBRARY

Book review: 'The Jesus Prayer' by David Hester. A new acquisition to the St James' Library.



"O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me." This prayer has been on the lips of Christians since the time of the Desert Fathers with its lineage going back to the apostles and to Jesus teaching on prayer. What is its history? How do we make it our own? This booklet traces the development of the Jesus Prayer through the early centuries of the Church, and follows its progression through Mount Athos, the teachings of St. Gregory Palamas, and others, and discusses its modern revival in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries in both Eastern and Western churches. Concludes with a brief discussion of how this prayer can be appropriated by the individual believer today.

This is the tradition of prayer which is taught and practised in our weekly meditation sessions – see below.

ORDER OF SERVICE AND READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY: [CLICK HERE](#)

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Prayer of the Week

O God,
the protector of all that trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy,
that, with you as our ruler and guide,
we may so pass through things temporal
that we finally lose not the things eternal.
Grant this, O heavenly Father,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Nations and Peoples Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda

The Church

Our Parish: Our Aged care residents and staff as they battle another Lockdown

Global: The Scottish Episcopal Church (Primus Mark Strange)

Mission • The Diocese of the Northern Territory – Bishop Greg Anderson, the clergy and people • Episcopal Relief and Development (USA)

To pray for mission each day go to: [Anglican](#)

[Board of Mission:](#)

National: The Diocese of The Murray (Bp Keith Dalby, Clergy & People)

Melbourne Diocese: ACCESS ministries (Dawn Penney, CEO); St Andrew's Brighton (Ian Morrison, Michelle Wang); Coming of the Light –

St John's Anglican Church Malvern (Abp Philip Freier); St Lukes, Cockatoo – Pastoral Services (Bp Paul Barker)

Oodthenong Episcopate: Tim Smith, The Parish of St Paul's Inverleigh w. St John's Bannockburn and Church of the Epiphany Meredith; Carmel Hunter (Locum) St Matthew's Glenroy/Hadfield w. St Linus' Merlynston, & St Peter's Fawkner; Glenn Buijs and Noelene, Joel Snibson, Edward Buijs & Gary Templeton, Church of the Epiphany Hoppers Crossing

St James Drysdale – Pastoral Services (Bp Kate Prowd)

To pray for our Church each day go to [The Melbourne Anglican](#).

Requests Zoe, Mary; Shane; Peter; Helen; Robert; Patricia; Julia; Barry; (& Anne); Philip; Greg; Ron; Alice; Betty; Carlie; Lucy; Parvin; Sisi; Pixie, Julie and Bill; Angela; Jennifer; Ben; Terry; Trish; Ros.

Communion of Saints)

The Saints: Mary and Martha of Bethany; William Wilberforce, social reformer (d. 1833); Joseph of Arimathea; Ignatius of Loyola, priest & founder of the Society of Jesus (d. 1556)

Recently Died: Rasta Christian George 2/7/2021; Alwynne Farman 9/7/2021.

Anniversaries: Jessie Frances Stewart 25.07.1955; Grace Romney 25.07.1965; John Bryan Carteret Robin (Priest) # 25.07.2008; Valmai Joan Morgan 25.07.2017; Fanny Maud Gleeson 26.07.1977; Benjamin Chidgey 27.07.1963; Joseph Henry Wells 27.07.1971; Jennifer Anketel Slade* 27.07.1990; Constance Mary Mur 27.07.2013; Geoffrey George Neyland 29.07.1979; Edwin

George Williams 29.07.1999; Jack Morton Holder* 29.07.2002; Barrie Donald Purvis 29.07.2014; Nancy Jean Sasse 30.07.1979; Clarice Honor Werry 30.07.1998

An asterisk signifies those whose ashes are interred in the St James' Memorial Garden
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WHAT'S IN A WORD

Jenni's Google Wanderings and Wonderings

Catechesis and Catechumenate

Catechesis is derived from the Greek: word **κατήχησις**, meaning "instruction by word of mouth", is basic Christian religious education of children and adults. . It started as education of converts to Christianity, but as the religion became institutionalized, catechesis was used for education of members who had been baptised as infants.

Catechumenate is the process of Catechesis and prepares people for Baptism or Confirmation (initiation into Christian discipleship) and usually unfolds in stages of growing commitment. These stages may be described as

1. Inquiry: questioning faith
2. Apprenticeship: learning to hear God's word and exploring Christian practice together
3. Candidacy: coming to terms with commitment to Christ
4. Commitment: deepening appreciation of the sacramental way of life.

The catechumenate is a ministry that supports people as they grow in commitment to Christ whilst moving through these stages.

In most years Fr. Peter holds Catechumenate sessions which run over a period of weeks and culminates in the rites of Baptism and Confirmation at Easter at which the Bishop usually presides. Unfortunately due to Covid-19 this was not possible in 2020 and 2021 but he is planning on sessions beginning in the next few weeks, which, if needed, can be done with the help of Zoom.

MORNING PRAYER

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| 9.15AM | | | | | |
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| ZOOM LINK: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83936429814?pwd=SIJCRE5WNXRZZUxRa0dHVk1vL2w3dz09 | | | | | |

EVENING PRAYER

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| 5.00PM | | | | | |
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| ZOOM LINK: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87628164461?pwd=cEF6K1E1Yjh6TEFKa25laG4vUDdMQT09 | | | | | |

MEDITATION

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| 8.30AM | 8.00AM | 8.30AM |
| Monday | Wednesday | Friday |
| ZOOM LINK: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85870736003?pwd=S1Rjd0MzcGtKMWQwdGJ0bEpaM1F4QT09 | | |

The parish is a member of the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change ([ARRCC](#))



Parish members participate in the local community movement, Queenscliffe Climate Action ([QCA](#))

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