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From the Registers

since the last *Contact*

Baptisms

21 May	Jonty Patrick Wulff Tom Stuart Mark Rayner Coco Patricia Rayner Talisa Aneki de Silva Samuel
28 May	Xavier Blake Romagnino Harley Owen Bostock Sylvie Madeleine Bostock
18 June	Alice Virginia Edwards
16 July	Oliver Sam Barbaro
30 July	Lucinda Rose Annat
27 August	Olivia Frances Nathan

Admissions to Holy Communion ('First Communion')

7 May	Toby Bonnici Logan Brandi Sara Blennerhassett Phillip Edselius Monty Caudle Nino Hiscock Holly Hockings Jason Huang Ruby Jesudason Stella Jesudason Lucien Marcele Elio Ongarato Eloise Sellars-Jones Tessa Sellars-Jones India Sinclair Gabrielle Sofra Rachel Treloar Samu Wilson
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Funerals & Memorial Services

20 July	Jasper Michael Deen Swarray
28 July	Julia Frances Calvert
10 August	John Harold Crouch (off site)
18 August	Wendely Harvey

Ashes Interred

28 May	David Leonard Parsons
4 June	Thomas Edward Walton
9 June	Coral Dawn Radford
23 July	Peter Noel Mason

Front cover: detail of festive nave altar frontal



From the Vicar

Greetings to all readers of *Contact* – whether this edition has reached you by email, or in hard copy, or online via the Parish website. We are grateful for your interest in the life and work of the Christ Church community, and for your participation and support in so many ways.

The months since Easter seem to have rattled past, and I'm glad of the opportunity here to reflect on a few recent developments, and to point ahead to some important services and activities as we begin to 'thaw out' from the intervening winter.

Being a 'Child Safe' Parish

On the Parish's website you can read a statement endorsed by Parish Council and the Ministry Team of the Parish's commitment to child safety (www.ccsy.org.au/children). You may also have seen it on our noticeboards. The statement begins:

Christ Church South Yarra is an Anglican parish in the progressive catholic tradition which values liturgy, scripture, reason, and inclusive community with respect to age, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, and faith-tradition.

We affirm our commitment to ensuring the safety of each child who comes into our community. As a Parish with an Anglican Primary School on its campus and at the heart of its mission, we support a values-based education that cherishes each individual within an extensive system of pastoral care and the opportunity for regular worship.

All are welcome and cared for at Christ Church, where we acknowledge the sacredness of our site to peoples of the Kulin Nations, and specifically seek to honour and preserve the cultural heritage of Indigenous children and all who come to us from diverse backgrounds. We also seek to ensure the safety and promote the wellbeing of any child with a disability.

The church should be a place where young people can come to know and experience the love of God through those who care for, teach, and work with them.

The statement goes on to list a number of policies and procedures by which we hold ourselves accountable to these commitments, and I encourage you to read it in full.

In responding to recently legislated Child Safe standards in Victoria, it's important that we begin with our culture – our attitudes, expectations, and awareness.

There are also some very significant compliance aspects which apply to faith communities such as ours. Significantly, the first of seven standards in effect from 1 January this year is 'to embed an organisational culture of child safety, including through effective leadership arrangements.'



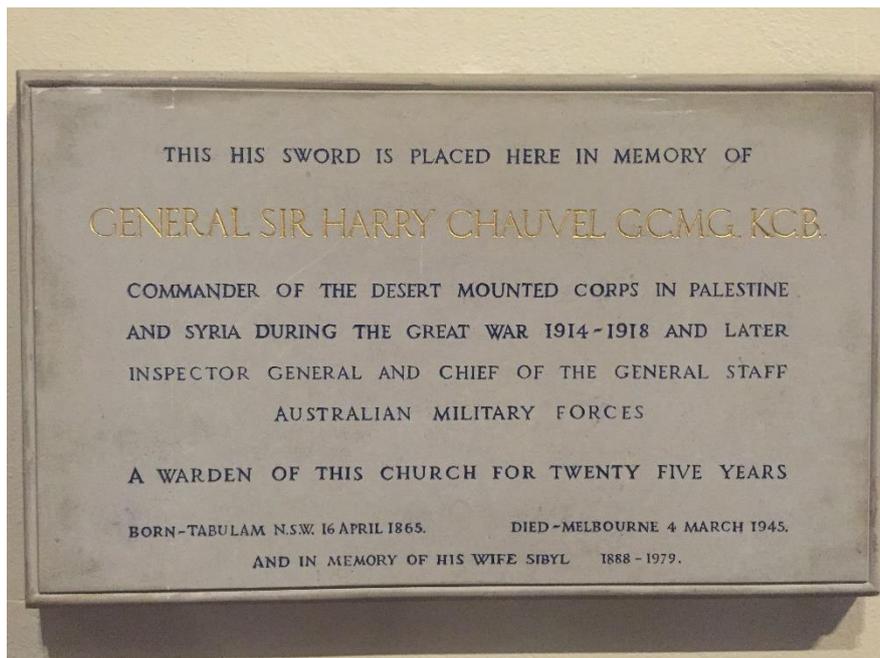
You will hear me speak about our Child Safe culture at CCSY in the weeks and months ahead. All of us who hold the Archbishop's Licence to minister in the Parish have recently attended professional development workshops on this topic, at which Parish Council has also been represented – indeed the Parish is hosting one of these seminars in September. We are also hosting an event on Wednesday 13 September (7.30pm in the church) at which the Archbishop will speak and answer questions. This session is open to all, and I invite you to come and familiarise yourself with the issues under discussion.

Following the findings of the Royal Commission, churches have an obligation to reflect deeply – and penitentially – on past practices and structures, and to ensure that we honour the sacred trust of current and future generations.

At Christ Church we are blessed and enriched by the presence of children in our worship and on our site on a daily and weekly basis. As we are constantly mindful of their needs, and all that they bring to our share in God's mission, let us declare that implicit intention by articulating clearly our commitment to their safety and wellbeing, and formalising the protocols by which this undertaking is enacted.

General Sir Harry Chauvel and the Centenary of the Battle of Beersheba

In a recent edition of *Contact* there was a piece entitled 'The Chauvel Sword – where has it gone?' After a period of restoration, and some consultation with the Chauvel family and Foundation, and with our Churchwardens and Parish Council, Sir Harry's (ceremonial) sword is safely back at Christ Church, awaiting



its rededication in a new 'home' on the north wall of the north transept, where several existing war memorials will be concentrated in the one part of the church.

This rededication will take place during a special service of Choral Evensong on Sunday 15 October (see page 9), commemorating the centenary of the Battle of Beersheba, in which General Chauvel played a leading role.

A significant Anniversary: Fr Des Benfield's Jubilee of Priesthood



Fr Des Benfield, Vicar of Christ Church 1993-2006, will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination as a Priest on this year's Feast of Title, Christ the King. At the 10am Choral Eucharist on 26 November, Fr Des will preside and Bishop Kay Goldsworthy (a deacon with Fr Des in the Western Region of the Diocese) will be the preacher.

Christ the King is always a very special day for the household of faith and fellowship at Christ Church, and particularly so in 2017 as we join with Fr Des and his family in marking his 'jubilee' and acknowledging his faithful and fruitful ministry here and in the wider church.

The Eucharist will be followed by a festive morning tea for all, and a sit-down lunch in Simonds Hall for which you will need to sign up (and make a small contribution). Please mark the date in your diary now, and plan to be part of the festivities in and after worship on Sunday 26 November.

Marriage Equality and the Postal Survey

Inclusivity (which is really what ‘catholicity’ means) has long been a hallmark of the ecclesial culture at Christ Church. We recognise and celebrate the enormous contribution to the life and work of the Parish made, over many years, by LGBTIQ Christians – both single and in openly committed relationships.

We also acknowledge there will be a range of views on both the process of, and the question being addressed by, the postal survey which is set to begin in September, and we encourage each and every enrolled person to participate in the freedom of their tradition-shaped conscience and Scripture-informed reason.



Regardless of what the outcome may be, and the consequences of that for federal law and church practice, many will find the next weeks and months hurtful, frustrating, distressing, and/or confusing.

Some church leaders and self-appointed spokespersons are seeking to direct Christians on how to vote. That is not an Anglican approach to polity. His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne and Primate, the Most Revd Dr Philip Freier, has opined on this point (www.anglicanprimate.org.au/2016/09/09/conscience-rules-on-marriage), and all members of the Ministry Team – whatever our own views on marriage equality – would adopt the same attitude in terms of honouring the democratic process.

What we would urge, of course, is a spirit of generosity, humility, openness to the experience of others, respect, and mutual support as the debate runs its course within and beyond our community.

If anyone would find it helpful to discuss any aspect of marriage equality as it relates to our faith and discipleship, and/or to personal wellbeing, I or any member of the Ministry Team would be pleased to speak with you. You may also find the following article of interest as you reflect ahead of the postal survey: www.abc.net.au/news/2017-08-23/same-sex-marriage-what-bible-has-to-say-robyn-whitaker/8831826

An update: Main Campus Redevelopment Project

After many months of demolition and excavation, in a very complex site, it is wonderful to see the new facilities for the Parish School – and indeed the Parish – coming up out of the ground space.

As you may recall from an earlier edition of *Contact*, this project is delivering:





Artist's vision, courtesy of Sally Draper Architects
in association with McIldowie Partners

- an underground carpark with 14 spaces (available to the Parish on weekends, evenings, and in school holidays)
- a full-size 'multi-use games area' (MUGA) where the smaller 'quad' used to be (also available to the Parish on weekends and evenings)
- the opening up of the west face of the Christ Church Hall onto the 'MUGA' by the demolition of the existing library

- a net gain of four new classrooms and six bathrooms or changerooms
- a new library
- a science lab
- a refurbished art room and outdoor courtyard adjoining the multi-purpose room (adjacent to Punt Rd)
- a refurbished, fit-for-purpose Reception and Administration wing in the Tower building (complete)
- the widening of the Toorak Rd driveway entrance to the site, improving safety and the flow of traffic around the church building (complete)

As anyone living on or near the site, or working in the Parish Offices, or visiting the Old Vicarage mid-week will attest, there has been some noise and disruption to deal with, notwithstanding the best efforts of our consultants and construction workers. Once again we express our gratitude to those who have lived with the project on a daily basis with such grace and forbearance.

Construction is scheduled to finish – on time – at the end of Term 1 next year.

Once completed, our School will move out of the New Vicarage, which has continued to serve as a vital operational component of the educational and pastoral mission of CCGS during construction, housing a temporary library and site office, as well as the Chaplain's office, teaching spaces, and other offices.

The New Vicarage will then enjoy a little 'touch up' inside, and some re-landscaping outside, as it reverts to Parish use as soon as possible after Easter. The vicarage family looks forward to moving back into the New Vicarage in 2018, after spending some four years a stone's throw away in Park Place, in a property owned by the School and made available to the Parish in a cost-neutral exchange for the temporary use of the New Vicarage.

What is 'Achieving More Together' ... and, are we?

Very simply, the 'Achieving More Together' initiative, and associated Committee, is the banner under which all that we do with our Covenant Partners at St Martin's Hawksburn takes place. The Committee's brief, re-affirmed by a joint meeting of both Parish Councils earlier this year, is to facilitate, foster, and monitor existing and new areas of collaboration, including:

- the 'St Laurence' Emergency Food Relief ministry shared with CCGS
- jointly auspiced monthly Choral Evensong
- annual combined Mission Dinner
- common Quiet Days and Retreats
- mutual promotion of services and activities (e.g. Gertie's Kitchen, concerts)
- scales of economy (e.g. CCSY Parish Office taking up some administrative functions for St Martin's; streamlining OH&S and compliance protocols)
- *ad hoc* joint committees to work on Outreach and Reconciliation
- exploring shared appointments (e.g. a future Assistant Curate)
- overlapping participation in the local ecumenical cycle of worship
- providing coverage for annual leave of clergy
- common training opportunities for lay Parish Visitors
- CCSY and St Martin's people combining for the journey of Education for Ministry (EfM)



Some of these activities were already underway before 'Achieving More Together' and the Covenant were in place, and have been strengthened by the greater intention and communication the AMT Committee has fostered; others are new ideas which have arisen directly from the consultative work of the Committee within the scope of the Covenant.



In and around all of them, relationships are being formed and deepened, and lay and clerical leaders of both communities are increasingly starting any new project with the question, 'Is this something that we could be doing with St Martin's/Christ Church?'

So, are we achieving more together? The Parish Councils of each community believe so, ever-conscious of how much more there is to do, and how finite the available human and material resources seem.

Is there some aspect of this vision which captures you? Can you see yourself participating or contributing to one or more of these endeavours? If so, I or any member of Parish Council or the AMT Committee (CCSY representatives are Jamie Miller, Tania Evans, and Peter Bennett) would be pleased to hear from you.

Fr Richard



Choral Evensong to Commemorate the Centenary of The Battle of Beersheba Sunday 15 October 6.00pm, Christ Church South Yarra

Christ Church South Yarra (corner of Toorak and Punt Roads, South Yarra), will host Choral Evensong on Sunday 15 October at 6.00pm, to commemorate the centenary of the Battle of Beersheba.

During the service, a ceremonial sword of General Sir Harry Chauvel, GCMG KCB, will be rededicated 70 years after it was first presented to Christ Church, where Sir Harry was a Churchwarden for 25 years.

Evensong will feature the acclaimed Christ Church South Yarra Choir, and music will include pieces by Stanford, Ireland (*Greater Love Hath No Man*), and Leighton Jones (*For The Fallen*).

All are most welcome to attend this special Choral Evensong, which will be followed by wine and cheese.

For more information:

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The Battle of Beersheba took place on 31 October 1917 as part of the wider British offensive collectively known as the third Battle of Gaza. The final phase of this full day's battle was the famous mounted charge of the 4th Light Horse Brigade. Commencing at dusk, members of the brigade stormed through the Ottoman Turkish defences and seized the strategic town of Beersheba.

General Sir Harry Chauvel was a senior officer of the Australian Imperial Force who fought at Gallipoli and during the Sinai and Palestine Campaign of the First World War. He was the first Australian to attain the rank of lieutenant general and later general, and the first to lead a Corps. As commander of the Desert Mounted Corps, he was responsible for one of the most decisive victories and fastest pursuits in military history at the Battle of Beersheba.

Don't miss CCSY's Feast of Title

Christ the King

Sunday 26 November 2017

10am Procession and Choral Eucharist with Sunday School

Presiding Priest: Fr Des Benfield, Vicar 1993-2006
marking the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood

Preacher: The Rt Revd Kay Goldsworthy, AO
Bishop of Gippsland and Archbishop-elect of Perth

Festive morning tea to follow the service in the Old Vicarage

All welcome to attend the service, morning tea, and . . .

*Fr Des's 'Jubilee Luncheon' from 12.15pm
at Simonds Hall, 120 Toorak Rd West*

Bookings for lunch essential via the Parish Office
\$20 including wine and soft drink

Save the date and plan to take your place
at this celebration of the Parish's identity, life, and mission

A foretaste of the foretaste . . . the 'Jesse Tree' as our focus for Advent



The CCSY ArtSearch group invites you to participate in a leafy adventure this Advent, as the church is garlanded and festooned in celebration of the Jesse Tree – a medieval art form used to tell the story of the Bible from Creation to Christmas. The name comes from Jesse who was the Father of the great Jewish King David, forebear of Jesus.

Dates and times for your diary **Special Services and Events**

Sunday 3 September, 10am <i>New Guinea Martyrs (1942)</i>	Procession & Choral Eucharist with Sunday School <i>Commemorating the 75th Anniversary of this significant feast day for our region</i>
Sunday 17 September, 6pm	Choral Evensong <i>Preacher: The Revd John Baldock, Vicar, St John's East Malvern Wine and Cheese to follow</i>
Sunday 15 October, 10am	Choral Eucharist with Sunday School <i>Presiding Bishop & Preacher: The Rt Revd Genieve Blackwell Bishop of the Marningatha Episcopate</i>
Sunday 15 October, 6pm	Choral Evensong <i>Celebrating the Centenary of the Battle of Beersheba Rededication of Sir Harry Chauvel's ceremonial sword Wine and Cheese to follow</i>
Sunday 29 October, 11.30am	Sunday Conversation <i>'Everything you ever wanted to know about Anglicanism but were too polite to ask!' Q&A with members of the Ministry Team</i>
Sunday 29 October, 6pm	A Service of Faith & Witness <i>Preacher: Dr Roy Port, photographer for and orchestrator of the Gallery of Faith Project www.ccsy.org.au/faith-gallery/</i>
Wednesday 1 November, 6pm <i>All Saints' Day</i>	Ecumenical Celebration at St Martin's <i>The next in our annual cycle of local ecumenical worship, hosted by our Covenant Partner's at St Martin's Hawksburn, followed by supper</i>
Thursday 2 November, 7pm <i>All Souls' Day</i>	Solemn Choral Requiem Eucharist <i>Annual Commemoration of the Faithful Departed Wine & Cheese to follow</i>
Sunday 5 November, 10am <i>All Saints' Sunday</i>	Procession & Choral Eucharist with Sunday School <i>A good way to celebrate Cup Weekend</i>
Sunday 12 November 11.30am	Annual Meeting of the Parish <i>Held in the church, following the 10am Eucharist</i>
Sunday 19 November, 6pm	Confirmation Service for CCSY & CCGS <i>Our combined School and Parish service for Fourth Term with Bishop Brad Billings officiating</i>
Sunday 26 November, 10am <i>Christ the King</i>	Feast of Title & Fr Des's Jubilee as a Priest <i>Celebrant: Fr Des Benfield Preacher: Bishop Kay Goldsworthy See notice on page 10</i>

PARISH DIRECTORY

CLERGY

The Revd Dr Richard Treloar, *Vicar*
The Revd Paul Bower, *Senior Associate Priest*
The Revd Marilyn Hope, *Hon. Parish Deacon*
The Revd Jenny Nelson, *Hon. Associate Priest*
The Revd Jill Renison, *Hon. Associate Priest*
The Revd Dr Linda Fiske, *CCGS Chaplain*

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Mr Siegfried Franke, *Parish Organist*

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Mr Jamie Miller, *Hon.*

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SERVICE TIMES

Sundays

8am Eucharist (*BCP*)

10am Choral Eucharist

10am Sunday School
(in church, during the 10am service)

6pm Worship

Choral Evensong 3rd Sunday of the month
'Service of Light' Eucharist other Sundays

Wednesdays

10am Eucharist

Fridays

12noon Eucharist

Saints' Days & Holy Days

as advertised

Morning & Evening Prayer

9am & 5pm weekdays

Christ Church Grammar School Chapel

8.45am Mondays & Fridays (during term)

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