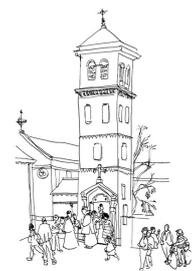


Croaky Voice from the Vicarage Thursday 28th April 2022

Dear All,

I'm sorry that your Easter Week did not include my usual offering. I was not well last week, but am now well and truly back in the land of the living though I have been advised to pace myself a little. I'm not sure I find that too easy....parents live on well after they've entered into Glory. While I most certainly have a catholic heart, my father inflicted me with a residual protestant work ethic. I can hear his voice or see his disapproving glance every time I put my feet up in the afternoon....Netflix in daylight hours is overshadowed.....



What a week it was!

But what a week Holy Week was. It lived up to its reputation as the 'Great Week' of the Christian year as we sought to stay with the Lord on the road to Calvary and wait with the Church for the annual 'reliving' of his resurrection. And Live it we did, not least with the baptism of three new Christians Drax, Tim, and Lara on Easter Day, and with Aurelia and Luke, their Confirmation.

If there is one thing that brings joy to a congregation it's the blessing of new Christians! And if the experience of seeing new believers baptised doesn't bring a Christian joy, then I'm not sure they can worthily claim the name. It's in the DNA of those who have welcomed the Holy Spirit into their lives to long for new believers, not for the sake of 'keeping the Church going' but for the joy of knowing others are experiencing the Peace that passes all understanding, and that the Lord is adding to our number.

Thank you to those who have encouraged the 'Brunswick 5' of 2022 and prayed for them. May they grow from strength the strength and be themselves responsible for others coming to know the Lord.

Attendances are not everything, but as we climb back to a sort of normality after Covid it was very pleasing that the numbers of folk who participated in the services during Holy Week were up on last year, not least on Good Friday when we were caught short of service papers.

I am grateful for all who assisted in the offering of the various liturgies, among them servers, musicians, readers, flower arrangers, service paper preparers, and of course those who joined the very happy crew on Holy Saturday giving the church a good clean!



Some of the happy cleaning crew pause for a coffee and day old hot cross bun....



The dangers of Christ Church! Simon (in the middle) only called in to the church for a bit of a pray, and ended up polishing the tabernacle. And he's been back since! Great to have our Judith back for a little while too.

And now life goes on.. Mary's Month of May Sunday May 29

It's a bit hard to believe we are almost into May, which by the way, traditionally is known as 'Mary's month of May'. And talking of Mary, on **SUNDAY MAY 29th at 6 pm there will be Evensong according to the Book of Common Prayer for the Feast of the Visitation, during which we will have the long awaited Philip Harris Memorial lecture**, on hold for Covid reasons. The lecturer this year will be Rowan Callick,

Rowan is well known to us at Christ Church and is often found in our pews! Ten years of his life were spent in New Guinea and another ten in China as Correspondent for The Australian Financial Review and the The Australian. He is still a regular contributor, and only last week-end he penned an interesting article about the current situation in that most complicated of countries. He is member of the advisory board of the National Foundation for China Australia Relations.



He will speak on **'Discovering Jesus in our world : surprising encounters in the Asia-Pacific**

Book the date!

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Tomorrow...Friday @ 11

One of the lovely parts of the Christ Church precinct is our memorial garden. Tomorrow at 11 am Deacon Jack will inter the mortal remains of our beloved **Heather De Viell-Richter** who died in early November last year. It's a simple but profound 'last thing' that we can do for her, aside from our ongoing prayers of course.



It will not only be *her* ashes, but the remains of her dear-daughter Lorraine whose ashes are being transferred from their current place of rest in Mitcham. And so they will rest together in the shadow of Christ Church.

Any are welcome to join the small company who will gather, first of all in the church at 11 am and afterwards in The Lamb. Rest in peace our Heather.

And finally.....

On Sunday... after a couple of week's break,

The Lamb 'B & B' (Bible and Beer) resumes at 6 pm. We continue our exploration of Paul's Letter to the Christians in Philippi. Life there informing Life here!

So hope to see you soon.

+Lindsay