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## Ministry Team

Rector, Senior Minister and Archdeacon of Bendigo	Greg Harris
Associate Minister	Trev Bell
Children and Youth Minister	Rob Edwards
Ordained Pioneer Minister	Eddie Barkla
Wardens	David Bruce, Gordon Hensley Joan Pape
Secretary to Parish Council	Kerryn Hensley
Treasurer	Rob Bath

## Holy Trinity Services

<b>Sundays</b>	8am	Holy Communion
	9.15am	Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays; Morning Prayer 2nd and 4th Sundays; Praise, Prayer and Proclamation 5th Sundays
	11am	Family Church Lord's Supper usually 3rd Sunday
	5pm	Contemporary Service Lord's Supper usually 3rd Sunday
<b>Wednesdays</b>	10 am	Holy Communion except in January
<b>Fridays</b>	2pm	Seniors Afternoon last Friday of each month except January and December

Home Communion by arrangement with the Rector and occasional services at Bendigo Retirement Village, Elm Aged Living and Freedom Aged Care.

South East Bendigo is in a cluster arrangement with the Strathfieldsaye Community Church.

Priest in Charge Steve Weickhardt

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# WW1 Centenary



This Remembrance Day will mark 100 years since the end of WW1. At the time the war was the largest that had ever occurred. The author HG Wells, who was also a social commentator, coined the phrase 'the war to end all wars.' Seen as an idealistic opinion at the time, any cursory study of history will note it soon became sardonic. Since the signing of the armistice we have seen WW2, Korea, Malaya, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan to name but a few. The irony of the 17 year war in Afghanistan is keenly felt with soldiers now deployed who were not even born when it started.

An estimated 9 million combatants, along with 7 million civilians, died in WW1. Many old churches and town halls are populated with honour rolls. From time to time I have found myself reading these rolls and have forlornly noted that several of those honoured have the same surname. I cannot begin to imagine the wretched pain that must have resulted when almost an entire generation of an individual family was lost.

Each Remembrance Day and ANZAC Day we remember those who gave their lives and reflect on the lessons of the past. No doubt many of us utter a silent prayer asking

that any such current war might be the last and longing for the day when peace shall reign. An artistic portrayal of this silent prayer is the well-known sculpture in front of the United Nations that portrays a person beating a sword into a ploughshare. Based on the words of the prophet Isaiah it longs for the day when God will judge between the nations and settle disputes such that there is no need for weapons and they can be remodelled into tools of agriculture. (Isaiah 2:3-5)

A not so silent prayer is a particularly moving prayer for peace that is part of our Anglican prayer book. One line of which reads: '...shed abroad (God) your peace in the hearts of all and banish from them the spirit that makes for war...' Every time I find myself asking 'who am I praying for?' and 'who is it that needs to have banished from their heart the spirit that makes for war?' In the stillness that follows the answer returns 'it is you.'

For it is the same hardness of heart and selfish ambition that each of us is all too aware of that ultimately leads to war. Furthermore, if we are honest, we are also keenly aware that we are powerless to change our

hearts let alone stop a war by our own efforts.

That is why it is such good news that God can perform radical heart surgery on each one of us – changing us from the inside out. From our repentance and allegiance to Jesus the Spirit of the living God softens our hearts of stone and does indeed banish from us the spirit that makes for war.

It is only through God's grace and mighty power that such change is possible and the hope of turning our weapons of war into agricultural tools will ultimately be established. We are often reminded that on the battle front that freedom and peace is paid for through sacrifice – lest we forget. Likewise, true freedom and peace that will reign forever is also paid for through sacrifice – the sacrifice of Jesus - lest we forget he died for us.



*Greg Harris is the Rector and Senior Minister at Holy Trinity Bendigo*

# Waiting requires patience



A couple of months ago, for Father's Day, I was given a wonderful present from one of my children. It was a packet of seeds, carrot seeds. This gift inspired me to dig up a section of dirt to make into a garden, to get some compost, and to go and buy some other seeds to plant as well. So, there I was, with my child, beginning to plant the seeds, that was the fun part. Then for me the hard part came. Watering and waiting. Oh my, it takes so long for seeds to grow, then when they make it out of the ground, it takes so long for them to get bigger. Well, it feels like it is taking so long for me, because I am watching them closely and paying attention a couple of times a day. I guess this perceived slowness is compounded by us being in a time of world history where we get so many things straight away, so waiting for the carrots to grow is something that I personally am not so used too.

This week I was reading through the book of James and came across a lesson that helps me both in my horticultural time

endurance and also in my faith, as I await with all those who are in Christ, for his return. James writes: "Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!" (James 5:7-9)

James takes the example of the farmer who waits patiently (I never got that memo) for the crop and the right rains and call us who are in Christ to also wait patiently for the return of Jesus. I'm not sure if you have the same feeling ever, but I, at times, approach my waiting for Jesus to return in the same manner as waiting for the carrots. I just want it to be here already. But the reality is that no matter how much I jump up and down or how much I think about it or how much I look for signs of his coming, his coming will not

arrive a second sooner than when the Father has planned. It will occur when the time is ready and right.

So, James gives me good guidance, with both my garden and my waiting for Jesus return, I need to be patient. If I do anything other than this I will just exert a whole lot of energy and effort into something that I have no control over. Though verse 9 prompts me to also be a little urgent and prepared in my waiting, because "the judge is standing at the door". Because Jesus is at the door and he is the judge, James calls us to ensure that we are not "grumblers against one another" but rather people who are patient with each other too.

As we wait and anticipate the goodness that will come in our gardens and at the Lord's coming, may we be patient in our waiting and with each other to the Glory of God. Come Lord Jesus and carrots.



*Trev Bell is Associate Minister at Holy Trinity Bendigo*

# God's rescue plan!



Last Monday was a crazy day. I needed to go from Bendigo to Lilydale and then end up at Point Lonsdale. I worked out a plan as to how this could happen and one bus ride, one train ride, one ferry ride and four car rides later, I eventually made it to Point Lonsdale!

Thankfully, my “Grand Plan” worked, as I made it in time for all my connecting rides!

Later, as I was reflecting on the events of the day, I was reminded of how God had an even better “Plan”. God had a “Rescue Plan” so that He could save us from our sins.

As humans, we are incapable of living perfect lives. Even those who try to do good and are honest and love other people are still slaves to sin. We cannot save ourselves and God knew

that, so He sent His Son Jesus to save us.

Jesus, God's own Son, was entirely blameless. He was born as a little baby, grew up and he died a criminal's death. He hung on a cross for you, for me and for the rest of humanity because it was a part of God's rescue plan for us.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

I had a plan so that I would end up in Point Lonsdale and it all worked out!

Even better, God had a “Rescue Plan” so that we could be rescued from our sin and live with Him forever.

“For the wages of sin is death,

but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord” Romans 6:23

Christmas is still a little while off, but can I encourage all of us (before we get too busy preparing for Christmas), to pause and thank God for sending Jesus to rescue us!

*God Bless,  
Rob*



***Rob Edwards is Children and Youth Minister at Holy Trinity***

# Carl Beech is coming to HT...

...Well maybe not in person but via the big screen.

The first talk is on Monday 12 November at 7pm “What’s so important about Men’s Ministry?”

The second talk is on Monday 19 November at 7pm “The Gospel for Men”. This talk is Carl’s personal story to which you can confidently invite friends to hear.

These two talks were first given at the Belgrave Heights Men’s Convention earlier this year.



Carl Beech is the UK Director of The Message Trust a charity focused on reaching the hardest to reach young people with the message of Jesus. He is also president of Christian Vision for Men (CVM).

Under his leadership at CVM he spoke to thousands of men around the world each year and saw CVM expand into a global movement working in countries as far afield as Cambodia.

Always a church planter he currently co leads a new church called Redeemer King in Chesterfield in his spare time.

- Formerly a financial advisor, church planter, youth worker and senior pastor of a large multi-congregational church.
- Leader of Redeemer King Church
- On the Councils of the EA, Proclaim Trust, Fusion and Restored
- Author of several books and founder of the Codelife movement

- Founder and host of The Gathering, a major festival for men in the UK
- Hosts the Shedtalk show on Premier Radio
- Married to Karen for 22 years with two teenage daughters
- Enjoys sporting challenges and has run the London, Snowdonia and Chesterfield Marathons, cycled from Lands End to John o’Groats, Calais to Nice, the length of Italy and Port Elizabeth to Cape Town



## Breakfast for men



Breakfast for all men is being planned at Holy Trinity Saturday 8th December at 7.30 am. More details are to follow in the Weekly News.

Talk to Rob Bath if you are seeking more information in the meantime.

## Seniors afternoon



The last seniors event for the year is going to be held on the 30th of November at 2pm. The special guest is Archdeacon Greg Harris.

## Membership Matters



The Ministry Team recently had a time away to think and pray about the coming year. It was also a great time for us to encourage each other in our faith and support each other.

# What is a community garden?



Community gardens are places where people come together to grow food. They are shared spaces where all are welcome to contribute.

Community gardens have their own particular character depending on the people

participating, garden size and design, where the garden is situated, what's grown and how the garden is managed.

Gardens can be communal or shared gardens, where the members share the work and the produce or allotment style gardens, where people garden their own individual plots.

HT Community Garden is currently set up as a shared garden.

## **Benefits of community gardening**

Community gardens contribute to the health and well-being of community members by:

- Providing healthy seasonal fresh vegetables and fruit.
- Helping to relieve stress and increase sense of wellness.
- Creating spaces for contemplation and relaxation.
- Getting people active, which improves overall physical health.
- Providing social opportunities that build a sense of community and belonging.





- Giving people an opportunity to learn and share knowledge on gardening, nature, and cooking.

## Community gardens bring people together

### What are we growing?

Onions; leeks; potatoes (desiree); cabbages; lettuce

(loose leaf); climbing beans; zucchini; cucumbers; peas; broad beans; broccoli; tomatoes; pumpkins; raspberries; strawberries; rhubarb.

### What are we harvesting?

Peas; lettuce; onions; rhubarb.

### What are we hoping?

- That we will have a bountiful harvest.
- That the fresh produce will

be appreciated by the church community.

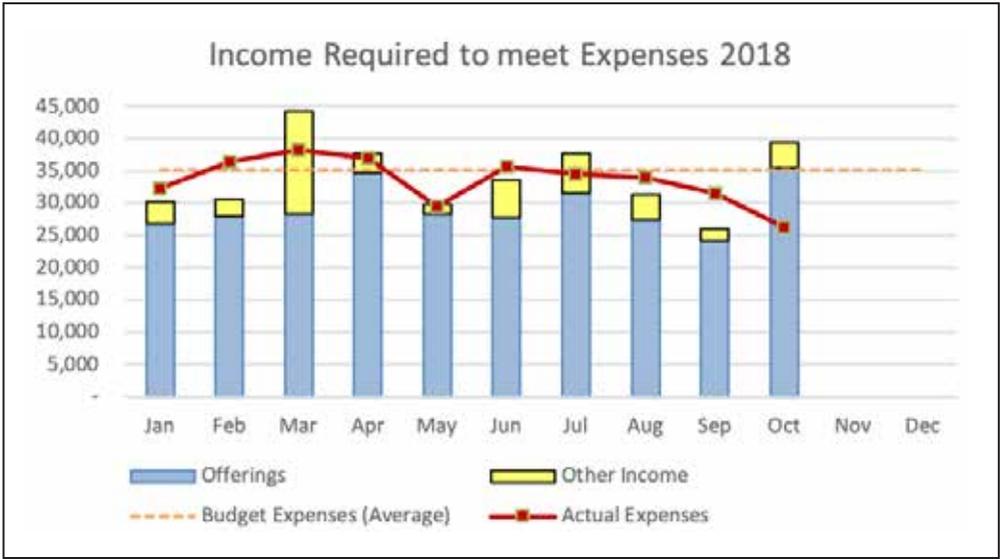
- That we will use the fresh produce to bless our friends and neighbours.
- That more families will see this as a worthwhile activity to be involved in.

### Who to contact to get involved?

Greg Harris or Bruce Rickard



# Offerings



## Mission money boxes

Mission boxes are now due.

Please bring them to church on Sunday or to the church office on weekday mornings (9 am to 12 noon)



October figures preliminary at 30 October

2018 YTD	
Offerings	292,704.40
Other Income	48,119.81
<b>Total</b>	<b>340,824.21</b>
Budget Expenses (Average)	352,131.67
<b>Actual Expenses</b>	<b>335,490.25</b>
Actual Surplus / Loss	5,333.96
Compare to Budget Expenses	-11,307.46

## eGiving

If you would like to make your regular contributions to our parish through direct debit bank transfer there are eGiving brochures in the church foyer that provide information on how to do that. Electronic Giving Cards are available in the foyer for you to place in the plate during the time when offerings are taken.

### Parish bank account details:

Name: Anglican Parish South East Bendigo  
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# CHILDREN AND YOUTH



Youth **THRIVE.**

Year 7-12's

During the School term, **.thrive.** meets for **socials activities** with a 'God Spot' on the first and third Friday nights at Holy Trinity from 7:30-9:30pm unless told otherwise.

**2nd Nov - Invictus Games Night**

**16th Nov - Minute to Win it**

**23rd Nov - Digi Hunt @ Church**

BRING YOUR FRIENDS ALONG

**Teen Bible study -**

We will meet for Teen Bible study on Sunday 11th & 25th November



Contact Rob Edwards for more info.....on 0438 061 076 or [rob@southeastbendigo.com](mailto:rob@southeastbendigo.com)



family church **SEEKERS**

SEEKERS is the children's segment during family church, where we seek to see what the Bible says and how it applies to our lives!

This month, we will look at different ways in which God provides for our needs.

*Sun 4th Nov - Solomon is Wise  
1 King 3*

*Sun 11th Nov - God Provides - Elijah & the Ravens  
1 Kings 17:1-6*

*Sun 18th Nov - God Provides - Elijah & the Widow  
1 Kings 17:7-24*

*Sun 25th Nov - Elijah and Elisha  
2 Kings 2*

*ALSO.....The Grade 6 children are invited to join .thrive.Youth on Friday 16th & 23rd Nov to see what our youth get up to for next year!*

## THANK YOU

To everyone who packed a Shoebox for Operation Christmas Child.

This year we sent off 73 complete shoeboxes; along with 2 containers that were full of extra items that can be used to help fill other shoeboxes; as well as extra donations to cover the \$10 shipping fee! - Thanks again





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