



THE PILOT

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From the Vicar

Freedom - Whose?

A topic that has caused a lot of concern in press and media in the last year is religious freedom. As I read various articles and statements about it, I notice that it seems like most of the disagreement arising from it is not about the topic itself, but over the fact that everybody seems to define it differently.

If you look it up in various dictionaries Freedom of Religion is defined as the right of all individuals, groups or communities to choose, worship, practice and observe the religion (or no religion) that they choose for themselves, without restriction or suppression by government.

Australian Law places limited guarantees on this principle. We are a signatory to the *United Nations International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights* (ICCPR) which affirms every person's right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion. This freedom is limited, though, and subject to '*such limitations as are prescribed by law and are necessary to protect public safety, order, health or morals or the fundamental rights and freedoms of others.*' So, we have this freedom, but only where it does not endanger others, or restrict their freedoms and rights.

The tinder that started the fire in recent times in Australia was the Marriage Equality debate. Arguments stated that if one person's religion expressly forbids a certain form of marriage, then if the Nation's laws allow it, their religious freedom has been impeded. Those who wanted that form of marriage to be available counter-argue that unless it is permitted, then their own freedom of belief is being restricted. The problem is deciding whose rights of belief should be given preference when they conflict.

Over the centuries, the definition of Marriage itself has been constantly changing and diversifying. In our Scriptures, men could have many wives. King Solomon had 700 wives and 300 concubines (1 Kings 11:3). As in most of the ancient world, nobody got to choose



who they married - this was decided by their 'Patriarch' and family heads. Slaves and servants married as instructed by their masters, and their children became the property of that master. If a girl was raped, she had to marry her rapist. (Deuteronomy 22:28-29). It appears a man could divorce his wife if she 'displeased him' but a woman had no such right.

Another point to note is that in the Scriptures, marriage was not a religious ceremony, it was a social celebration carried out by the couple's families. Marriage by the Church is a practice that has arisen since perhaps the 6th to 7th centuries. In fact, following writings such as St Paul's, the church for many centuries placed a higher value on celibacy and remaining unmarried than on being married. This is the principle behind the celibacy of Catholic priests, monks and nuns.

A further complication in the arguments comes from the assumed purpose of marriage. Is it a commitment of people who love each other? Is it the 'proper' way to have children? Is it the 'building block of our society'? Is it the 'license to have sex'? I have heard it defined in these ways and many others. The problem is that each of these definitions can conflict with each other, and each one alone does not stand up as a full definition of the state of marriage. Is it all these things? Equally – must it be all these things?

In the end, the issue with Religious Freedom is not about the principle itself, but the limitations of pragmatism that must apply to it. Firstly, does somebody having different beliefs to mine offend against my freedom? If their beliefs become a principle of law, does that bring my beliefs into conflict with my civic duty to observe the law? What if my beliefs become the law? What am I doing to those whose beliefs are different to mine? Am I any different to the Crusaders of past centuries who chopped the heads off 'infidels' and believed in their divine right to do so? Or in our modern era, those who bomb mosques, churches and temples around our world in the same belief.

If we look for guidance in our Christian Scriptures, I feel the first principle is '*Love your neighbour as yourself*' with the story of the Good Samaritan as your guide. Then accepting the next principle that follows '*love your enemies*'. I like that one, even though it is probably the hardest instruction Jesus gave, because it is self-canceling. If you love an enemy, that very love wipes out their status as your enemy. I especially like a Facebook slogan that is going around: '*If your religion calls you to hate anybody – you need a new religion.*'

Is religion ever a freedom, a right? If it is, then there is no wonder that it is so complex an issue with so much potential to cause conflict. Yet Jesus never seemed to say that. His proclamation was: "*repent, for the kingdom of God has come near.*" My beliefs are about my relationship with the God who created me and sustains my life. My beliefs are about my acceptance of all God has done for me, centred on the mission of Jesus as the Christ – the one who comes into the world, to guide me back from my own waywardness into the presence of that loving God. I do not see my relationship with God as a freedom or a right – it is a wonderful gift of grace, that will never cease to amaze me.

I believe the only way I can respond to that love is to love my neighbour whether they are a believer, a doubter, another faith, creed, colour, orientation or even an enemy, but whatever – they are a child of God just like me.

Venerable Bill Beagley
Vicar

Our Curates: Fellowship of God above everything else!

When we read the wonderful stories in the scriptures we might ask ourselves this question: Does God still speak today?

The answer to this question is yes!

We may think we are doing great things in our lives and ministry but we should always remember the Lord's deepest desire is not that we would do great work, but that we would desire fellowship with Him above everything else. This is the primary reason He speaks to us today.



God loves us and wants us to experience the peace and freedom that come from knowing Him. We can only get to know God if we spend time with Him. It is easy to get wrapped up in all of the things that we have to do each day but spending quality time with God is more important than any of them.

There is no substitute for spending time with God. When we make the conscious decision to put away all of the gadgets and worries that distract us and focus our whole attention on our living God through prayer and by reading the Bible we can see that He is present in every circumstance and will bring the light of His wisdom into our hearts to guide and direct us.

Fellowship is at the heart of the triune God and as we are drawn into the life and love of God we will also be drawn into a loving fellowship with others and with the rest of creation. The kind of relationship that we have with God will determine the shape of our relationship with others and all creation.

I pray for all of you that you may feel His wonderful presence and His peace which surpasses all human understanding as you slow down and listen to God's small, still voice.

Prayfully yours

Rev Valentina Emmanuel

From the Wardens

During June and July we welcomed Tom Verghese to the wardens' team replacing Sandra Lewin who has suffered ongoing illness. We appreciate the commitment Sandra has shown to serving as a Warden and particularly the work she done in fundraising and in equipping the new Parish Centre kitchen.

We appreciate Tom's willingness to serve in this capacity at least until the AGM in October. It will take time to get him up to speed with the various duties and requirements expected of wardens in a parish these days, but it is good to have someone prepared to serve in this way.

During June the instant hot water unit was finally installed in the Parish Centre. This is a blessing as it allows us to provide instant hot water without the need for an urn or kettle.

There was an accident that led to some damage of the north door of the Parish Centre and this is in the process of being repaired. The wardens were not made aware of this damage when it occurred which made it a much slower process to get the problem resolved. It serves as a reminder that the wardens or Vicar need to be informed when incidents or damage occurs on any parish property so that the appropriate steps can be taken to rectify the cause and/or repair the damage. This is particularly the case with personal injuries! Please do pass these kinds of things on to the wardens or Vicar. There is an incident book located in the kitchen of the Parish Centre, hanging near the fridge, where these can be written.

We have also helped (with Judy White's great assistance) Lifeworks become familiar with our space. The organisation has showed interest in a long-term relationship with the Parish to conduct activities in line with our vision and mission and so it is a good and mutually beneficial relationship. On a practical level it has shown some shortcomings with the equipment in the Centre and we are working together to resolve these. The Wardens and Parish Council are still working with the Hobsons Bay City Council to register the kitchen as a community kitchen. It will be some time before all the requirements and restrictions of that registration process can be completed.

A new microphone was purchased for use at the lectern which seems to be working better and allowing the readers and intercessors to be heard better.

The Wardens have made contact with a heritage consultant to seek advice on the way forward to repair and work on the Church and the Vicarage. There are several key aspects of work that need to be completed soon and this is the first step in what is bound to be a long process. This work will improve the image our Vicarage projects to the community and make the building more comfortable for the Vicarage family.

Parish Council and wardens have begun working their way through some of the Child Safety regulations now being implemented throughout the Diocese. We need all volunteers to sign a new Code of Conduct compiled by the Diocese, we need to appoint a Child Safety Officer as a contact person for people with concerns relating to this issue

and a Compliance Officer to keep us in check. We need to make sure a new clearance regime is implemented according to Diocesan standards and this will involve Police and Working with Children Checks for different categories of volunteers in the parish. We know we will get co-operation from our volunteers for this and understand it will require some patience as we work through the steps necessary to keep the whole community safe!

Thank you to all those who attended our Parish Listening Day on 29 July. The Parish Council greatly valued the contribution made by those present as they shared their views about the future direction they would like to see the Parish take. This will lead to a process of developing a Ministry Action Plan that is aligned to the Parishioners' perceptions and experiences. We will be unveiling the new plan in the near future.

Sally Burt, Scott Phillips, Tom Verghese
Wardens

Conversations at the Centre



Christians Talking about Social Issues

August Conversation:

7.30pm - 9.00pm, Wednesday 29 August in the Parish Centre

Topic: Rich Christians in a world of hunger

September Conversation:

7.30pm - 9.00pm, Tuesday 25 September in the Parish Centre

Topic: What does 'diversity' mean for us?

For more details contact Leanne Beagley (0417 382 704)
All welcome

The Gardens at Holy Trinity

The gardens of our church were established a long time ago. The Rose Garden for example was established by the then Vicar in the 1980s. These shrubs still provide a beautiful show in season and their blooms often grace the vases in the church.



The Vicarage gardens and the beds around the Lych Gate are cared for by a small group of keen gardeners. On the second week of each month the gardening team meet at 9am and work to trim hedges, weed, prune, mulch and water as needed. If these kind of tasks interests you, please contact the Parish Office (9397 5330). Volunteers are always welcome.

With the external refurbishment of the Vicarage currently being planned by the Parish Council, developing new plans for the Vicarage Gardens will be very important. Can you help? Please let us know!

Laurie English
for the Gardening Group



Tapestry Happenings

Our Tapestry Group is still going strong. They are working on a number of projects including the Creation tapestries which will soon hang in the Parish Centre.

Each Sunday parishioners enjoy the benefit of our cushion project which is nearing its end. Many of you will have seen our Easter Banner and sometimes our Parish Banner in the Church. We now are in the planning stage for a new banner for the Lighting of the Lamp service in November. The colour scheme is focused around Red Poppies with the design still in the planning stage.

We would like to invite parishioners to participate in the Red Poppies hanging. If you like knitting, crochet or making felt Poppies, patterns, wool and any help needed will be available. If you cannot knit maybe you could look into your old wool basket for any scraps of red or black wool. All donations will assist with the project.

If you need any information please contact any of the members of our group.

Joan Crook
for the Tapestry Group

Holy Trinity Trivia Night

To celebrate the end of the financial year we had our first Trivia Night in the Parish Centre. It was a cold and blustery evening but this didn't deter those who attended from coming out to have a great time! It was a hard fought competition and the different tables showed strength in different topics. There were questions on sport, history, general knowledge, brand names, flags and a particularly interesting round with movie theme songs! Although it was hard to hear some of the themes it was fun to reminisce about different movie watching experiences. There was also a "Who am I?" that showed clearly there are people well versed in saintliness!

Between rounds of questions there were games aplenty. Some people proved just how proficient at using chop sticks they were while others used their skills in telepathy to guess the colours of clinkers! Others chanced their luck with heads or tails. The silent auction also proved popular, with many people outbidding each other to get their hands on a share of the wide range of items on offer.

There were great prizes for the games and items for the silent auction thanks to the fabulous support from so many businesses in our local community! There were some incredibly generous donations and a list is provided in this edition of the Pilot of those businesses who supported us. They would welcome and deserve your support, so please, next time you are shopping in Williamstown, keep this list in mind!!

Thanks go to Janice and Leanne for supplying nibbles for people while they ruminated over questions and to the Vicarage family and Peter Burt who donated some items to the silent auction. Peter Johnson was a great help with setting up, testing out the questions (yes, blame him!) and hosting on the night.

The night was not only an opportunity for laughter and frivolity but we were also able to raise over \$900 for the church and our good works in the community. This was a great result. It was a wonderful night and we look forward to an even bigger crowd and more fun and laughter at the next Trivia Night sometime in the future!

Sally Burt
Warden

Thanksgiving Service Sunday 23 September (both services)

**Join us to thank God for his provision for us
and to recommit to supporting
the work of Holy Trinity**

Trivia Night - Thanks to our Donors

Thanks go to the following businesses and groups who have provided support by donating prizes for the recent Trivia Night. Please consider them when you are seeking goods and services in the coming months.

| Businesses | Businesses |
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| Pure Hair: 7/18 Ferguson Street | The Greenery Store and Dining: 30 Ferguson Street |
| Provisions: 62 Ferguson Street | Book and Paper: 36 Douglas Parade |
| Salvatore's Barber Shop: 38A Ferguson Street | Interia Homewares: 11-19 Ferguson Street |
| Monstera Flowers: 46 Ferguson Street | Hairhouse Warehouse, Williamstown: 18 Douglas Parade |
| Williamstown Bakehouse Hot Bread Kitchen: 32 Ferguson Street | Nextra News and Lotto: 16 Douglas Parade |
| Napoli's Fruit Shop: 68 Ferguson Street | Marazita Bros. Deli: shop 4 19 Douglas Parade |
| Vintage Cellars: 67-69 Ferguson Street | Jainus: 62 Douglas Parade |
| Old Style Butchers: 66 Ferguson Street | Parade Deli: 8 Douglas Parade |
| Bakers' Delight: 32 Douglas Parade | Williamstown Picture Framing: 96 Douglas Parade |
| ZAP gym: 13 Douglas Parade | Vicarage Family |
| Dog Town Pet Supplies: 37 Ferguson Street | Peter Burt |
| The Butcher Club: 19 Douglas Parade | |

A Journey through the Holy Land - Part 2

Leaving Petra we travelled north towards Amman, passing many small towns. The countryside changed from red barren hills to quite a contrast fertile area where crops flourished producing apples for export. The region reflected its wealth in fine housing and agriculture before once again changing to dry dusty conditions and phosphate mines.

We arrived at Bethany beyond the Jordan where Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist and were surprised to see the Jordan looking more like a muddy creek than a river. A church was built in the 4-5th century to mark the site but now stands on flat land at least 500m from the water.

We crossed the border into Israel and continued our Pilgrimage taking photos of the desert wilderness where it is said Jesus was tempted by Satan. Looking towards the horizon we see the cities of Jericho and Jerusalem. As we drew close to Jerusalem, surrounded by hills covered with white dwellings and red roofs, Temple Mount with its gold domed temple took centre stage.

The coastal city of Jaffa (Joppa) just south of Tel Aviv presented a landscape of coastal plain covered in cypress and pine trees. In the valley grew vines, olives, almonds and an



assortment of citrus and other fruit trees, corn and cotton. We visited the site of Russian Orthodox church dedicated to Peter who prayed over Tabitha (Dorcas) bringing her back to life. (Acts 9:36-43) We were reminded this was the place of Peter's vision about 'what God has cleansed you must not call common' Acts 10:11-16

Caesarea Maritima is a beautiful coastal city on the Mediterranean north of Tel Aviv. The harbour was the first large man made in the world, built as a result of vision by King Herod. It was to provide shelter for trading ships. Paul sailed from this harbour to Rome. As we walked along the windy shoreline we also saw evidence of a hippodrome, entertainment theatre and fresh water pool which had been part of the luxurious palace built for King Herod.

We were very blessed to fit in an unscheduled stop to visit Elohim Prayer House recently established by a group of Australians. The House accommodated up to ten guests at a time, plus the parent family of four. The objective is to live amongst the local people, pray for them and with other believers in the area as well as for Israel the Nation, its people and neighbouring countries. Other believers with a heart for peace come from around the world for a period of weeks or months to pray.

Travelling to Nazareth we learnt "Netzar" meant "branch or olive shoot". Nazareth is the city of the Branch people, Is 4:2, Jer 33:14-16. In Jesus' time this small town was conservative and found his presentation in the synagogue (Luke 4:16-30) confronting and insulting. The crowd angrily drove Jesus out of town to the brow of the hill, Mt. Precipice, with the intention of throwing him over the cliff.

Our next visit was to the site of Jesus' first miracle at Cana. We were shown one of the 2 existing water jars - huge terracotta pots, much too large to move. The servants would have used many smaller vessels to fill the massive pots with water.

Visiting Nazareth Village was very special. It is operated by Nazareth Trust, the object being to re-create conditions that Jesus experienced in his time. We were shown the methods used during that time for the spinning of wool into usable yarn, the crushing of olives using the oil for their lamps and cooking plus the crushing of grapes for wine and grain for bread. We stayed the next four nights at Nof Ginosar, one of Israel's oldest Kibbutzim, founded in 1938, situated on the shores of Lake Galilee. It was originally set up for agriculture, then moved to tourism from 1960's.

Here we visited the Jesus Boat Museum and enjoyed a short cruise on one of the large replica wooden boats. These provided for tourists to appreciate the beauty of the Lake and surrounds from the water. The Lake is not huge, so good visibility enabled me to see the gentle sloping hillsides right to the water's edge. I could visualize Jesus standing in a boat just out from bank addressing the crowds on the gently sloping hills. The boat crew demonstrated how to throw out a fishing net and our guide taught us a Jewish dance on the open deck space.

From Lake Galilee, we travelled to Tiberius, a town from Roman times and a Holy City for Jews. Bet Shean nearby was the place where bodies of King Saul and his 3 sons were

exhibited after their defeat in battle. (1Sam 31) Bet Shean is the only Decapolis of city in Israel, being east of the River Jordan, the other 9 are in Jordan. It was considered a pagan city, so not destroyed after Jewish rebellion against the Romans which resulted in destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD. The city was a military buffer between the Roman Empire and Nabateans who ruled Petra.

The Mount of Beatitudes (Mount Happiness) has been planted with beautiful and dotted with engraved plaques with each Beatitude written on them. We listening to the reading (Mat 5:1-10) and identified the 4 themes - Humility, Spiritual Appetite, Character and Cost. Near the gardens is a natural amphitheatre which reminded me how appropriate this spot must have been for Jesus' preaching.

Continuing our pilgrimage around Lake Galilee, we visited the Church of Loaves and Fishes at Tabgha and then travelled to Capernaum. This was the base from which Jesus taught and healed many. In the garden stood statues including one of the apostle Peter, and one of Jesus lying on a park bench, scars on His hands and feet quite visible. This reminded me of Mat. 8:20 "foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests but the Son of Man has no place to lay His head".

The Church at Magdala, built in memory of women from the Bible has been built with a boat, similar to the ones used in Jesus' time, placed behind the altar with a view of the lake through a large curved window back drop. In the chapel were paintings depicting Bible stories eg. the woman touching the hem of Jesus' garment, Jesus washing feet, walking on the water and healing Dorcas.

We now had opportunity to visit Mount of Transfiguration where we had spectacular views of the Jezreel Valley. It was quite a high mountain with a narrow twisting road and travelled to the summit where we marvelling that Jesus, Peter, James and John had climbed this mountain on foot. The Church of Transfiguration was beautiful. We were reminded of the experience of the disciples, as they were told to tell the world that Jesus is truly the Son of our Living God.

We visited the Golan Heights region and then travelled to Kursi, where it is believed the story of Jesus sending demons into the pigs which ran down the hillside into the Lake was set.

Our time in the region around Lake Galilee had been very special - to have been in and visited areas where Jesus had been, following His footsteps, places where He had mixed with the people, relating to their surroundings through the parables He taught, has brought the scriptures alive for me in a much more meaningful way.

We travelled northward to Chorazim where we explored more archaeological sites and synagogue ruins. Chorazim and Capernaum were two places where Jesus gave stern warnings to repent. Here we saw an olive press and large millstone and I was reminded of the burdens like worries we carry unnecessarily when Jesus asks us, through faith, to give them to him.

Tel Dan is also a mountain of archaeological ruins of biblical civilizations. We saw remnants of an old city wall still standing. The wall had two gates, the main built in 10th century BC and the Canaanite gate constructed in the 18th century BC.

We travelled along the winding highway out of the Galilean Mountains into the West Bank disputed territory towards Sebaste (Greek for Augustus), capital of the Northern Kingdom of Samaria where the ruins were mostly untouched, covered by lovely wild red poppies.

Moving on, after camel rides and photos, we were all keen to visit Jacobs Well at Nablus - city of Shechem where Jacob bought land and Joseph was buried. The well where Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman is now inside a church where we gathered to watch a bucket being lowered to a depth of approximately 75 feet. The well is fed by flowing water which is why ancients gave it the name of "living water".

The day had arrived for us to travel back towards Jerusalem, the Holy City where we would stay for our final week in Israel. We were to go from the Dead Sea, the lowest point in Israel (400 metres below sea level) to the highest point travelling via Beersheba. Our journey took us to visit the Dead Sea, to explore the limestone cliffs of Masada and into the Ein Gedi National Park. Here we experienced first hand "streams of living water in the desert" as fresh water cascaded from rocks. The region was full of limestone caves like those referred to in 1Samuel 24, the area where David hid from King Saul. We also paused to visit Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1947. We watched a Rabbi transcribing scriptures, working behind a glass screen in controlled temperature, working with painstaking accuracy needing full concentration.

In Jericho, the oldest city in the world we visited the ruins at Jericho and the Monastery at Mt Temptation where Jesus is said to have been tempted. We also saw sycamore trees (not native to the area) that reminded us of the biblical narrative of Zacchaeus. We passed through the Negev (Bible desert) in Israeli territory into Arad, a modern town on a plateau known as the pearl of the desert, home of Bedouin herdsmen.

We arrived in Beersheba the capital of Negev, with population of 200,000. From Gen 21:1-34, we learnt about the founding of this city when agreement was reached between Abraham and Abimelech. It was also from here that Ishmael and Hagar were sent by Sarah into the desert. Ruins revealed the Biblical Beersheba was a circular shaped city with store-rooms for grain.

It was April 24. Unexpectedly we called by the ANZAC Memorial Centre and were invited into visit the museum, dedicated by the Israeli and Australian Prime Ministers on 31 October 2017. The story of the 800 strong Australian Lighthorse Brigade leading the charge, galloped in to defeat the Turks at the last line of defence, taking victory at this strategic post was explained through a short film. It was a crucial triumph, all about gaining access to water wells for troops and horses and leading to further success by removing Turks from Jerusalem. We briefly visited the cemetery where British, New Zealand and Australian soldiers had been laid to rest. Many of us placed red poppies on Australian graves before standing together for a minute of silence.

We continued our northbound adventure on to Elah Valley where David confronted Goliath (1 Samuel 17) and caught a glimpse of the Holy City. More about Jerusalem next time!

Ann Hodges

UPCOMING EVENTS



August

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| 3 | Men's Pub Night, Stag's Head |
| 5 | Curate's Field Committee, 11.30am |
| 8 | Curate's Bible study, 6.45pm |
| 9 | Women's Group, Parish Centre, 7.30pm |
| 11 | Men's Breakfast, Parish Centre 7.30am-9.30am |
| | Garden Working Bee, 9-12pm |
| 12 | Contemplative Eucharist, 5.00pm |
| 15 | Ada Cambridge Book Club, 12 noon Parish Centre |
| | Curate's Bible study, 6.45pm |
| 21 | Parish Council meeting in Parish Centre, 6.30pm |
| 22 | Curate's Bible Study, 6.45pm |
| 25 | Tapestry Group, 2.00pm |
| 26 | Contemplative Eucharist, 5.00pm |
| 29 | Curate's Bible Study, 6.45pm |
| | Conversations at the Centre 7.15pm for 7.30pm |

September

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| 2 | Curate's Field Committee, 11.30am |
| 5 | Curate's Bible study, 6.45pm |
| 7 | Men's Pub Night, Stag's Head |
| 8 | Garden Working Bee, 9-12pm |
| 9 | Contemplative Eucharist, 5.00pm |
| 12 | Curate's Bible study, 6.45pm |
| 13 | Women's Group, Parish Centre, 7.30pm |
| 15/16 | Men's Retreat (TBC) |
| 18 | Parish Council meeting in Parish Centre, 6.30pm |
| 19 | Ada Cambridge Book Club, 12 noon Parish Centre |
| | Curate's Bible Study, 6.45pm |
| 22 | Tapestry Group, 2.00pm |
| 23 | Thanksgiving Sunday |
| | Contemplative Eucharist, 5.00pm |
| 25 | Conversations at the Centre 7.15pm for 7.30pm |
| 26 | Curate's Bible Study, 6.45pm |

Further details for all these events are available from the Parish Office or the weekly Pew Sheet

Our Sci Fi Service

This is Victory!

The Rev'd Dr Avril Hannah-Jones has a large swag of qualifications, but there is one that shines above the others. She is a fully paid up, card carrying member of the world of science fiction and fantasy nerds. For over a decade, beginning at her then parish of the Uniting Church at Brunswick, she has held an annual Christian Worship service celebrating the characters of books, movies, TV and comics of the fantasy genre.

The services came with her when she was appointed to the Electra Street Uniting Church in Williamstown. I have always felt it was my ecumenical duty as Vicar of Holy Trinity to dress up, walk up the road and join in the fun! This year, we decided to extend the ecumenical gesture, and hold the service in the shiny new Parish Centre at Holy Trinity.

Folk turned up in all nature of costumes: Video Game heroes, Star Wars, Harry Potter, Doctor Who, Hitchhikers Guide, a Stepford Wife and even a character from the 70s show Lost in Space, who brought his own full-size space ship! Led by Rev'd Hannah-Jones (Professor McGonogal of Hogwarts School) and myself (Highlander) we explored the theme This is Victory! and considered what victory looked like from both a fantasy and a Christian perspective. Many of the texts of the Fantasy genre carry a moral message that sits well with the Christian ethic.

But just as important everybody had a great deal of fun. Our new Parish Centre, with its audio-visual capabilities proved a great venue for services such as this and we look forward to trying out new and different ways to worship within this versatile space in the future.

Venerable Bill Beagley
Vicar

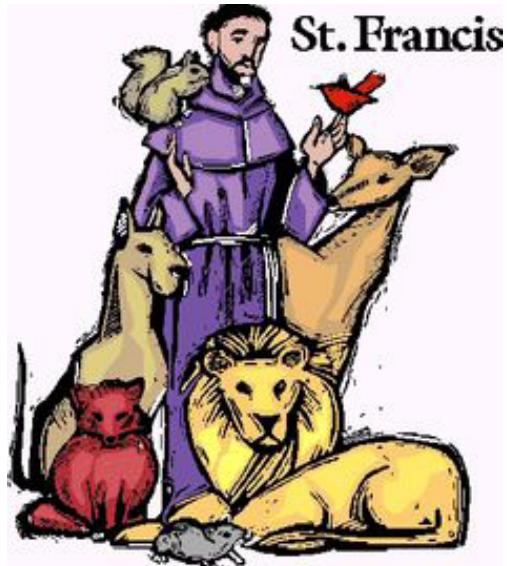


Parish Rosters for August

| Month | Day | Time | Flowers | Welcome | Sidesp'n | 1st Reading | 2nd Reading | Intercessio | Eucharist as M'ng Tea |
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| August | 5 | | P McFadyen | | | Daniel 7: 9-14 | 2 Peter 1:16-21 | | |
| Transfiguration J Emmanuel | | 8.00am | J White | J White | W Robarts | C Hurwood | B Beagley | J Emmanuel | |
| | | 10.00am | J Ringrose | S Burt | J Schmidt | L White | A Akol | T Verghese | A Verghese |
| August | 12 | | L Dobinson | | | 2 Sam 18:5-33 | John 6: 35-51 | | |
| Pentecost 12 B Beagley | | 8.00am | J White | P Johnson | W Robarts | W Robarts | M Burt | | |
| | | 10.00am | J Madsen | W Madsen | M Swane | L Beagley | W Madsen | B Hingston | |
| August | 19 | | L English | | Isaiah:61:10-62:3 | Galatians 4:4-7 | | | |
| Mary mother of our Lord V Emmanuel | | 8.00am | M Burt | J White | M Calthorpe | B Beagley | V Emmanuel | | |
| | | 10.00am | I Dodd | S Burt | C Ringrose | J Ringrose | S Burt | J Crook | J Schmidt |
| August | 26 | | S Searls | | 1Kings 8: 22-30 | Ephesians 6:10-20 | | | |
| Pentecost 14 J Emmanuel | | 8.00am | R Dripps | R Dripps | C Hurwood | J White | J Emmanuel | | |
| | | 10.00am | C Willis | L Gray | C Ringrose | J Healey | S Phillips | J Ringrose | |

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| September | 2 | | W Robarts | | Searls J Ringrose | W Robarts J Schmidt | W Robarts L White | B Beagley S Phillips | V Dripps T Verghese A Verghese |
| Pentecost 15 | | 8.00am | | | | Song/Songs2:8-13 | James 1:17-27 | | |
| B Beagley | | 10.00am | | | | | | | |
| September | 9 | | K Strasser | | | Proverbs 22:1-9 | James 2:1-17 | | |
| Pentecost 16 | | 8.00am | | | | | | | |
| V Emmanuel | | 10.00am | | | | | | | |
| September | 16 | | P McFadyen | | | Proverbs 1:20-33 | James 2:18-26 | | |
| Pentecost 17 | | 8.00am | | | | | | | |
| J Emmanuel | | 10.00am | | | | | | | |
| September | 23 | | L Dobinson | | | Proverbs 31:10-31 | James 3:1-12 | | |
| Pentecost 18 | | 8.00am | | | | | | | |
| | | 10.00am | | | | | | | |
| B Beagley | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 30 | | L English | | | Ezekiel 1:4-12 | Rev 12:7-12 | | |
| Michael & All Angels | | 8.00am | | | | | | | |
| V Emmanuel | | 10.00am | | | | | | | |
| October | 7 | | | | | Job 2:1-10 | Heb 2:5-12 | | |
| St Francis | | 8.00am | | | | | | | |
| B Beagley | | 10.00am | | | | | | | |



St Francis Day Service of Blessing for the Animals

10am Sunday 7 October

**All pets and their owners
welcome**

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