

## *Celebrating vibrant faith and gracious hospitality*

Welcome to all visitors and newcomers. We look forward to getting to know you better - please contact our minister, Rev Ross Pearce (contact details at end of document)

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>7 Aug – Sunday Pentecost 9 – Anniversary Sunday</b>
9.30 am	Morning Worship and communion – <i>Rev Ross Pearce</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10 Aug – Examine – “examine the text, examine ourselves”</b>
2.00 pm	Reflective service via Zoom
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	<b>14 Aug – Sunday Pentecost 9</b>
9.30 am	Morning Worship – <i>Rev Deacon Jenny Preston</i>

### MINISTRIES FOR NEXT WEEK

	<b>7 Aug</b>	<b>14 Aug</b>
Duty Elder	Alan Ray	Anne Feehan
Communion Elder	Penny Huggett	
Bible Reading	Stephen Pallot	Lisa Birzulis
Prayers of the People	Rev Rod Horsfield	Rev Deacon Jenny Preston
Church Door	Jenny Kelso	Simon Sladdin
Sound	Erik Birzulis	Richard Nixon
Flowers	Barbara Pallot	Rosemary Ashby
Morning tea	Wendy and Ian Taylor	Wendy and Ian Taylor
Envelopes/Banking	Sandra Price/Alison Black	Ian Taylor/Alison Black

### LECTIONARY READINGS for 14<sup>th</sup> August

<b>Is 5: 1-7</b>	<b>Ps 80: 1-2, 8-19</b>	<b>Heb 11: 29-12:2</b>	<b>Lk 12: 49-56</b>
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## **ONSITE WORSHIP SERVICES – COVID REMINDER**

Covid continues to grow in the community and new strains are even better at evading the immunity from vaccines and past infections. There are many vulnerable members of our congregation so, to protect everyone, please continue to sanitise hands on arrival and keep a safe distance (1.5m) from others when sitting in church or at morning tea. If you have symptoms, even if you have had a negative RAT, then please don't come to church but join the online service. We need to work together to keep everyone safe.

### **Anniversary Sunday 7 August**

***Come along on Sunday 7 August to celebrate our church anniversary.***

***Tell your family and friends to join you for this special service.***

**Notice is hereby given** for the voting for a new Elder, **Meg Morris**, after the service on August 21st. Please stay in church for the voting. This will be a very brief meeting.

## **DAMSELS' DINNER**

The August Damsels' Dinner is approaching. We will get together on zoom, on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August between 4.00 and 5.30 pm. This will allow Damsels to drop in and join us whenever suits them. Please put it in your diaries. I will send out Zoom Invitations closer to the time. Please let me know if you would like to join us – [dhthompson@bigpond.com](mailto:dhthompson@bigpond.com). Thanks, Sue Thompson

## **UPDATE RE PROCESS FOR A NEW MINISTER**

Today we welcome **Warwick Drayton**, a Deacon at the East Camberwell Baptist church, who will bring us a greeting from the Canterbury Council of Churches. Please make yourself known to Warwick in the foyer after the service.

The next step in the selection of a new minister will occur during our church service on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August. Two representatives from Presbytery who are assisting us with the call procedure, will talk informally to members of the congregation about what we see as being the goals for our congregation in the next few years. Please make an effort to attend so that your voice can be heard.

## **Church website**

Have you recently looked at our church website? We are trying to keep the information alive and useful for all. For example, if you are joining us from home, consider using the "Worship" page to obtain quick access to Sunday's Live Stream. On the same page you will find a copy of our weekly Notices, Order of Service and Ross's sermon. Go to <https://highfieldroadcanterburyuc.org.au/about/>

*Also have you considered posting a Google review of our church?*

## **Creative Capers in the month of August:**

A group decision has been made that we maintain our weekly rotation of Creative Capers. For the month of August our dates and times for gathering in the foyer will be:

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am,

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> at 2pm,

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30am

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

## **GRANT FOR A DEFIBRILLATOR**

Good News. Earlier this year our church council decided to apply for a grant from the Boroondara Council to finance the purchase of a defibrillator. We have just received notification that our application has been successful. We hope to receive the funds within the next month. The defibrillator we are purchasing allows up to 10 people to be trained on-line with using the defibrillator. So, if you would like to be included in this training please notify me or any of the church council members. Stephen Hill

*Please pray for:* the people of **Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea**

**We give thanks for:**

- the natural resources and diverse gifts that come from these countries, such as the distinctive music and dance of Cameroon
- those who minister to victims of sexual violence, trafficking and other human rights abuses
- Christians and people of other faiths who courageously have pursued reconciliation and peace among those in conflict
- individuals and organizations who have provided for health clinics and schools in Cameroon and the Central African Republic.

**We pray for:**

- just resolutions to the conflicts and violence among diverse groups and their leaders
- refugees who flee to other countries, and for those who host them
- economic developments that make it possible for all to rise out of poverty
- stable democratic governments that effectively serve the common good.
- the congregation at Canterbury Presbyterian Church and their minister Rev David Hann.
- Our HRUC Playgroup – for increased numbers, meaningful conversations and ways to support the young families

## A CELEBRATION OF GARDENS!

Highfield Road is having its very own Open Garden Day! Shake off those winter chills and enjoy 3 beautiful gardens (church members) all for one low ticket price including Devonshire Tea!!!  
Saturday 8th October is the big day right in the middle of Spring. More details to follow.

## PERFORMANCE OF *COSI FAN TUTTE*

Savoy Opera will be doing a run-through of *Cosi fan Tutte* at the church on Tuesday 9th August from 7pm to 8.30pm and has invited church members to attend. There is no charge for the audience.



### *Father and faith* - by Bill Pugh

As a child, around dusk, I wandered up the hallway of our home and looked up through the glass panelling above the front door. It was my first conscious experience of night. This was my first experience of apprehension. Then, in spite of the usual scrapes, all things were as day. Now there was dark and night.

In bed alone one night I woke, suddenly frightened, a sense of the unknown. I got up and stood outside my parents' bedroom, not making a sound. But dad woke up, gave me a smile, took my hand and led me back to my own bed, and sat with me, holding my hand until I fell asleep. In the morning it was light, the family was in the kitchen having breakfast and dad was about to go to work. All was well.

I have never forgotten that night and the father who held my hand. Dad was a WWI Digger, gassed and wounded. After the war he tried farming, which did not work. He went back to banking and managed a Primary Producers Bank, which failed in the Depression. The family moved into our grandparents' home and Mum looked after them.

Dad experienced the darkness, yet he was always of good cheer. He was always there for us, five kids. A swim, a treat on the bus to Mentone Beach, goal umpire at our football games. In spite of life's deals, he got on with it. Dad made the most of the light of each day. When we were down he would say, "Keep yourself bright". He was always the encourager.

I reckon my first seed of tentative faith began then. We never called him father, simply a very personal Dad. He helped me to understand something of what Jesus meant when, in his lonely and darkest Gethsemane, he prayed and reached out to his father calling him ABBA, a very personal and intimate word which means My Father.

### Ladies Lunch

Our monthly Ladies Lunch will be held on Monday 15th August at the Box Hill RSL commencing at 12 noon. If you are planning to join us, please advise Fay Dunstan via [fay.dunstan@bigpond.com](mailto:fay.dunstan@bigpond.com) or phone 98304682 before Sunday 14th August. Also advise if transport is required. All ladies most welcome.

### DRIVERS NEEDED

From time to time some older members of our church community need to be driven to appointments: dentist, doctor, hearing and eye specialists etc. If you think you could assist, please see Barbara.

### **NOTICES FOR NEXT NOTICE SHEET:**

Please forward to Richard Nixon or email to [rhixon@ozemail.com.au](mailto:rhixon@ozemail.com.au) by 5 pm Wednesday.

If, at any time, you feel that you need a little help  
- or know of someone who may need help – please contact your Elder/Carer or our Minister  
**Reverend ROSS PEARCE** Phone: 0437 561 833 or 0403 976 411 (office)  
In the Church Office Tuesday and Wednesday 10 am to 2 pm  
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