

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA  
DIOCESE OF BALLARAT  
ST PAUL'S - BAKERY HILL



*"If God is for us, who is against us?" (Rom 8:31)*

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost –5<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

***A Year to challenge violence, injustice & oppression, and work for peace and reconciliation***

*Welcome to St Paul's! We acknowledge the Wathaurung people, the traditional custodians of this land. We gather in prayer where-ever we are. If you have found this order of service and are using it, please feel free to make yourself known. Contact Sister Elisa to be included via St Paul's email or phone number. See back page.*



*"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart."*

*Matthew 11: 29*

**Worship 9.30am [Zoom]**

Dear people of St Paul's,

In this time of separation from our church gatherings, we can affirm and encourage each other in prayer. We can also join in worship at our regular times using this form of prayer which is from the Anglican Churches Liturgy. We will use it on Sunday with our Zoom services but if this is not possible for you, then join us at 9.30 am in spirit.

You can use it on your own or with others around you. You may use all of it or a part of it as suits you. If you have some lovely recorded music which feeds your faith, then add that to the mix also.

Further, I suggest you create a prayer space, in it you could have a candle, a cross and /or a picture, none of these are essential, but may be a help for prayer.

Finally, I pray that this difficult season may be one which, despite hardship, enriches and strengthens your faith.

Every blessing

Sr Elisa

The celebrant at today's service is the Rector, Sister Elisa, and our Deacon is Rev'd Bert Muysers.

*When all are gathered, the presider begins:*

In the name of God: Father, + Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

**SCRIPTURE SENTENCE:** "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest," says the Lord. "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart."

Matthew 11.28-29

## **Prayer of preparation**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **The Penitential Rite**

‘Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ Jesus said: ‘This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself’.

*Silence to reflect.*

Let us therefore bring our sins to the one true God, in penitence and faith.

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Words of Assurance/ *absolution***

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2: 1-2

**COLLECT OF THE DAY:** *(pause for silent prayer)* Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of his brothers and sisters we do also for him: give us the will to serve others as he was the

servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us; yet lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **FIRST READING Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49, 58-67**

A reading from the book of Genesis

<sup>34</sup> So he said, "I am Abraham's servant. <sup>35</sup> The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. <sup>36</sup> And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. <sup>37</sup> My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; <sup>38</sup> but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

<sup>42</sup> "I came today to the spring, and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! <sup>43</sup> I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," <sup>44</sup> and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also"—let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.'

<sup>45</sup> "Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' <sup>46</sup> She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. <sup>47</sup> Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. <sup>48</sup> Then I bowed my head and worshipped

the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. <sup>49</sup> Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

<sup>58</sup> And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." <sup>59</sup> So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. <sup>60</sup> And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,

"May you, our sister, become  
thousands of myriads;  
may your offspring gain possession  
of the gates of their foes."

<sup>61</sup> Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

<sup>62</sup> Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. <sup>63</sup> Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. <sup>64</sup> And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, <sup>65</sup> and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. <sup>66</sup> And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. <sup>67</sup> Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

This is the Word of the Lord **thanks be to God**

## PSALM 45.10-17

<sup>10</sup> Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear;  
forget your people and your father's house,

<sup>11</sup> **and the king will desire your beauty.**

**Since he is your lord, bow to him;**

<sup>12</sup> the people of Tyre will seek your favour with gifts,  
the richest of the people <sup>13</sup> with all kinds of wealth.

**The princess is decked in her chamber with gold-woven robes;**

<sup>14</sup> **in many-coloured robes she is led to the king;  
behind her the virgins, her companions, follow.**

<sup>15</sup> With joy and gladness they are led along  
as they enter the palace of the king.

<sup>16</sup> **In the place of ancestors you, O king, shall have sons;  
you will make them princes in all the earth.**

<sup>17</sup> I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations;  
therefore the peoples will praise you forever and ever.

## SECOND READING Romans 7.14-25

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

<sup>14</sup> For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. <sup>15</sup> I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup> Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

This is the Word of the Lord **thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia!** Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia, alleluia!**

**GOSPEL Matthew 11.15-19 (20-24) 25-30**

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**+ Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

<sup>15</sup> Let anyone with ears listen!

<sup>16</sup> “But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

<sup>17</sup> ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

<sup>18</sup> For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; <sup>19</sup> the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup> “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

For the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**Reflection – Sr Elisa**  
**Jesus, a place of rest.**

When I was in India about 40 years ago, I spent some time with a Catholic religious community a short distance north of Madras. For me it was a rich and challenging experience and a time I loved.

One day I was sitting in the courtyard of the convent when a bullock team, exactly like the one on the front page of the pew sheet came lumbering into the courtyard pulling a very large wooden cart. They did a half circle around the yard and then stopped, and the driver got down and offloaded a bag of something. Then he went up to the bullocks and raised their yokes and the two beautiful animals, lifted their heads and stretched their necks before the yokes were again laid on them and they lumbered out of the courtyard and back on their way.



Whenever I hear the last part of today's Gospel;

'come to me all who are heavy laden and I will give you rest for my yoke is easy and my burden is light'

this is the image which comes to mind and it reminds me that the load which I carry is the load which God has given me and that when he is allowed to be the driver, I am like the bullocks [who between them share the load], and the journey is easier. God is a gentle and kind driver who whilst the load may be heavy, he is always willing to give us rest- and the place of rest is always Jesus himself, when we come to him.

In the context of the overall reading, the focus is on Jesus' identity in relationship to John the Baptist. John is in prison and has been hearing stories about Jesus and the things Jesus had been doing and so John has lost some certainty because the Messiah he'd preached and been looking forward to, had been one of Judgement.

<sup>11</sup> "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

But of course, Jesus' ministry was one of love, compassion, and healing for the poor. So, there was a deep contrast between Jesus' ministry and John's. Part of this is that like John, we don't always give enough recognition that judgement is not simply hellfire and damnation, but comes with love and compassion and therefore is more often saving, easing of burdens and releasing from slavery.

The parable of the children playing in the streets give us another contrast between Jesus and John and their ministries.

Some children play games of funerals and mourning, whilst others play games of weddings and celebrations, the tone of the games are opposite to each other, sad and happy, but both mourning and celebration are good in their place. As children keep things simple by being in the moment, so with Jesus things remain simple. We can stop worrying and live in the present. We do not need to carry everything all the time but leave things which are not our present concern to God. Different moments and different experiences add to the richness of life and build and give colour to each other.

I can see two overlapping issues here. Trying to hold everything all the time instead of being present in the moment and trusting Jesus, as I've just said, and having inadequate expectations of God instead of letting God be God.

The issue for John was that he believed that the Messiah would be different to how Jesus was in his life. Jesus, responding to John's question about who he was, quoted the prophet Isaiah saying:

“Go back and report to John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. <sup>6</sup>Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.”

This is a Messianic statement which reinforces the priority of Jesus as the Son of God, whilst John is still honoured for his mission in the overall story.

The similarities and contrast between Jesus and John are significant, both were living in obedience to God and fulfilling their vocations,

both had to deal with unbelief and rejection of their message by the religious leaders and the secular authorities. Both spoke God's truth and called people to turn from lives of faithlessness and disobedience. One with a more confronting and austere preaching and lifestyle, and the other with a certain sense of festiveness around him, eating with tax collectors and sinners [was the criticism]. But the wisdom of both lifestyles vindicates, both.

Jesus went on to make the point that those who try to be clever, who try to be in control of life can't see God or recognise Jesus, whilst those who know their powerlessness and need, recognise him because he makes himself known to them. They have to let go of their own agendas and control to open up to God as God really is.

The problem for us in this modern world is that we are well educated, we have everything we need and so in some senses unless we are brought to our knees and become vulnerable, we struggle to find or allow God to be there for us in God's gracious way. For us to have a healthy relationship with Jesus, which enables us to find our rest, we need to let go and allow God as God is, to be in the driver's seat of our lives.

I remember seeing an Italian movie once called 'The Tree of Wooden Clogs'. It was about a peasant community living and working on the property of a rich landowner. He was a man of little empathy, but the community worked together and managed a basic living. One woman, who was a widow, had a cow which was essential for her family's survival and the cow became sick. The woman was so desperate that she sought out a priest and had some water blessed and prayed novena's 'to our lady' and then took the water and gave it to the cow and a miracle happened, her cow

became well. It was a terribly emotional and significant moment in the film.

I'm not saying that we need to be that desperate, but our dependence on God needs to be that single minded, the sense that there is nothing else that we can rest on for help, apart from the grace of God. God through Jesus needs to be our first port of call, and our first point of thanksgiving when our prayers are answered. But even deeper than that, when we bring our lives surrendered to him, he embraces us fully. Then we can allow ourselves, in trust, to be directed and led by him, regardless of the burden.

This doesn't remove the wonderful gifts our knowledge has provided through medicine and science, but these things need to be seen as the means through which in our world, God works. Not exclusively by the way, miracles do happen miraculously also.

It also doesn't remove the burdens; it helps us and supports us and gives us times of relief with the burdens we carry. It helps to know that we are with God in whatever circumstance we find ourselves, it supports us to know that God is leading us and directing us in finding our way through, it gives us relief, to have moments when despite the pressures and the burdens we carry, we can take time to just be in the presence of God.

When we are really overwhelmed in life, as many are right now with the issues associated with Covid19, and especially those who have had to go back into restrictions, it really does help to pause and take time to come to Jesus. It is a relieving and restful act. When we do this, everything else falls into perspective and our lives make sense in a way they won't without it. When we rest in him through faith and trust, he will carry the burden of worry and

anxiety from us. When we act as he directs us, we will find rest for our souls in a way that is awesome, no matter how difficult and trying life may get.

This speaks to me personally right now; with all the things I am having to work at in my life. Jesus is saying drop the extraneous stuff and just be with me in it all and you will come through it. When I remember it, I know it, but so often I forget. To remember, means to just take a moment to be in his presence and it all comes back to me in a beautiful, loving, and peaceful way.

Jesus said:

<sup>8</sup> “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

*Silence for reflection.*

*I ask you now to affirm as yours the faith of the Church.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;**

**from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

Loving God, our Friend, Saviour, and Healer, the world is too big for us, the degree of human suffering too great for us, the tangle of cause and effect too complex for us. Prayerfully we place before you a tiny segment of humanity and ask you to bless them well. Then as you bless them, please bless all the other people whose needs are outside our direct knowledge.

We pray for the young people of this church and community, especially for any who find life bewildering and aimless and any who may be contemplating suicide.

Friend, Saviour and Healer, **may your children know your love and strength.**

We pray for the old people of this church and community, especially those who because of illness, frailty or grief, feel that the burden of life far outweighs its remaining joys.

Friend, Saviour and Healer, **may your children know your love and strength.**

We pray for the overworked and the unemployed people of this church and community, especially any who feel that they are trapped in circumstances out of their control such as with Covid19.

Friend, Saviour and Healer, **may your children know your love and strength.**

We pray for grieving members of this church and community, those reeling from death, divorce, loss of job, or family estrangement, especially for those who are live alone and for those who are sick with Covid19 and on our prayer list.

Margaret, Keith, Bert, Mandy, Joyce, Jean, Carmel, Hazel, Heather, Ann, Stephanie, Tamara, Andrew, Aaron, Sue, Vera, Jenny, Jan, Fr Peter, Seth, Corey, Gillian, Pauline and Barrie, Hilary.

Friend, Saviour and Healer, **may your children know your love and strength.**

We pray for members of this church and community who feel that they are victims of misunderstanding our injustice, especially any who may at the point of despair.

Friend, Saviour and Healer, **may your children know your love and strength.**

We pray for members of this church and community who are facing temptations or worries that today seem overwhelming, especially for any who are near breaking point.

Friend, Saviour and Healer, **may your children know your love and strength.**

We pray for members of this church and community who feel at the crossroads between doubt and faith, especially for any who feel too shy or ashamed to talk with a pastor.

Friend, Saviour and Healer, **may your children know your love and strength.**

Most loving God, with our assistance or without it, please reach far beyond the limited circle of these prayers, that the world may draw away all that is defeatist, deranged and diseased, towards the love, mercy and peace of your Son Jesus, our Brother and Redeemer.

**Amen!**

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

### **GREETING OF PEACE**

We are the body of Christ!

**His Spirit is with us!**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you. Amen.**

*[We wave to each other as a sign of peace]*

### **THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

#### *Offertory Prayer*

O loving God, in union with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries gathered to make Thanksgiving, hearing your holy Word and receiving the Precious Body and Blood of your dear Son, we offer you praise and thanksgiving. Even though we are dispersed from tasting the Bread of Heaven and drinking the Cup of Salvation we pray that you will unite us with all the baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us. **Amen.**

#### *The Eucharistic Prayer*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The preface continues...forever praising you and singing:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Eucharistic prayer continues...*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The prayer concludes with ...in songs of never ending praise:*

**Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body in Christ,

**for we all share in the one bread.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,**

**have mercy upon us**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,**

**have mercy upon us;**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

The body of Christ broken for you.

The blood of Christ poured out for you.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION...**

**Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.**

## **THE BLESSING**

May the peace of God which passes all understanding keep your heart and mind in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY** Genesis 25.19-34, Psalm 119.105-112, Romans 8.1-11, Matthew 13.1-9 (10-17) 18-23

### **Diary for the next week**

- 5pm. Tuesday Evening: Zoom Evening Prayer with focus on prayer for Covid19 & our Diocese. All welcome to join us
- 10.30am. Thursday: Holy Eucharist. [register to attend]

## **PLANT SALE**

Gardening Suggestions- succulents continue to grow in any weather and the silver /grey coloured ones are particularly hardy. Plant 2 or 3 varieties (small pieces) in a seedling tray, place in a sheltered place and they will look after themselves. These are good value for \$2 for our sale in the future.

## **METAL DRIVE**

Metal fundraiser has been finalised with \$47-90 being raised. Even though large amounts of steel were cashed in we only received 10 cents /kg - the price dropped significantly in early June. Many thanks to everyone who supported this effort.

## **YEAR'S MIND**

Richard Robertson, Joan Hay, Lyle Kay, Kathleen Sawyer, Louisa Milverton, Frederick Siemering, David Congalaton, Rachel Nichol (5) Charlotte Vickers, Vicki Beaston, Charles Harland, Mary Baylis, Helen Hall (6) Florence Sandlant, Alexander Wilson, Ann Abraham, Ivor Polson, Lorette Everett (7) Lilian Hill, Robert Keddie, Louisa Sharman Marie Robson (8) James Artley, Norm Angow, John Chibnall, Margaret Strickland, Betty McPhee, Peter Crebbin (9) Eric Barnett, Maud Green, John Lorne, Baby Armstrong, Linda White, Richard McAlister, Anna Newberry, Mary Harper, Evie Barnett, (10) Elsie Johnston, William Shephard, Charles Eastwood, Sarah Adam (11)

## **BISHOP'S ANGLICARE APPEAL**

This year's appeal will be directed toward youth engagement programs for youth across Western Victoria, the Community Breakfast Program based at Ballarat and for parish partnership grants for parishes in the Diocese of Ballarat. If you wish to make a donation the details are:

Account Name: Anglican Careforce Ballarat Bishops Appeal Account BSB: 633-000 Account: 158 418 194.

Alternatively, you can specify where you would like your donation to go. For more information please contact Geoff Ryan on 0418628077 or [geoff.ryan@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:geoff.ryan@anglicarevic.org.au) or talk to one of the Ballarat Diocese Steering Committee: Bishop Garry, Marilyn Woodward, Kaye Hanks, Lynette Moore, Robyn Pierce, Heather Scott, Phoebe Nagle, Rosey Bell, Violet Cotsell, Chris Wells, Bill Wood, Constantine Osuchukwu, Geoff Ryan.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

St Paul's AGM will be held on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 11.15am via Zoom. Please send reports to the parish office ASAP.

We will be seeking nominations for Parish Council.

Forms will need to be completed by everyone who wishes to be on the parish electoral roll.

## EGG CARTONS, COFFEE AND SPICE JARS

If anyone has spare egg cartons, I am happy to collect them and pass them onto the many people who are currently looking for these. I am also able to up-cycle Masterfood type spice jars (with lids) to sell for 50 cents each, and Moccona Coffee jars selling for 50c-\$1.00 each. If you are able to remove labels and glue that would be great but not essential. These small amounts add up to tip into our fundraising efforts, and in the current climate people are looking to re-purpose and reduce waste.

Other items worth saving up are jam jars, especially Rose's Marmalade, and sauce bottles, all with lids. These will be in demand next fruit season, and as the old saying goes, are "money for jam". Thank you. Sue Lanyon  
Mob. 0429 092 205

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