



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA



Christ Church
Lavender Bay

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Striving for personal maturity in Christ
Building the body of Christ
Providing hope through Christ

Newsletter

April/May 2021

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Serving God through service to Christ Church



At the 2021 Annual General Meeting, office bearers, from left: Lachlan Edwards, Brian England, Peter Moll, Rod Pearse, Jurgen Joester, Ann Kells, David Wood, Philippa Armfield, Ian Davidson, Helen Chuawiwat, Richard Neal, James Flynn, Penny Morris, Clarrie Stevens

“What a year of challenges it has been, but we are now happily into a brighter 2021, hungry to know God’s love, to grow God’s love and to show God’s love” - Senior Minister **Lachlan Edwards** quoting from our recently refined mission statement during his address at the AGM on the 14th March. At the meeting, 14 faithful servants of Christ were re-elected or newly elected to a wide range of positions (see below). We are blessed to have such faithful members willing to serve our God. For reports from Lachlan and others, click on menu on www.cclb.org.au and then AGM. Included in reports are details of how we are growing our church, and of the selfless deeds of dozens of our brothers and sisters. Amongst our Parish Council, we welcome new member **Peter Moll**. And we thank **Linda Howe, Chris Gilbert and Joc Ibels** who are retiring.

Wardens

Rod Pearse
(Rector’s Warden)

Philippa Armfield

Ian Davidson

Parish Council

Brian England
James Flynn
Helen Chuawiwat,
Jürgen Joester,
Penny Morris,
Peter Moll

Nominators

Anita Barnett, Ann Kells,
Rod Pearse, Philippa Armfield,
Richard Neal

Synod Representatives

James Flynn, Clarrie Stevens

Mission partners to Australia and the world

Mission Partners 2021-2023

Prayerfully, Practically, Financially

Local	National	International
Anglicare (\$4000)	Jim & Natalie Watson (Nungalinga College, NT - BCA) (\$5000)	Erin (E Asia – CMS) (\$9000)
Rev. Edwin Thambyaiyah (Stanhope Gardens Anglican) (\$5000)	North West Australia Training Program Scholarship (\$5,000)	CCD Thailand (\$2000)

We commit to our mission partners in three different ways, prayerfully, practically and financially, covering three areas: local, national and international. We have committed to three years for the six partners. There is a new mission partnership, the NW Australia Diocese to help train newly-arrived ministers. 10% of our income goes to our mission partnerships. Thanks to our Mission Committee for their stewardship.”

April Diary

Fri 2nd 10am Good Friday
5pm The Gathering

Sun 4th 10am Easter Day -Holy Communion
5pm The Gathering

Sun 11th 10am Morning Prayer
5pm The Gathering

Sun 18th 10am Holy Communion
5pm The Gathering

Wed 21st 7am Parish Council

Sun 25th 10am Morning Prayer
5pm The Gathering

Bible Study Groups

Monday nights (fortnightly) Bible Study Group
(Contact Keith & Anne Mason)
Monday nights: Bible Study Group (Contact Geoff Kells)
Tuesday nights: Bible Study (contact Lachlan)
Wednesday nights: Bible Study Group
(contact Jurgen and Diane Joester)
Thursday mornings: Rectory Bible Study
Group (contact Ann Kells)
Thursday nights: Bible Study Group (contact Graeme/Virginia or Conrad)'

Want to join a group? Contact Lachlan.

Buzz from the Bay

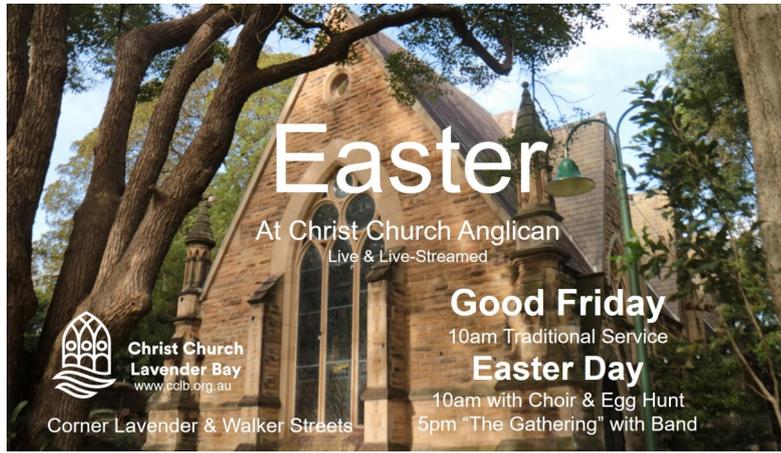
Rev Di Nicolios joins the Pastoral Care Network

As a response to COVID isolation the Pastoral Care Network was developed. Leaders and hosts of Bible Study groups along with other gifted carers ensured that every regular member of our church was regularly contacted and support provided where needed. Di Nicolios has recently joined the leadership team of this now permanent network to offer resources, support and training. Bible Study groups continue to be the first port of call for Pastoral Care support.

New closing date for applications for Assistant Minister

As you know, Christ Church is looking to grow and we are searching for an Assistant Minister and a Church Administrator to support that growth. Closing date for applications has been extended to 18th April. The first role is to assist the Senior Minister in all aspects of Parish Ministry, with specific responsibility for developing each aspect of the new evening church service, and expand our ministry to families and young adults. Please pray for the right persons to join us.

Lachlan's Easter Message



I love Thomas, the doubting disciple. He asks the questions everyone else is afraid to ask. On the eve of his death Jesus told his disciples that he was going away to prepare a place for them, and they knew the way to where he was going. Thomas, understandably, thinks he has missed something: “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus responds: “I am the way and the truth and the life” (John 14: 1-6). I get the feeling that doesn’t clear it up for Thomas. But then the resurrected Jesus invites him to place his fingers in the crucifixion holes in his hands and in his side and the lights come on for Thomas. The way to the Father is through the death of His Son. The truth is that Jesus needed to die in Thomas’ place to open the way. And therefore eternal life comes only through belief in Jesus as Lord and God (John 20:24-28). This Easter, may God help the Thomas in us to understand Jesus as THE way, THE truth and THE life.

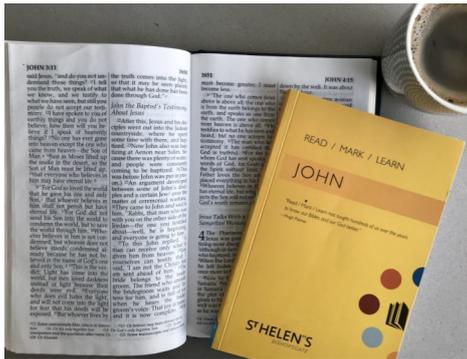
Rev Lachlan Edwards, Senior Minister, Christ Church, Lavender Bay

May Diary

Sat 1st	Tim and Petra wedding
Sun 2nd	10am Holy Communion 5pm The Gathering
3rd-7th	Archbishop's Election
Sun 9th	10am Morning Prayer 5pm The Gathering
Sat 15th	Michael and Isabelle Wedding
Sun 16th	10am Holy Communion 5pm The Gathering
Wed 19th	7am Parish Council
Sun 23rd	10am Morning Prayer 5pm The Gathering
Sun 30th	10am Praise and Prayer 5pm The Gathering

From the AGM

*There were 9642 online views of our streamed services between 1st March 2020 and 1 March 2021
 * Treasurer Brian England and Elvanto coordinator Leisa Davidson both excelled in their respective roles, ensuring that the Christ Church wheels keep turning
 * Last year Chris Gilbert and Jo Kadlecek filmed and produced 29 interviews of members about their faith and love of our church. These were aired each Sunday.
 *The COVID Safety Task Force led by Penny Morris has cleaned twice each Sunday and at special events for going on a year. Give them a well-deserved pat on the back!



Home groups multiplying

One of the most exciting aspects of our church life has been around Bible Study Groups or as some prefer to call them, “Home Groups”. There are now six groups including two new groups launched this year, and a three smaller discipleship groups. Church + Bible Study makes for a more complete Christian life. Give it a try! Call **Lachlan** on 0437150100.

Next Sermon Series: Jeremiah or Acts?

From **Lachlan**: “As I have started to prepare our Jeremiah sermon series, I have begun to grasp the incredible breadth and depth of this Old Testament book. However, I have now realised it will require much more preparation than I have currently allocated and available to do this book justice (how do you do fit 52 chapters into a 7-10 week sermon series?). But all is not lost. After Easter we shall begin to explore the book of Acts. This is the story of the early church, and highlights how God raised up leaders as the gospel went out to all the earth from Jerusalem. This seems most appropriate as in May we elect a new Archbishop to lead us, and as we focus this year on our third area of Mission – “Showing God’s Love,” by proclaiming the good news about Jesus to our community, nation and world.”



Final farewell to Evonne

On 28th February, 90 family and friends of the Reverend Evonne Patterson gathered to pay final respects as her ashes were placed in the church’s Columbarium. Admirers lined up to have their say about one of the finest women to have graced the pages of the history of the Anglican church in Australia. All agreed about her love of God, her Biblical knowledge and her engaging sermons, but it was her axiom to “always have fun” which shone out. We at Christ Church were privileged to have had Evonne with us for those few precious years.

News from THE GATHERING



The band: Christine Fulcher, Jed Haslem, Jo Kadlecek, James Flynn, Beth Douglas, Emmanuel Haslem, Bec Edwards. Absent: Emily Edwards

The Gathering began in late 2018. Then in 2020, God graciously provided a small team of musicians to help with leading contemporary Christ-centred songs and hymns in worship. Throughout the next months, the team has also grown into opportunities for young people to offer and develop their musical talents. Now for each Gathering service, the 'band' includes a variety of voices and instruments (piano, guitar, flute, and an occasional banjo). Their hope? To honour God and to guide the congregation in reflective worship of Jesus.

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