

# OPEN DOOR

## Mid winter 2011

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### From the Vicar

#### Joy and Sorrow

This edition of The Open Door will come to you as we begin the second half of 2011 and as we experience the changing seasons with the cold of winter soon to give way to the beauty and wonder of Spring.

**As a Parish Community we share in one another's lives and journeys and over the past few months we have shared in the joy of a parish wedding and we have supported and encouraged one another in a time of sadness.**

Diana and Michael shared with the parish their joy and happiness on their wedding day and the Sunday following when we gathered in the Church Hall for a reception and celebration.

Our sad time came with the death of Nan Hudson, but it was not really sad in a deeper sense as Nan lived a long and fulfilling life and the service to celebrate her life was joyful and marked especially with fine music, prayer and reflection. Nan's family shared with us her life and the celebration of her love for so many.

#### Stewardship 2011

As I am writing this I am aware that our Stewardship 2011 program is only weeks away and that we will all be receiving an information and response pack in the next few weeks.

In this Parish we run the Stewardship in a three year cycle, this makes planning and especially the budget process much easier and allows the parish to have achievable goals and objectives.

I will not say any more on this in this publication but I do ask that we all keep this preparation time in our prayer.

#### Re-Pitching the Tent

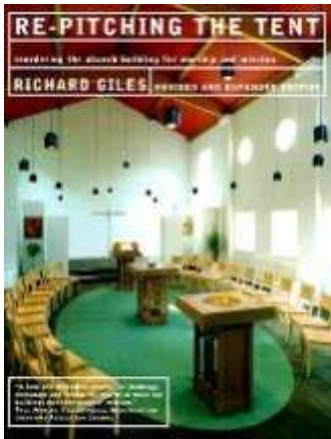
At the Leaders Planning Day held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January I presented a plan to the members of Vestry that would see some fairly radical changes being made to our worship space. My plan is based on the work done by The Reverend Richard Giles who visited us in 2010 and spoke about this way of being Church and especially his book "Re-Pitching the Tent" and I am now preparing a plan to show the parish community where we might go with this idea.

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Church Wardens David Mackay, Bruce Fletcher, Lauri Grace and Vicar + Peter Danaher

*All Saints'  
 for All People  
 All the Time*



The subtitle of this book is *Re-Ordering the Church Building for Worship and Mission* and this is what I want to stress to the Parish. What we are planning is focused on Worship and Mission and indeed in becoming more and more relevant and accessible to the wider community in Newtown and Geelong West. It is my prayer and hope that we will all enter into this challenge.

## 150 The Sesquicentenary 1862 – 2012

In 2012 our Parish will celebrate a most significant milestone; we will celebrate 150 years of ministry and life in this palace.

**The foundation stone of All Saints' Church Newtown** was laid 17<sup>th</sup> June 1862, and the first service in the completed church was held on 8 March 1863.

The celebrations for the 150th will occur in the period between 17 June 2012 and 8 March 2013. The Parish Leadership encourages all parishioners to participate in the activities during this period and to give support to the Sesquicentenary Project.

## Stewardship, Re-Pitching & 150th

These three issues, Stewardship, Re-Pitching the Tent and the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary together speak of growth and optimism for the future of the Parish.

We have an amazing heritage and a generous history of involvement and financial support and we have a challenge to continue, not as we have been but as God calls us to be for the future.

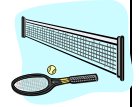
I was asked "Can you guarantee that this Re-Pitching will bring us new people, will it give us growth and new life?" My answer was/is "No I can't guarantee that at all, but I think that I could guarantee that unless we do something we will certainly not be here in 10 to 15 years time let alone 150years.

This will be a challenging time for us all and we will have great opportunity to look forward and prayer-

fully and carefully put in place new ways of being Church.

Change is never easy but I read somewhere many years ago, "*Resisting Change is like Holding your Breath – if you succeed you die.*" Pray that we may be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit in this and in all that we do.

## COURTSIDE COMMENTS FROM THE TENNIS CLUB



Following the Summer season, which saw All Saints' scoring four Premierships (including one Junior Champion team) and creating history by having two All Saints' teams play off in a Grand final, we are now at a stage where our Junior and Senior teams are more than half way through the Winter season and the Ladies team has just finished the Summer season.

The Ladies had quite a successful Summer season, making it to the finals, only to bow out to Stephen's in the Semi final. To date in the current Winter season, All Saints' has three Senior teams and five Junior teams in contention to play in the finals in August

Since the previous Open Door, the Tennis Club has hosted the Crazy Whist Night on 30 April and the Wine, Cheese, Jazz and Art Night on 17 June (which continued on 18 and 19 June). Both of these functions were successful and well supported by the parish, for which we again pass on our sincere thanks. The final outcome of the Art Show is yet to be finalised, as at the time of writing, the wine orders were still coming in. What I can advise is that 16 items of art were sold, which is an excellent result.

**STOP PRESS:** A total of some \$1500 was raised, thank you once again to all who contributed to the success of this function.

**It doesn't end there** – the Tennis Club has notified the Vestry that Ray Dalton (formerly of the ABC's Antiques and Collectables Show) has been engaged to be at the All Saints' Hall on Saturday 3 September, for the duration of the day.

For \$7 each you most treasured items can be given a written appraisal, so it would be a good time to bring those items along, with the prospect of being pleasantly surprised at the value that they hold.

Vestry has agreed that the day is to be a combined parish/Tennis Club effort, so it is planned that the following are to be included: Devonshire Teas, a plant market and a sausage sizzle. There have already been some volunteers who have indicated their willingness to help on the day, but we need the whole parish to get behind this and make it a successful event.

Please indicate your willingness to help in anyway to one of the Wardens (especially with the Devonshire teas or the plant market).

Finally, the Trivia Night is planned for Friday 28 October, with more details to follow at a later stage.

Nigel Wilson

## BOOK GROUP

Members of the Book Group met in May for the **second meeting of 2011** when *'Piano Lessons'* by Anna Goldsworthy was discussed. It was noted that many of the group had attended the recital given by Anna Goldsworthy in Sacred Heart Hall. At the concert there were readings from the book and music from the book played, and as a consequence our discussion was more relevant.

Further meeting times and books for 2011 have been decided upon.

Meeting 3 Tuesday 26 July *'The Wife of Martin Guerre'* by Janet Lewis.

Meeting 4 Tuesday November 8. Book to be decided on at the July meeting

*The wife of Martin Guerre* was first published in 1941 and many households may still have a copy on their bookshelves, since it became a book many students had read in their final year of schooling.

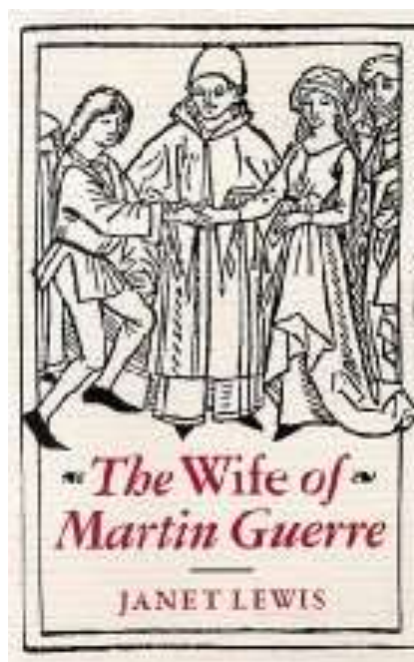
**Paton's Books in Nicholas Street** is happy to order in books if you desire.

The Book depository in the UK is another source of books. ([www.bookdepository.co.uk](http://www.bookdepository.co.uk)) You can order a book(s) and pay NO postage. A paperback copy of *'The Wife of Martin Guerre'* costs no more than AUD\$9.70. There are cheaper copies available.

*The Wife of Martin Guerre* is a short but rich novella. It has the outlines and power of a fable, having become a famous story soon after the basic events of the court case in mid-16th century France, but author Janet Lewis acknowledges her documentary sources. Fables resonate across the centuries and contain something enduring about human experience and archetypal struggles. Lewis, writing in the early 20th century, has used a formal, slightly archaic realist style that emphasises matters of perception that are quite modern. Her novel depicts a distant time and a traditional, rural culture that at first glance are difficult for a 21st-century urban reader to understand. But the highly ordered patriarchal structure is presented both simply and richly. Its survival depends on sustaining a stable, predictable order. Women are the backbone of that order, assuming their roles at the hearth, and men are the benevolent rulers and authority figures who hold responsibility for the management of land, households, and the continuity of the family line.

Please try to obtain a copy of *'The Wife of Martin Guerre'* and remember that all are welcome to join the **All Saints' Book Group**, particularly if you enjoy reading and then following it up with discussion about characters, plots, themes, and literary style.

John Nelson  
For the Book Group



## ALL SAINTS' WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

### CARD DAY ON SEPTEMBER 14TH 2011

In aid of the Cottage by the Sea. From 11am to 3 pm in the All Saints' Hall. There will be a raffle and a stall. Lunch is included in the cost of \$10.00 p.p. If you could make a table of four ( or more) would you please contact either Helen Botterill 5221 1402 or Irma Macauley 5229 3878.

## REFUGEE WEEK

As this has been Refugee week, I want to thank you for continuing to help with your donations of non-perishable food for the Asylum Seeker Refugee Centre in Melbourne. The following is a letter written by one of the refugees who has now settled in Melbourne and is most appreciative of being accepted as an Australian citizen.

The letter has been taken from the Winter Issue of The Human Rights Defender, Amnesty International.

*Jill Everist*

## FACE OF ASYLUM

*from Human Rights Defender Volume 29 No. 3*

Chaman Shah Nasiri, 27

I am a Hazara, minority ethnic group in Afghanistan that is constantly persecuted by the Taliban. When I was a teenager my father was taken to prison and one of my older brothers went missing. I was the youngest son so my family wanted to save me. After I left, my father was tortured so badly that he died in prison. If I stayed in Afghanistan the same thing would have happened to me.

So my family smuggled me out of Afghanistan. I had never been out of the country before and had no passport or papers. I was 19 years old. I had no idea where I was going or what was happening.

I was in Pakistan, Singapore and Indonesia. None of these countries offer protection to refugees. I was at the mercy of the smugglers.

One night I was told to get on a small fishing boat. I thought I was going to die. I had never seen the sea **and didn't know how to swim... now I was sitting in** one boat with 225 people squashed on top of each other. Only after we were at sea did I found out that we were heading to Australia.

We were at sea for two days, then finally a customs boat found us and took us to Christmas Island. I could now apply for asylum.

But there was no freedom and no safety. I was taken to Nauru.

In Nauru I was like a bird without wings. I was trapped and full of worry for the family I had left behind. There was no telephone, internet, no post **for me to find out if they were still alive. We didn't** have enough water or medical supplies.

**I didn't know whether I would ever be released.** Many other asylum seekers developed psychological problems. I remember some people making multiple suicide attempts.

**I don't want anyone, any Australian, any non-Australian,** to live the life I lived as an asylum seeker. I hope the government will consider this.

Finally in 2004, I was granted refugee status and released from Nauru. Now I live in Brisbane with a friend, two dogs and two cats.

I became an Australian citizen in 2010. I am very proud of this. I want my family to be proud.



## ALL SAINTS' MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union meeting planned for July 25th has been cancelled.

A Wave of Prayer will be held at 11am in the chapel on Monday 18th July and the congregation are invited to join us.

## FOR THE BIRDS

*from the Anglican Digest  
written by Arnold Prater*

A group of birds decided to form a church. So they called a meeting and the duck stood up and said, "I think we should require baptism by immersion. It's the only way we can get their pocketbooks wet."

But the rooster said, "No, we should baptize by sprinkling ... many people dislike the embarrassment of getting wet all over."

So the argument was on.

But the parrot said, "I don't think baptism is the important thing ... what we need is a good program!"

All the birds cheered, for everyone knows that a church can't build a reputation for itself without a good rousing program.

Then the mocking-bird said, "What about the choir? We must have a good choir ... and don't forget the organ!"

"Oh," said the thrush, "we don't want an organ, a piano is much better!"

But the titmouse didn't want a musical instrument at all. And the sparrow said it would be just as well if they threw out music altogether.

The goose stood up and said, "What we really need is a preacher who is good with young people. If we don't attract the young people, the other churches in the town will gobble them up for sure!"

But the starling thought it was more important that their preacher be a "good mixer".

And the bluejay figured if the preacher would lay off sin and stuff like that, almost anyone would do ... as long as he was popular among the townsfolk.

But the real wrangle came over the budget. Some thought every one should tithe ... provided they could afford it. Others thought they should do away with collections ... and just have faith.

So finally the owl arose and smoothed his feathers. Everyone grew quiet for they knew he had great wisdom.

"Brothers and sisters," he said, "all these things are secondary. I'll tell you what we need. What we need is sincerity!"

"Yes sir," repeated the owl, quite pleased with himself. "Above everything, we must all be real sincere ... even if we don't mean it!"

**So they formed a church ...**

And it was for the birds.

## STEWARDSHIP 2011

This is a Stewardship Year in the life of the Parish Community. It is three years since we have been asked to consider our giving, financial, material and spiritual.

**We will begin the "Campaign" with a Launch at each service on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August.** This will set a theme for the next three Sundays when we will be asked to prayerfully consider our own response to the call to support the Community of Faith.

**On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August we will celebrate "Mary mother of the Lord" whose great gift brought blessings to us all.**

On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August we will have an opportunity to take forms and response material and on 28<sup>th</sup> we will all be asked to respond by bringing our completed commitments to church to be placed on the Altar during the services.

There will be a Parish Celebration in the Hall following the 10.30 service on 28<sup>th</sup> August when we will celebrate the generosity of the members of the parish in responding to our call for all to be involved in active giving.

In the life of every organisation it is crucial that good financial management underpins the work and/or ministry of the organisation.

The Church is no different in this than any other Business, Club or Society. The big difference is however the fact that the church does not charge an admission fee or ask its members to pay yearly subscriptions. We are open to all who come to us and we are committed to welcoming All people to All Saints'.

The other matter that is peculiar to the Church is **that we are not here for the sake of the "members"** but rather we are here to witness to All People and to be available to all who call on us in times of joy and delight as in times of deep sadness and fear.

The Church is also peculiar in that it plans for and expects the contribution of those who are part of the regular day by day, week by week community. It is this community that provides for the mission and ministry of the church.

The Leaders of the Parish Community need to know as clearly as possible, what the giving of the Community will amount to as it begins to plan for the mission and ministry of the parish for the next three year period.

We will all receive material that will help us in our thinking, praying and preparing for the Stewardship Program.

Please keep the following dates in your diary:

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> August	Launch at all services
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> August	Mary Mother of the Lord
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> August	Distribution of Pledge Cards at all services
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	Commitment Sunday & Celebration

## INTERPRETER GONG

*from Geelong Advertiser 25 June 2011*

**A refugee who spent two decades fleeing Burma's military dictatorship has been honoured for her role as an interpreter in Corio's Karen and Karenni community.**

Malakoh (Annie) Naw Nyo, 47, received a Refugee Recognition Award as part of the Victorian Refugee Recognition Record in Melbourne on Thursday night.

The 47-year old mother of five, who met her husband in a refugee camp, arrived in Australia in 2008 and immediately began learning English.

By the end of that year she got a job as a multicultural education aid at the Geelong Language Centre and Corio South Primary School. Mrs Naw Nyo plays a crucial role in opening communication between local families and school, churches and even Centrelink staff, according to one nominee.

**"Annie is a great networker, and likes to raise the profile of her community by ensuring their involvement in local events such as the Pako Festa and International Red Cross Day," her citation read.**

Multicultural Affairs Minister Nicholas Kotsiras said the record honoured the hard work of all migrants who have contributed to the social, cultural and economic fabric of our community.

## FILM NIGHT

### at St Mary's 'Plaza' Theatre

One of the many recent fund raising ideas contributed by parishioners was a film night at St Mary's 'Plaza' Theatre. The theatre, situated in the Hibernian Hall, is next door to the church office and has seating for 40 people. The films shown there are well-known older ones. We have hired the theatre for the evening of Wednesday October 5th from 7 pm, film commencing at 7.30pm. The film featured is **"Brassed Off,"** a comedy/drama/romance produced in 1996 and starring Pete Postlethwaite, Tara Fitzgerald and Ewan McGregor. The coal mine in a northern English village may be closing, which **would also mean the end of the miners' brass band.** Tickets will be \$15.00 which includes supper following the film. Please keep this date free. Tickets are now available from Jenny Wade 03 5222 4047.





Prayers for Everyday  
 Gracious God, let me always see  
 The beauty of the land,  
 And give me, please, one loyal friend  
**Who'll share and understand**  
 And lift my eyes toward the hills  
 To give me strength once more,  
 Be with me when the days are dark  
 And all my hope restore.  
 Gracious God, let me always find  
 Each day some cheerful thing,  
 And on the journey of my life  
 Be with me through today,  
 And walk with me tomorrow.  
 ... Anon.

All through this day dear Lord,  
 let me touch as many lives as possible for you.  
 And every life I touch please bless  
 with your Holy Spirit,  
 either through the word I speak,  
 the prayer I breathe or the life I live.  
 so shall your Kingdom come on earth,  
 as in heaven.  
 Amen.

*International Prayer of the Mothers' Union*



THE COMMISSIONING OF  
 THE REVEREND RUSSELL TRICKEY

The Vicar, Bishop Peter, and several members of All Saints' Parish, were pleased to be present for the commissioning of our new neighbour, the Reverend Russell Trickey. Russell has come from the Parish of Bangalow, in the Diocese of Grafton, to be Vicar of Christ Church, Geelong.

We look forward to Russell's ministry in Geelong and the Deanery of Corio.

With St Paul's, Latrobe Terrace, Christ Church, Geelong and All Saints', Newtown & Geelong West, we have great opportunities for mission as Anglicans in this city of Geelong.



Dinah and Michael Keary on their wedding day at All Saints' on 27th May, 2011



Vestry Members 2011: (Pictured from left to right) Lionel Tunnell-Jones, Alan Drayton, David Mackay, Michael Keary, + Peter Danaher, John Nelson, Anne Hill, David North, Nigel Wilson, Peter Ihlenfeld, Bruce Fletcher, Lauri Grace and Jenny Wade

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## Regular Liturgies at All Saints'

### Sunday Services

Eucharist	7.45 am	Eucharist
Eucharist	9.15 am	Eucharist for families
Sung Eucharist	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist

### Weekday Services

Monday*	Eucharist	1.15 pm
		<i>*Last Monday of the month</i>
Tuesday	Eucharist	5.00 pm weekly
Wednesday	Eucharist	10.00 am weekly

### Morning & Evening Prayer

daily in the Sanctuary Chapel  
 Morning Prayer 9.00 am  
 Evening Prayer 5.00 pm

*All welcome*

## ***Dates for your diary ....***

### Regular events:

**All Saints' Playgroup 10 am Wednesdays** during  
 school term  
 Community Lunch 12.30 pm First Sunday of  
 Month

### Coming up:

July 18th	<b>11 am Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer - chapel</b>
August 7th	Launch of Stewardship Campaign
August 28th	Celebratory Stewardship Lunch following 10.30 am service - hall
September 3	Tennis Club Antiques Valuation Day/Plant Market/Sausage Sizzle
September 14	<b>11 am Women's Fellowship Annual Card Party in aid of The Cottage by the Sea - Hall</b>
October 5th	<b>7pm Film "Brassed Off" at St Mary's Plaza, Hibernian Hall (next to church office)</b>

### Clergy Days Off

Bishop Peter	Monday
The Reverend Jeremy	Friday
The Reverend Pam	Saturday

*Please do not contact the clergy on their day off.  
 Phone one of the other two available on that day.*