



## MITCHELL RIVER UNITING PARISH

Bairnsdale and Paynesville

Sunday June 30 2019

Peace be with you today! May God fill you up with goodness and grace as you come to worship today!

Before the AFL came into being I used to enjoy going to the Adelaide Oval to watch the SANFL finals and grand finals that were played there.

However, on one occasion when I attended a final being played at Adelaide Oval, I found myself surrounded by crowds of people barracking for the opposition and so when I cheered on one of the players from the team I was barracking for, it was suggested to me that I was in the wrong place and perhaps I should think of moving elsewhere. So I took that advice and found a place where I was among supporters barracking for my own team.

Well in the Bible reading from Luke's Gospel set for today, a man says to Jesus, "I will follow you wherever you go". In reply to him Jesus states: "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head".

And when I thought about that answer of Jesus I realised that it was true. Jesus never owned any property nor did he ever build a house for himself, he simply relied on God to provide all the accommodation that he needed. But the statement of Jesus referring to the fact that he had nowhere to lay his head was also reflective of the fact that his true home wasn't here in this world, he didn't belong here, but his true home was in heaven.

Of course the fact that the true home of Jesus was in heaven, is also quite true for us as his followers. In other words as followers of Jesus we don't really 'belong' to this earth. No, as followers of Jesus this reading from Luke reminds us that we have a true home in heaven - our future lies with God in the Kingdom of God, a very different place than what we experience here on this earth.

Jeff Dart

## **PARISH INFORMATION**

Please read carefully.

From next week (July 7) service times for Bairnsdale will change to **9AM** and service times for Paynesville will change to **11AM**.

These changes will allow Rev Jeff Dart to conduct two services each Sunday, one at Bairnsdale and the other at Paynesville and will negate the necessity of trying to fill vacancies in the preaching plan.

Jeff will still conduct the Chapel service at Bairnsdale on the first Sunday of the month as well as the 9am service at Bairnsdale and these will remain communion services. Lay Preachers from the Paynesville congregation will conduct that service for them. The second Sunday of the month will be Paynesville's communion service that Jeff will conduct.

The idea of Jeff doing two services a Sunday, came from Jeff himself and was accepted at a parish leaders' meeting.

Rev Jeff Dart

### **PIANO CONCERT WITH MICHAEL HARDING, JAZZ AND CLASSICAL PIANIST AT BAIRNSDALE UCA ON SUNDAY JUNE 30TH STARTING 2PM**

Michael is one of Australia's best known and most respected musicians, having spent the past 40 years building his career as a pianist, music director, producer and arranger in all areas of the entertainment industry. Tickets on sale now for \$20 each at Just Books.

All are welcome join the Co-operating Parish of Croajingolong on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July 10 am – 91 years of worship at St. John's Cann River & The Centenary of Bush Church Aid, followed by a shared lunch. For further details please refer to the flyer on the foyer noticeboard.

## **BAIRNSDALE INFORMATION**

**AED (Automated External Defibrillator) training** will occur on Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup> at 2pm and/or Wednesday July 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, in Meeting Room 3 at the Bairnsdale Uniting Church. It is very simple. It has been suggested that 2 people from each of the groups that use the church complex attend the training.

On Thursday July 18<sup>th</sup>, there is an Ecumenical Pastoral Care luncheon at St Mary's Parish Hall, entrance from Nicholson St., at 12 noon. The speaker is Jodie Herbert from 'Vision Australia', which provides visually impaired clients with

much support and help with technological aids that greatly improve their life skills. Everybody welcome to luncheon, please bring a small plate. Enquiries - Pam Cracknell.

Rosters	30.06.19	07.07.19 9.00 am	14.07.19 9.00 am
Worship Asst.	Parish Service at Paynesville, followed by a special morning tea.	M Cassidy	P Cracknell
Reader		J Morrissey	W Podger
Stewards		D Dunn, P Dawkins	J Hopkins P Trewin
Morning Tea		Ladies	Men

**PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH, PRESBYTERY AND BEYOND**

PARISH: Ministry Team: Rev Jeff Dart and Rev Kharis Abadani as she moves back to Melbourne.

Pray for our farming families - rain and mental strength as the drought continues.

Safe travelling for our parish friends, and our extended families

People who are grieving within our communities

Parish friends who are now living in nursing homes/hostels - Opal, Maddocks Gardens, BUPA and Eagle Manor

People who have asked to be listed on our prayer list: Jewitt Family, Jeeves Family, Robyn Butson, Sue Bayley, Rev Rowena Harris, Lorna Hawkey and Ryan Pavel.

PRESBYTERY: For the Synod meetings, for all members from each of the Presbyteries who will attend; For incoming moderator, Rev Denise Liersch

BEYOND: UCA Funds Management staff

**LECTIONARY READINGS**

June 30 Pent 3 (13)	2 Kings 2: 1 -2, 6 -14	Psalm 77: 1 -2, 11 -20
	Galatians 5: 1, 13 -25	Luke 9: 51 – 62
Jul 7 Pent 4 (14)	2 Kings 5: 1- 14	Psalm 30
	Galatians 6: (1- 6) 7 – 16	Luke 10: 1 – 11, 16 -20



Space for your notes from today's sermon:

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## **Sunday June 30 – *please keep all these meetings in your prayers***

**9.30 am Parish Worship Service – Kharis and Ben Farewell service**

2 pm POMEQ Event - Piano concert with Michael Harding

Mon July 1 9.30 am Banner Craft Group - Bairnsdale

1 pm Days for Girls Craft - Community Work Centre Bairnsdale

Tues 2 9.30 am Coffee and Chat at “Easy Eats” Bairnsdale

Thurs 4 7 pm Ecumenical Meditation Group - Chapel at Bairnsdale

Fri 5 8.30 am Prayer Meeting - Paynesville

## **Sunday July 7**

8.00 am HC Chapel Worship at Bairnsdale – Rev Jeff Dart

**9.00 am H C Worship at Bairnsdale - Rev Jeff Dart**

**11.00 am** Worship at Paynesville – Lay Ministry

Upcoming events:

Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup> and/or Wednesday July 10<sup>th</sup> AED Training – see note inside the newsheet.

## **CHANGES TO WORSHIP TIMES START FROM JULY 7<sup>TH</sup> NEXT SUNDAY**

Bairnsdale Chapel Worship remains at 8 AM. Bairnsdale Worship Service changes to 9.00 am. Paynesville Worship Service changes to 11.00 am.