

Prayer Points

Thanksgiving

- For the generous support and skill of Leo and Jannick as they make repairs to St Aidan's.

Petitions

- Peter, Summer, Helen, Lorna, Debbie, Kaye, Chris, Rita, Marion, Paige and their families.
- For Samantha, Glen and the family of Jean Ash as they prepare for her funeral.
- Those affected by COVID 19, especially the sick and dying.



Up Coming Events

- Services—Small services are resuming at the usual times in all centres.
- Bible Study— There is no Bible Study this week due to Jean's Funeral.
- Parish Council— Monday 13th July, 1 pm.
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The Lighter Side of Life



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**Anglican Parish of the
Otways**

Greetings in the name of Jesus.

I hope you have been enjoying the beautiful sunny days we have been blessed with. It always adds a cheery atmosphere to the cold days of winter.

We are having issues with the parish land line and with reduced technicians available due to COVID19 I have been unable to get the help I need to fix it. As a result, please use the parish mobile number on the front of this newsletter when trying to get in contact with me.

We said our farewells to Jean on Wednesday and it was terrific to remember the many and varied memories of Jean we hold dear. Please remember her family as we finally are able to lay her body to rest this week.

Leo and Jannick have been working to repair the window and northern wall of the hall in Apollo Bay. They are almost finished and preparing to move on. It has taken them over two weeks to repair this one wall and we are grateful for their generosity as we would have struggled to find the money to pay for their time and skill. Please pray for them as they leave us and begin to try to head home to Germany.

Blessings Jenny.



Prayer of the Week

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.**

Readings. **Matthew 11: 15-19; 25-30**

Reflection

When you say – “I can’t solve this;” **God tells you** - “I will direct your path” (Proverbs 3:5-6)

When you say – “It’s impossible”; **God tells you** – “Everything is possible” (Luke 18:27)

When you say – “I feel alone”; **God tells you** – “Never will I leave you or forsake you” (Hebrews 13:5)

When you say – “I can’t do it”; **God tells you** – “You can do everything through him who gives you strength” (Philippians 4:13)

When you say – “I don’t deserve forgiveness”; **God tells you** – “I have forgiven you” (1 John 1:9; Romans 8:1)

When you say – “I am afraid”; **God tells you** – “Do not fear, for I am with you; I will strengthen you and help you” (Isaiah 41:10)

When you say – “I am tired”; **God tells you** – “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28-30)

When you say – “No one really loves me”; **God tells you** – “I love you” (John 3:16; 13:34)

When you say – “I don’t know how to go on”; **God tells you** – “I will show you the path” (Psalm 32:8)

When you say – “What path does God have for me”; **God tells you** – “My beloved Son Jesus Christ” (John 14:6; 1 Timothy 2:5; Acts 4:12)

And when you want to know everything else that God wants to tell you; Read the Bible (2 Timothy 3:15-17)

Jesus said, “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.” (Matthew 11:29)

The Lord be with you.