

**March 2018**

## Confirmation at Christ Church

On Sunday 21 January the Bishop visited Strathalbyn to confirm three young people during the usual Sunday morning Eucharist.

This is quite a milestone as it is seventeen years since the last Confirmation was held in the Church.

The confirmees were supported by their families and sponsors who joined the congregation for morning tea in the hall at the conclusion of the service.



Em, Brodie and Sam with their families and sponsors and Bishop John after the service.

## New Assistant Priest



Daniel and Jasamine Irving

On Wednesday 24 January the Bishop commissioned the Reverend Daniel Irvine as an Assistant Priest in the Parish of Mount Barker, a ministry which will also extend to the churches in and around Strathalbyn.

They will be living in Blakiston but Jasamine will continue as Bishop's Secretary and Registry Clerk at the Diocesan Office in Murray Bridge.

We have already had the opportunity of welcoming them both to the Parish.

## Lenten Studies

On Wednesday mornings after the 9.30 Eucharist we have been looking at the the Gospel for the following Sunday using material prepared by the SA Council of Churches with the title 'A Lenten Pilgrimage to the Heart'.

# Holy Week & Easter



### PALM SUNDAY

25th March

8.15 am St John's  
10.00 am Christ Church

### MONDAY

26th March

7.00 pm St George's

### TUESDAY

27th March

11.00 am House of Hospitality

### WEDNESDAY

28th March

9.30 am Christ Church  
7.00 pm Tenebrae  
"The Service of the Shadows"

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

29th March

7.00 pm Christ Church

### GOOD FRIDAY

30th March

8.15 am St Mary's  
10.00 am Christ Church

### EASTER EVE

31st March

7.30 pm St Mary's  
"The Service of Light"

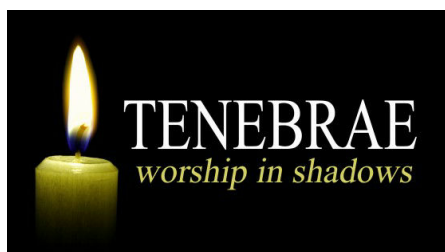
### EASTER DAY

1st April

10.00 am Christ Church







**Wednesday in Passion Week,  
28th March, 7.00 pm.  
in Christ Church, Strathalbyn.**

The service of Tenebrae, meaning "darkness" or "shadows," has been practised since medieval times.

Once a service for the monastic community, Tenebrae later became an important part of the worship of the common folk during Holy Week. We join Christians of many generations throughout the world in using the liturgy of Tenebrae.

Tenebrae is a prolonged meditation on Christ's suffering. It is often held earlier in Passion week to enable us to journey with Jesus, listen and reflect, as the shadows approach and he prepares for his path of suffering.

Readings are from the psalms and gospels, music portrays his pathos, and the power of silence and darkness evoke the drama of the approaching sacrifice.

As lights are extinguished, we ponder the depth of Christ's suffering and death; and through the return of the small but persistent flame of the Christ candle at the conclusion of the service, we anticipate the joy of his ultimate triumph

## Diocesan Prayer

Lord Jesus,  
you call each one of us  
to be your disciple and friend;  
help us to journey with you  
on the way of life toward the Father.  
Enable us by the Spirit to discover  
not only the fullness of who you are,  
but also the fullness of life  
you offer to each one of us.  
Amen.



## Mothering Sunday

As you can see in the picture we celebrated Mothering Sunday at Christ Church with the traditional flowers and Simnal Cake. We give thanks for all those who exercise a mother's care and remember those for whom this is a difficult time—those who don't have or have lost children, those whose children are far away from them and those who have lost their Mother or who are separated from them.



## Good Companions

Good Companions is a monthly get together in Christ Church Hall, always on the last Friday of the month.

Bring your own drinks and nibbles starting at 6.00 pm, then sit around and meet old friends or make new ones.

As you can see below it is a wonderful way of getting to know each other better and meeting as good companions.



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**Saturday 24th March  
in the House of Hospitality**

*Love is repaid by love alone....*

"The mystics' overwhelming experiences are full body blows of the Divine loving them, God radically accepting them. And they spend the rest of their lives trying to verbalize those experiences, invariably finding ways to give that love back through forms of service, compassion, and nonstop worship. But none of this is to earn God's love; it's always and only to return God's love. Love is repaid by love alone." (Richard Rohr – *Seeing God in all things*)

The day will commence at 10.00 am and finish at 3.45 pm. There will be reflection times during the day and the day will finish with a closing liturgy.

A beautiful way to spend a quiet day listening and loving our Lord and preparing to walk with him during the journey of Passion Week.

Please contact Margo on 0466 539 749 to register or for further information.

For those unable to come on the day, reflection materials can be sent out for you.