



## Mornington & Mount Martha Anglican Church

### MMMAnglican eNewsletter

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#### - FROM OUR VICAR -

**Ten things any church can do to grow:**

Here are 10 things that ANY church – no matter its size or budget, worship style or denomination – can do to help ensure it will grow numerically. I honestly can't envision a scenario where any of these 10 could not be pursued and, if they haven't yet been pursued, wouldn't result in increased growth.

- 1. Prioritize Children.** Your children's ministry is arguably the greatest growth engine you can invest in to reach families. Period.
- 2. Get a Website.** There is no excuse for a church to not have a website. They are so easy to create, so cheap to sustain and absolutely the way people will first explore your church.
- 3. Be Friendly.** I don't mean friendly to people you know, or friendly to people you like, or friendly to people who are like you. I mean friendly to all people.

**4. Pursue Excellence.** Excellence is doing the best you can with what you have. This means it's not about the amount of money, talent or resources you have to work with, but how you work with the amount of money, talent and resources you have.

**5. Become Sensitive.** Meaning become sensitive to what it's like to come to your church as someone who isn't a Christian, hasn't been to a church before, and doesn't know anything about the Bible. Think through what it would be like for that person to attend your church, and then think about how you could be a little more... sensitive.

**6. Act Bigger.** If you have 75 people in average attendance and act like a 75-attender church, you will stay a 75-attender church. The key to becoming a 200-attender church is to prepare and act like one beforehand. Whatever your current size, think bigger.

**7. Stay Biblical.** If you are a Christian church, be a Christian church. That means unapologetically going to the Bible and then going *with* the Bible—not to mention *how* the Bible applies to life. Otherwise you have nothing to offer the world that it does not already have.

**8. Encourage Inviting.** The number one reason growing churches grow is because their current attenders are inviting, and leaders are honouring those inviters by creating a culture of invitation.

**9. Stop Fighting.** Jesus said the one thing that would arrest the attention of the world is a Church that is unified in love. Which means the one thing that would most repel the world is a Church that is divided in acrimony.

**10. Start Praying.** Wait... you haven't unleashed the most powerful church growth tool of all?

James Emery White

Every blessing, Vicar Helen

### OUR MISSION:

Growing the Kingdom of God in Mornington & Mount Martha by: Nurturing people in FAITH, Living as people of HOPE, & Connecting as people of LOVE

**MISSION RESOURCING:** Offertories to end of October 2019

YTD budget: \$7628.10      YTD actual \$6398.60

**ADF DIRECT GIVING:** BSB      703122 ACC      05004697

### - This week in the parish -

<b>Mon 2 -</b>	10:00am GAPS Playgroup
<b>Tues 3 -</b>	10:00am mainly music™
<b>Wed 4 -</b>	10:00am The Mornington
<b>Thur 5 -</b>	11:00am MU Australia – Pamela's home
<b>Fri 6 -</b>	5:00pm Gardening Group 6:00pm NextGen Youth Group
<b>Sat 7</b>	3:00pm Outreach Events Sub-Committee Meeting

**- Service Times Next Week -**

<b>8:30am</b>	Traditional Service (Sung Eucharist) - St Peter's church
<b>9:45am</b>	<b>Combined Morning Tea - Parish Hall</b>
<b>10:30am</b>	Casual / modern Service style (Eucharist) - Parish Hall

**- Coming up -**

- Next Luncheon Outreach Group Tuesday 26 November
- Next Men's Group Tuesday 10 December
- Next Coffee Outreach Group Thursday 12 December
- Next Outreach Dinner Group Friday 13 December
- Next Outreach Events Planning Meeting 3:00pm Saturday 14 Dec
- Next Ministry of Care Meeting Tuesday 17 December
- Next Order of St Luke Meeting Thursday 18 December
- Next Wardens meeting 4:30pm Monday 20 January

**- PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK -**

- We give thanks for the vision God has entrusted to us. May we listen for his voice and follow wherever and however he leads us.
- We give thanks for others who have caught our vision and are joining us to grow God's kingdom in this place.
- We pray for the families who have signed up for mainly music™
- That our strategic planning and decisions will help us to further develop the mission and vision you are calling us to, enable us to reach those who need it, and help us to grow the kingdom of God in this place.
- That we might overcome any obstacles as we pursue our vision
- That we may have generous hearts, reflected in the giving of our time, talents and treasure towards building up God's kingdom in this local area.
- Staff, management & residents of Andrew Kerr Aged Care Facility.
- Ministry Formation – Ongoing Ministry Development
- Ecumenical – Mornington Christian Church
- The ministry of ABM with Internally Displaced People, Asylum Seekers & Refugees.
- The ministry of Anglican Overseas Aid in Ethiopia (Mother support).
- The ministry of BCA in Gulargambone NSW (chaplain).
- The ministry of CMS in Middle East (learning culture).
- The ministry of Mothers Union in Namibia (female mortality)

### **- PRAYER LIST -**

Alan, Giselle, Patrick, Tania, Sandy, Deborah, Lauren, Suzanne, Beth & Anna, Sue T, William, Leanne, Val Sh, Ken, Heather, Anne, Joyce, Brian, Bette & family, Jan & Rowley, Peter & family, Bruce, Andrew, Angie, Jennifer, Rose, Roberta & family, Ron, Don & family, James & Heather, Paul, Claudia, James & family, Jan & family, Pat & Linda, Liz, Clara & Tilly, Chris & Brian

### **CONTACT DETAILS**

Have you moved? Are you new? Has your phone number changed? Do you have a new email address? Do we have current next of kin details if you become unwell? Please ensure that we have current details for you. If you're not sure, please fill out a Membership Details form. Thank you.

### **- From Our Memorial Book -**

We give thanks for the life and witness of Mary Hucks, Keith Mander, Duncan Moodie, Donald Harris & Kathleen Breheny, whose anniversary of death falls this week. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

### **- We Commemorate This Week -**

**2 Dec** - *Francis Perry, founder of Royal Women's Hospital (d. 1892)*

**3 Dec** - *Francis Xavier, priest & missionary (d. 1552)*

**4 Dec** - *Nicholas Ferrar, deacon & man of prayer (d. 1637)*

**6 Dec** - *Nicholas of Myra, bishop & philanthropist (d.c. 342)*

**7 Dec** - *Ambrose of Milan, bishop & teacher (d. 397)*

### **- We celebrate -**

**Birthdays:** (5<sup>th</sup>) Magdalene W, (8<sup>th</sup>) Joyce F

**Anniversaries:** (3<sup>rd</sup>) Anne & Rob M, (6<sup>th</sup>) Jim & Lyn T

**Ordination Anniversary:** (8<sup>th</sup>) Vicar Helen

### **- Prayer of the Week -**

Eternal God, through long generations  
you prepared a way for the coming of your Son,  
and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths:  
renew us in faith and hope  
that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts

and claim our love; to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

**- Readings Next Week – Advent Two (Purple)**

Isaiah 11: 1 - 10          Psalm 172: 1 – 7, 18 - 21

Romans 15: 4 - 13      Matthew 3: 1 - 12

**WE DON'T LIKE TO TALK ABOUT IT, BUT . . . .**

Did you know we provide booklets to assist you with the difficult task of planning your funeral. Make sure that family and your church know what is important to you. Need help? Just ask.