

**ALMOST NOT POSTPONED?**



## News Letter

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### "The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord"

*... but foundation stones are also important*

The picture shows the laying of the foundation stone of the Cheltenham Methodist Church on Saturday, 22 October, 1921 (now our church hall) by Mrs. Fanny Woff (referred to as Grandma Woff)

Her name is engraved on the stone which was placed in position.

Mrs. Woff was presented with a silver trowel by Mr. L.H. Butterworth, the contractor. Addresses were delivered by the Revs. A.P. Bladen, R. Bayles,

E. Tonkin (Minister of the church), and Mr. J.J. Whitehead. Liberal donations were placed on the stone. The building, which occupied a commanding central site, was completed and opened on Sunday, 5 February 1922.

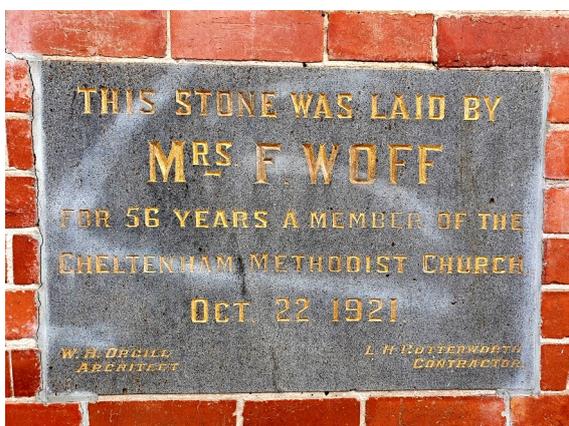
*... Our thanks to Graeme Wood for the photograph and information*



One of the greatest hymns in our heritage of faith, **'The Church's One Foundation'**, was written in the 1860's by an Anglican parish priest and hymnodist, The Rev. Samuel Stone. His great hymn was born out of a passionate defence of not only the poor and vulnerable, but also of his faith when halfway around the world a controversial Bishop in South Africa, John Colenso, was openly questioning Moses' authority of the first five books of the Bible. While Bishop Colenso was officially rebuked and disciplined, his controversial views on Biblical authority and the articles of the Apostle's Creed reverberated throughout the Church of England and the Anglican church in many countries causing confusion amongst the simpler worshippers of many parishes. Stone (Born in 1839) was also known to be a little menacing due to his athletic build and sometimes not so gentle way of dealing with inequity, including his confrontations with those he felt bullied and took advantage of others but his passion for defending the vulnerable never escaped his convictions and way of doing things.

Samuel Stone's response to this controversy was to write a series of hymns in a volume called the *Lyra Fidelium, Twelve Hymns on the Twelve Articles of the Apostle's Creed*. 'The Church's One Foundation' was written to embrace the ninth article of the Apostle's Creed, *I believe in the holy catholic church . . . because as Samuel Stone saw the church being 'rent asunder by heresies oppressed' with someone else's confusing doctrine. He wanted his flock and the flocks of surrounding churches to continue to find comfort and surety in what the Apostle's Creed taught them. Of his Lyra Fidelium "The Church's One Foundation" remains the only hymn that continues to be loved and widely sung! Samuel Stone based his hymn on 1 Corinthians 3:11: "For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ." And his continual reference to the unity of Christ and the church as 'she' or 'her' implies an intimate relationship expressed in the image of the bridegroom and the bride where Christ is the bridegroom and we, the church are his bride. (Mark 2:19, John 3:29, Matthew 22:1-14)*

'The hymn tune for 'The Church's One Foundation' was composed by London born Samuel S. Wesley (born in 1810) who was the grandson of beloved hymn writer Charles Wesley. The hymn tune is called AURELIA, the Latin word for 'golden' was first written as the tune for the hymn 'Jerusalem the Golden', but was chosen as the hymn tune for 'The Church's One Foundation' at the 1868 Lambeth Conference of Bishops, and continues to be the hymn tune that we so love to sing today and throughout the world.



In reflection, there is no doubt that we as the Bride of Christ struggle to reflect the love of Christ to the world in being faithful witnesses in a time of COVID-19, loss of jobs, income, some who mourn the loss of loved ones, disrupted relationships of family and friendships and the pain of so many divides in communities and in churches we still long for all to see peace and unity found in the living hope that we know in Christ. We are built on a firm foundation that is Christ Jesus and one day we will see 'the night of weeping become the morn of song rejoicing in the brilliant presence of the Bridegroom, Jesus Christ!

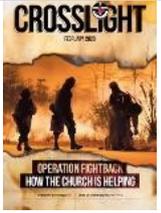
*By Rob Durocher, Deacon, Minister of Worship and the Arts  
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Left: The Cheltenham Methodist Church foundation stone*



## Bible Readings for November 14th Pentecost 25 (the readings used in our service may differ slightly)

1 Samuel 1:4-20 1 Samuel 2:1-10 Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25 Mark 13:1-8

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Print copies of CROSSLIGHT usually available at the entrance of the Black Rock Uniting Church. Latest CROSSLIGHT now available from David Vine, 4 Jemma Ct. Cheltenham 9583 7373.

### Prayers of the People

We pray especially for -

Dawn's daughter Carol  
Margaret Bryan  
Robert (Joan Wright's brother)  
Pete, Bruce & Valda (friends of Jo-ann & David)  
Anita and Rod  
Barb Loosemore  
Isobel Churchward

Stuart as he struggles with addiction  
Janine and June Bartholomeusz (Jenny & Cec thank you for your prayers)  
Audrey Fewster  
Margaret's neighbour Joan  
Grace Fairbank

Gemma and Teresa  
Heather (daughter of close friend of Graeme & Joan)  
Tina and her two teenage sons (also friends of Graeme & Joan)  
Susan Bartell  
Bronwyn  
Gloria Sampson & Family



## Your Weekly Offering

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS:** Thanks to everyone who have continued to make their weekly offering.

**Envelopes:** You may do this by putting your pledge in the envelopes and bring them to church.

**Direct Debit:** (include your envelope number if applicable)

Payee "Uniting Church in Australia Cheltenham Mentone Parish Council", BSB 06 3119, Account Number 1014 1206

## Church on the Internet - Sunday 10am (doors open 9:45 am)



If you don't have Zoom on your computer/laptop/iPad/Smartphone, click on <https://zoom.us/support/download>

Then click on this link below or the "Sunday Church" image to join our Service -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85247373230?pwd=WIM2UHJEemFWS3RScnNqM3puaGdZdz09>

Otherwise open Zoom and enter the following - **Meeting ID: 852 4737 3230 Passcode: 836844**

You can also join us on your phone by dialling **03 7018 2005** and entering the above meeting details.

The above link and meeting details apply for all our services until the **December 26th 2021**.



## Videos on the Internet

**NEW** YouTube Channel; Follow this link or click on the YouTube logo

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCH-y4pZ\\_f\\_lezegzNZi6nnQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCH-y4pZ_f_lezegzNZi6nnQ)

to view selected sermons and service preludes



## Social Collection Department

**BayCISS** - collection of goods by Graeme & Joan Wood has recommenced. Leave goods with them at 66 Bernard St. Cheltenham, or call them (Graeme & Joan Wood) on 9555 0462 (BayCISS contact number 9555 9910)

From BayCISS "Many thanks to all those who continue to drop off food parcels".

**Emerge** - Financial help is the best way to help - Cheques to - GPO Box 420 Melbourne VIC 3001 or donate via the website [www.emergesupport.org.au](http://www.emergesupport.org.au) Emerge welcomes vouchers for supermarkets or art materials which children could use at home - materials, pencils, colouring books etc. Margaret Bode is happy to take items to the Moorabbin office if you leave them at her home, 16 Monaco Street Parkdale.

"Our fine four legged friends"

