

Thursday 2 May 2024

10:15 am

“The Fire at Notre Dame: What happened?
Where are they up to? And when will it open?”

Speaker: Rev John Baldock

Trained long ago as an Anglican Priest, John left full-time church work in 1989 to embark on an international career in conflict resolution, interreligious relations, and development in many parts of the world.

While working in New York, John was appointed as a founding member of UNESCO’s Interreligious Advisory Committee, an organisation he worked closely with for many years. In 2000, he worked in Jakarta as a Senior Advisor to President H.E. Abdurrahman Wahid, on the establishment of a national Truth and Reconciliation Commission in Indonesia.

John participated in various Federal Government efforts to promote understanding between faiths in the Asia Pacific area, representing the Anglican Church. He was a Deakin Lecturer in 2004. John has a daughter in Paris and has visited the city once or twice a year for much of the last two decades, at least until Covid19.

Rev John Baldock is the Minister at Christ Church, South Yarra.



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**COFFEE MORNING
PROGRAM**

**March - May
2024**

**Meetings are held in the Church Hall
with morning tea at 10.15 am**

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Thursday 7 March 2024

10:15 am

**“A visit to The Salvation Army
Heritage Centre, Melbourne”**

Our outing this year is a visit to the Salvation Army Heritage Centre at 69 Bourke St, Melbourne. This visit will include a tour of the Centre and a talk about The Salvation Army Project 614.

All are welcome, no need to RSVP. Please meet outside 69 Bourke Street at 10.15am. Trams 86 and 96 and Parliament Station are the nearest public transport options. There is paid undercover parking at First Parking, 34-60 Little Collins Street which is directly behind the Heritage Centre - walk up Westwood Place. The visit will start with coffee/tea and there are many places nearby for lunch together afterwards.

The museum is accessed by a lift to the 4th floor in an historic building the Salvation Army has owned for over 100 years, which includes their Citadel - used for public worship and meetings. On show are uniforms, books, photos, souvenirs of early outback aircraft ministries, World War 2 ministries and brass band paraphernalia. The Limelight Studios are of particular interest. This is where many Salvation Army silent movies were produced, including "Soldiers of the Cross" (the world's first multimedia presentation of silent movie clips, lantern slides and live music) in 1900.

As Salvation Army officers, Majors Brendan and Sandra Nottle have been appointed as a couple to work in Melbourne. From 2003, they began to organise a project now known as *Project 614*, a missional order amongst the poor. They work with a team of 1000 volunteers to help people who are homeless, or suffering from mental health issues, addiction or social poverty.

Thursday 4 April 2024

10:15 am

**“The Gospel of Mark”
Speaker: Rev Dr James Donaldson**

Rev Dr James Donaldson has a special interest in The Gospel of Mark starting his research at University. He graduated from the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Arts, a post-graduate Bachelor of Divinity, with First Class Honours and with the award of the University Medal in 1969. Later, he studied for the degree of Master of Theology in Melbourne, and a Doctorate in San Francisco in the USA in 1979.

From its previous position of being regarded as a simple and historical record of the life of Jesus, the Gospel of Mark is now a major focus of vigorous and creative debate and discussion.

The Gospel of Mark represents the oldest existing narrative about the life and work of Jesus, and owes its present form and structure to the work of an author Mark, who both collected some earlier materials circulating in the first century, both of an oral and written kind, before shaping it up into its present structure. Mark thus interprets and moulds the actions and words of Jesus to present his gospel to show that Jesus is both the anointed Messiah of God and one who is commissioned by God at his baptism to bring in the new age of the reign of God.

This will lead into three more Bible Studies to look at Mark's gospel in detail. Please come to these interesting Thursday morning sessions at 10.15am in the Pawsey Room: ((2) 11th April (3) 9th May (4) 16th May

Rev Dr James Donaldson is one of two ministers who will lead the worship services at Auburn in 2024.
