

## WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

Christ Church Mission's Community Centre is committed to creating a welcoming, inclusive and supportive environment for all members of our community.

We recognise that poverty of resources and poverty of relationships can lead to social exclusion; therefore, our Centre offers opportunities for social interaction and personal growth.

We are the social justice arm of Christ Church Parish with a focus on decreasing isolation, fostering relationships and enabling our participants to become more involved in their local community.

We have a small staff who are supported by over fifty volunteers. We provide emergency relief, food parcels, a community dinner, material aid and socially inclusive activities.

## DONATIONS

We gratefully accept donations to support our purpose and work. Please donate online at [GiveNow](#) or by mail to PO Box 1221, St Kilda South 3182. Donations of \$2 and more are tax deductible



## VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers are a key and fundamental component of our ability to provide ongoing programs, activities and support.

We value our volunteers, who come from a wide range of ages, backgrounds and cultures.

Our priority is to encourage people who come in contact with the centre to become volunteers. Their involvement often gives them a feeling of self-worth, sense of purpose and they develop new skills.

We encourage people to contact us about volunteering opportunities

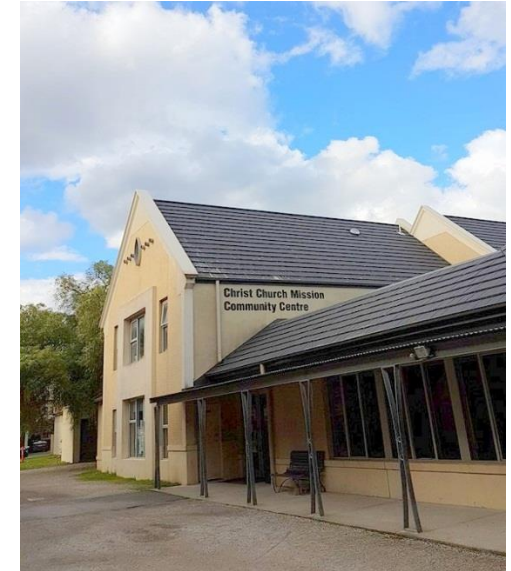
## VENUE HIRE

We have special rates for community groups looking for a space to meet, to run an activity or event, or need a catering kitchen.

## CONTACT US

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## COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

### Open House Dinner

Our dedicated volunteers prepare and serve a free three course meal at the Community Centre each Thursday from 5.30pm to 7pm. The meal consists of soup, a main course, bread, salad and a dessert. Ingredients are sourced from Foodbank, Second Bite and a local bakery.

Last year we served more than 20,000 meals.

### Emergency Support

We provide food and toiletries for people in need. This material aid is available from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. In 2021 over 5,000 people were helped by this program.

A steadily increasing number of those accessing this program identify themselves as homeless.

### The Little Pantry

With the help of local residents, the Little Pantry provides some basic food items when our Centre is closed. The Little Pantry is located on the vicarage gates at 14 Acland Street. The message of the Little Pantry is 'Take if you need, give if you can'.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

### Neighbour Connect

We provide support for local elderly women who are struggling with complex health issues and restricted social networks. A weekly chair-based yoga exercise is followed by an informal get-together with lunch and an activity to help improve their English language skills.

### Garden Nomads

Our Centre recruits and supports volunteers to assist frail, elderly or disabled local householders who are struggling to maintain their gardens. Our help often enables them to continue to live independently in the community.

## OUR SUPPORTERS



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We build genuine relationships through community participation. To be involved contact us on (03) 9534 9250 or [communitycentre@ccm.org.au](mailto:communitycentre@ccm.org.au)

## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

### Men's Group

Our inclusive weekly support group for men held helps those who join in to create social connections while also providing guidance with mental health wellbeing.

### Quilting

Our quilting group consists of beginners and experienced quilters who share their skills and ideas. Sewing machines, a stash of fabrics and other quilting equipment is available for use. Newcomers are welcomed.

### Preserving Project

We use fruit and vegetables that are surplus to the meals program to make delicious chutneys. The money raised from our chutney sales has helped purchase much needed kitchen equipment.

### Community Kitchen Garden

Our volunteers grow a variety of vegetables and herbs for the weekly Open House Dinner as well as plants for our monthly plant sale. Work in the garden provides an opportunity for local people of different backgrounds and ages to get to know each other.