

Service Times

Sunday Services as from 28th May, 1967, at the Methodist Church, Greenwood Avenue.

7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

9.00 a.m. Parish Communion.

7.00 p.m. Evening Prayer.

Church School — Sundays —

9.00 a.m. KINDERGARTEN (Age 3 to 5)
PRIMARY (Grades 1 to 2)
Ringwood State School.

11.00 a.m. JUNIOR (Grades 3 to 4)
INTERMEDIATE (Grades 5 & 6)
Methodist Church Hall.

9.00 a.m. SENIOR - SEABURY (Forms 1 - 4)
Methodist Church — then in
teachers' homes.

Secretary: Mr. R. R. Hedding,
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progress in fellowship



History of the Ringwood Church of England

Approximately 100 years ago the first Anglican Services were held in farm houses, many of them being taken by lay readers from Doncaster.

In 1879 the first church was erected opposite Daisy's Hotel on the corner of Mt.

Dandenong and Whitehorse Roads and dedicated to St. Paul, Apostle and Martyr.

This wooden building was sold in 1915 and a new place of worship, built of Tasmanian hardwood, was erected on the site where Coffey Motors now stands. At the dedication Archbishop Lowther Clarke congratulated the congregation on their enterprise in erecting this house of God and mentioned that the total cost, including furnishings, was £800.

By 1924 it was thought advisable to purchase a new site next to the State School in Ringwood Street, and the church building was moved by a team of horses and a traction engine to where there was sufficient room for a Vicarage and hall to be erected beside it.

The rapid growth of Ringwood following the 1939-1945 war has made another move necessary. The cramped site at Ringwood Street no longer allows for necessary development.

In 1962 the Warrandyte Road property was purchased in order to make a new home for St. Paul's congregation when opportunity offered.

On 28th May we commence our Sunday

worship in the Methodist Church where a gracious invitation has been extended to us. At the same time a chapel for usual week-day services will be available at our Warrandyte Road site where also the parish office will be situated.

All Anglicans are asked to use the prayer below and to remember that the life of any congregation does not depend on a particular building but on the Spirit of God living in its members who worship together each week.

Prayer for St. Paul's Congregation

O God our Father, may your Spirit of power live in this Family of God that it may influence for good the life of this City.

In this congregation may the strong renew their strength and seek for their lives a noble consecration. Here may the friendless find friendship; the tempted find power; the sorrowing find comfort; and the bereaved find the truth that death has no more authority over their loved ones.

In this fellowship let the fearing find courage, and the doubting have their faith and hope confirmed.

Here let the careless be awakened, and all that are oppressed be freed.

Being drawn by your Love, may we live daily with doubts resolved and faith renewed, our fears at rest, our courage high, our purpose firm, our sins dispelled, and our hearts aflame, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.