

# Anglican Parish of Avon

**18th Sunday of Pentecost, 13 October, 2019.**



**Priest in Charge, The Reverend Dave Perryman.**

**Welcome – Wunan Njinda to: -**

**A Service of Holy Communion - 8.30am at St Mary's**

**10am Holy Trinity, Stratford.**

**4pm Healing service at Holy Trinity**

**All are Welcome to Worship in our  
Parish Today!**

You are invited to light a 'Prayer Candle' and enjoy morning tea after the Services. Toilets are located at the rear of the Hall. Holy Trinity is fitted with a hearing loop. Please note that the Holy Trinity Chancel floor slopes up from the front pews to the Lectern; please use the handrail as needed and take care, thank you.

*We acknowledge the Gunai Kumai people as the original inhabitants of this land. We acknowledge their elders past and present and their children who are their hope for the future.*

## **GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

**Gathering Hymn: 'Ten who suffered . . .'** (3 verses)

**Welcome and Introduction.**

**Greeting and Sentence.**

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. Psalm 116.12–14

**The Prayer of Preparation.**

**Confession and Absolution**

**Prayer of the Day**

O God,  
you have made heaven and earth and all that is good:  
help us to delight in simple things  
and to rejoice always in the richness of your bounty;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

### ***GET UP AND GO***

*An emerging theme of the second half of the Pentecost season is the call to live now the promise of God's future realities. Perhaps this is no surprise in a year when we read from the gospel of Luke, a book filled with the work of justice and with calls to live and proclaim such. The readings this week bring God's reality into the lives of the marginalized, as an inbreaking of justice for those who have been cast out of their community.*

**A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah**

<sup>1</sup> These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all

the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. <sup>4</sup> Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: <sup>5</sup> Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. <sup>6</sup> Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. <sup>7</sup> But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. *Jeremiah 29.1, 4-7*

Hear the word of the Lord  
**thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 66.1-11**

- <sup>1</sup> O shout with joy to God, all the earth:  
sing to the honour of his name,  
and give him glory as his praise.
- <sup>2</sup> **Say to God ‘How fearful are your works:  
because of your great might  
your enemies shall cower before you.’**
- <sup>3</sup> All the earth shall worship you:  
and sing to you, and sing praises to your name.
- <sup>4</sup> **Come then and see what God has done:  
how terrible are his dealings with the children of Adam.**
- <sup>5</sup> He turned the sea into dry land,  
they crossed the river on foot:  
then were we joyful because of him.
- <sup>6</sup> **By his power he rules for ever,  
his eyes keep watch on the nations:  
and rebels shall never rise against him.**
- <sup>7</sup> O bless our God, you peoples:  
and cause his praises to resound,
- <sup>8</sup> **Who has held our souls in life:  
who has not suffered our feet to slip.**
- <sup>9</sup> For you have proved us, O God:  
you have tried us as silver is tried.
- <sup>10</sup> **You brought us into the net:  
you laid sharp torment on our loins.**
- <sup>11</sup> You let our enemies ride over our heads,  
we went through fire and water:  
but you brought us out into a place of liberty.

## A Reading from Paul's Second Letter to Timothy

<sup>1</sup> You then, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus;

<sup>2</sup> and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well.

<sup>3</sup> Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

<sup>4</sup> No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer.

<sup>5</sup> And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules.

<sup>6</sup> It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops.

<sup>7</sup> Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things.

<sup>8</sup> Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel,

<sup>9</sup> for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained.

<sup>10</sup> Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

<sup>11</sup> The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

<sup>12</sup> if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

<sup>13</sup> if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

<sup>14</sup> Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening.

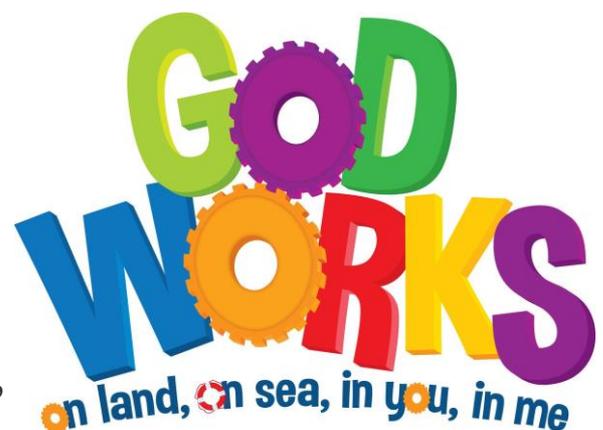
<sup>15</sup> Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.<sup>2</sup> *Timothy 2.1-15*

Hear the word of the Lord

**thanks be to God.**

‘Early Talk’

Gradual Hymn: TiS 134 ‘Praise my soul . . .’



The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

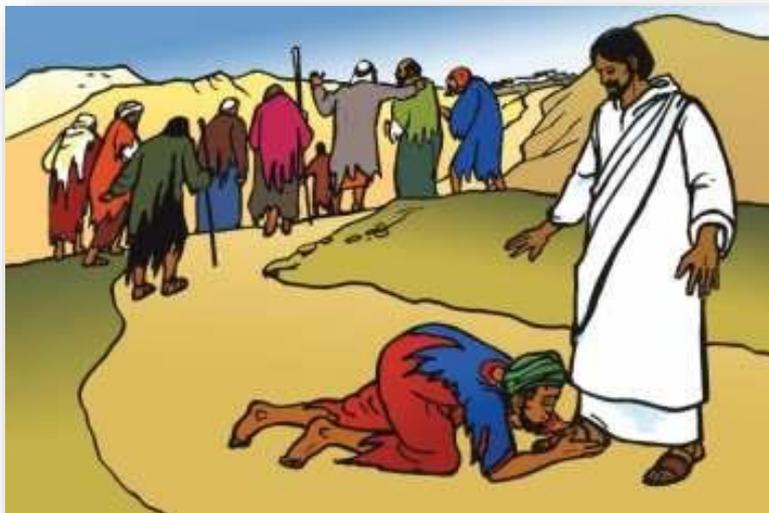
## Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup> they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' <sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?' <sup>18</sup> Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.' *Luke 17.11-19*

For the Gospel of the Lord,  
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon

Discussion



*In this story in the gospel of Luke, Jesus is approached by ten people with skin diseases as he travels to Jerusalem. They beg for him to show them mercy. Mercy was something they probably found in short supply in their lives, as people with skin diseases were typically excluded from their communities (Lev 13:46). The text even notes that as they cry out to Jesus, they keep their distance (17:12). Society's rules have been ingrained into them, and these ten with skin diseases act accordingly.*

*As he is apt to do, Jesus hears the pleas for mercy. He commands them to present themselves before the priests (17:14). In order to be restored to the communities from which their diseases have cast them, these people must be declared free of any infliction by a priest. They abide and are healed as they seek restoration.*

*But one of the healed returns to Jesus. He prostrates himself and gives thanks. It is only then that the text mentions this one person happens to be a Samaritan. This is interesting and bears further exploration for two reasons. Earlier in the gospel of Luke, Samaritans had been unkind to Jesus by refusing to welcome him into their villages (9:53). But now a Samaritan is the example of offering humility and thanksgiving before God. It is of interest to note that the*

*ethnic indication of “Samaritan” only comes after the person has been healed. While inflicted and therefore exiled, ethnicity means little to this group of ten.*

*For both the healed who go to present themselves to the priests and for the Samaritan who returns to Jesus, the command to go is a command to be part of the community and to be restored.*

*Where are we to go? What are we to go and do? Today’s scriptures remind us that our call to go and to build community is grounded in the love of God which heals, nurtures, builds up and is eternally faithful.*

## **Affirmation of Faith.**

### **Intercessions and Lord’s Prayer.**

We pray:-

- For an end to discrimination and for the recognition of Australia's first peoples in the Constitution.
- For the leaders of the countries of the world. For wisdom, peacemaking, fairness and compassion towards the people under their leadership.
- For an end to violence against people on the grounds of ‘difference’ and especially an end to domestic and family violence
- For wise and compassionate counsel and some direction and hope for the future of refugees and asylum seekers across the globe.
- For the people of Hong Kong demonstrating for the right to a democratic government.
- For Bishop Richard’s spiritual leadership of the Diocese.
- For the Parish of Traralgon: Jeff Richardson, Marilyn Obersby, Adrian. For the Diocese of Willochra: Bishop John Stead.
- For our parish, David, Emma and boys. For Dave’s leadership of our ministry. For good preparation and decisions for the AGM
- For your wisdom and guidance of those planning the Community Carols event, may it be a great evening of witness to the coming of Jesus.
- For those who coordinate and work to sustain our op shop and mainly music programs. For the continued growth and success of these special ministries and for all who support them in so many ways.

*\*For this month’s Retiring Offertory in support of Act for Peace.*

Healing God, we pray for those who are sick, strengthen those who are weak or troubled, comfort the sad and grieving, help your people sense the love that you give to each and every one of us,

We pray especially at this time for *Peter T., Jillian, Alice, Kerrie, Ron, Scarlet, Boyd, Brian, Jacob, Emma, Crystal, Pete, Prec, Bruce, Geoff, Isobel, Daryl, Jan, Bob, Craig, Richard, Gail, Karen, Julie and Mick.*

Faithful God, in the week that lies before us may we reflect Your love in our families, our church and our community; so that the world can see that we are followers of Christ and children of the most High God, and draw others into his loving care.

## **Greeting of Peace**

**Offertory Hymn: MP ‘Give thanks . . .’    Offertory Prayer**

**The Great Thanksgiving and Holy Communion.**

**Prayers after Communion.                      Announcements.**

**Final Hymn: MP 1265 ‘Build your kingdom . . .’**

**Blessing / Dismissal.**

**Recessional Music.**

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## **NEWS AND NOTES**

**Last Sunday, ‘The Blessing of the Animals’ was a great celebration of God’s gift to us of the love of animals.** All pets and their people were so well behaved. Dave prepared a terrific service of All Age Family Worship. Dr Steve’s presentation was spiritually inspiring and very informative about the great unconditional love of our pets and how we in turn can treat them with loving kindness and yet to one’s horror, that does not always happen. A wonderful Christian man, Steve is a special witness to the love of God and his creatures. Dave was aptly dressed as the wolf . . . the alpha male is the ‘leader of the pack’!!!

**At 4pm this afternoon Dave will lead the Healing Service. All are welcome!**

**Thursday at 11am,** a meeting of the Family Fun Fair Planning Group will convene.

**This Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>, Men’s Breakfast Group meet.**

**My special thanks** to all who submitted their annual reports this week, a great effort.

**Monthly Parish Council Reports** are due this Wednesday please.

**Please know that if anyone wishes to communicate information** through the News and Notes or advertise something that might be of interest to someone else, you are most welcome to speak to me (Denise).

## WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS MONTH

### OCTOBER

Wed 16th	Monthly Parish Council Reports Due
Thurs 17th	Family Fun Fair Meeting
Sat 19th	Men's Breakfast
Sun 20th	Pentecost 19.
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	12md. Combined Churches of Sale lunch at Delbridge Hall,
Thurs 24th	11am Safe Ministry Meeting. 7.30pm Parish Council
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Anniversary of All Saints Church. Licensed 25/10/1908
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	Lay Readers Conference, Sale.
Sun 27th	Pentecost 20. <b>7.30pm Ecumenical World Community Day. Holy Trinity.</b>

### NOVEMBER

	Parish Raffle commences. <b>Retiring Offertory: Gippsland Farmers Relief</b>
<i>Thursdays</i>	<i>mainly music. 9.30am Parish Hall</i>
<i>Fridays</i>	<i>9am Morning Prayers at Holy Trinity</i>
Fri 1st	All Saints Day      Sale Show weekend
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2pm. All Souls Service at the Cathedral.
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pentecost 21. All Saints Patronal Festival. <b>Australian Anglicans &amp; Roman Catholics pray for each other (General Synod 2001)</b>
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	Melbourne Cup Day.
Sun 10th	Pentecost 22. <b>Prayer for the Defences Forces of Australia</b> AGM.      4pm Healing Service at Holy Trinity
Mon 11th	<b>Remembrance Day.</b>
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Reports to Secretary
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	Men's Breakfast Group
Sun 17th	Pentecost 23. Commissioning of the New Parish Council.

### Holy Trinity Roster – 20 October, Nineteenth Sunday in Pentecost.

Jeremiah 31.27-34. Ps 119.97-104. 2Timothy 3.10-4.5. Luke 18.1-14.

**Priest: Dave. Lit Assist. Denise, Gail. Read: Marion, Vic.**

**Intercess: Denise. Org: May. Sides: Bev T. Kerrie S. PPT: Paul.**

**Flowers: Nola. MT: Megan/Tristan/Marion. Sacristan: May.**

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