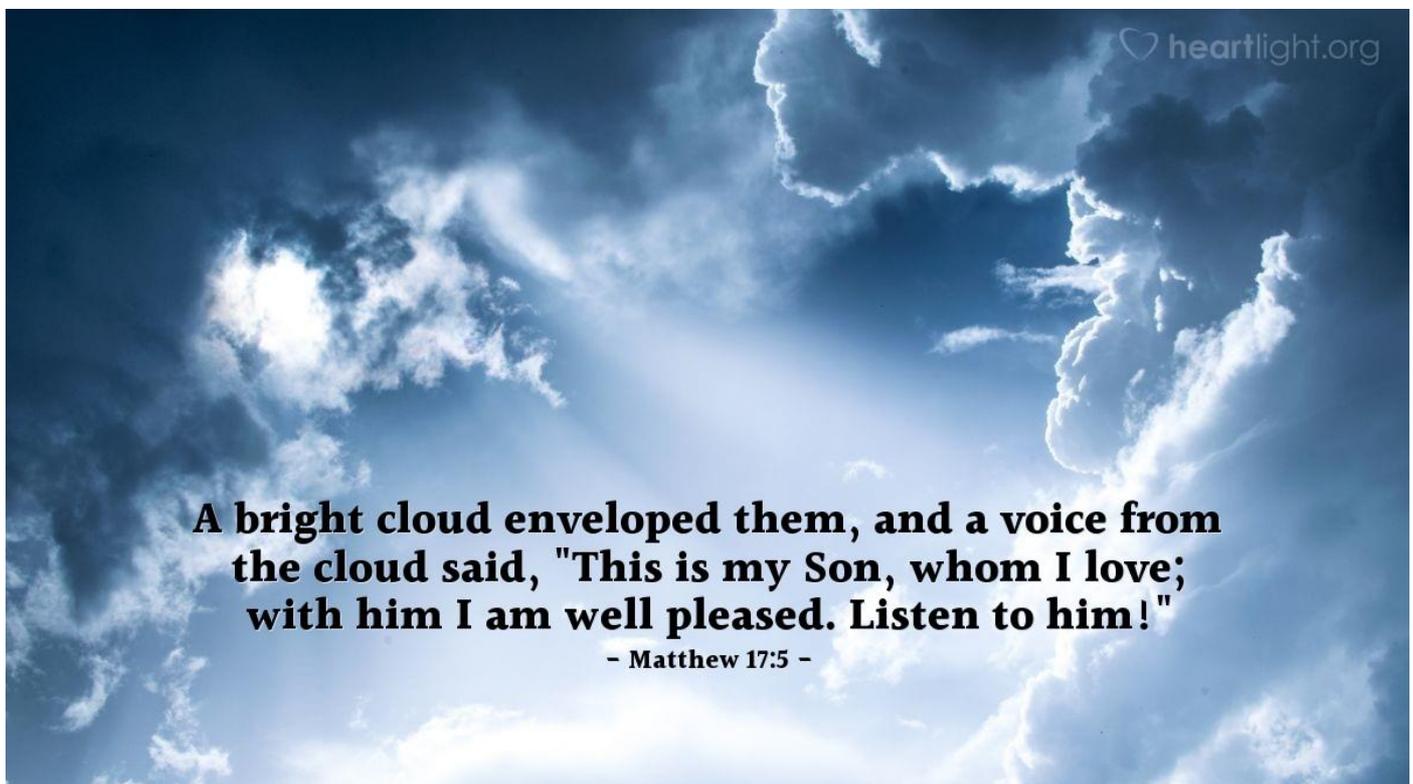


Anglican Parish of Avon

**Sunday 23 February, last Sunday after
Epiphany – Transfiguration Sunday**

Priest in Charge, The Reverend Dave Perryman.

Welcome to Max Chapman on behalf of MAF.



Welcome – Wunan Njinda to: -

***A Service of Holy Communion - 8.30am at St Mary's
10am Holy Trinity Church, Stratford.***

All are welcome!!

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 Kurnai 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

Opening Hymn: MP 315. I will sing the wondrous story . . .'

Greeting and Call to Worship.

Sentence

Suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him!' *Matthew 17:5*

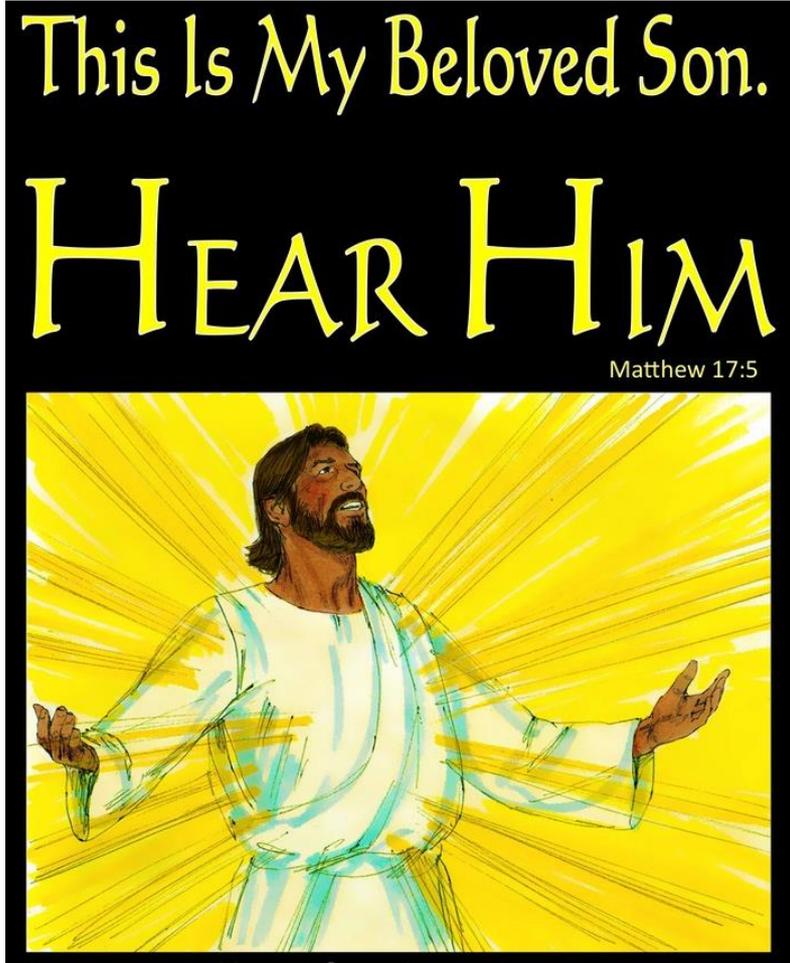
Prayer of Preparation.

Confession.

Absolution.

Prayer of the Day

O God,
in the transfiguration of your Son
you confirmed the mysteries of the
faith
by the witness of Moses and Elijah,
and in the voice from the cloud
you foreshadowed our adoption as your children:
make us, with Christ,
heirs of your glory,
and bring us to enjoy its fullness;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

New Testament Reading:

A Reading from the Second Letter from Peter.

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, ‘This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’ ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

2 Peter 1:16–21

Hear the word of the Lord
thanks be to God.

Psalm 2

- ¹ Why are the nations in tumult:
and why do the peoples cherish a vain dream?
- ² **The kings of the earth rise up
and the rulers conspire together:
against the Lord and against his anointed, saying,**
- ³ ‘Let us break their bonds asunder:
let us throw off their chains from us.’
- ⁴ **He that dwells in heaven shall laugh them to scorn:
the Lord will hold them in derision.**
- ⁵ Then will he speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury:
‘I, the Lord, have set up my king on Zion my holy hill.’
- ⁶ **I will announce the Lord’s decree,
that which he has spoken:
‘You are my son, this day have I begotten you.**
- ⁷ ‘Ask of me,
and I will give you the nations for your inheritance:

the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession.

**⁸ ‘You may break them with a rod of iron:
and shatter them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.’**

⁹ Now therefore be wise, O kings:
be advised, you that are judges of the earth.

**¹⁰ Serve the Lord with awe,
and govern yourselves in fear and trembling:
lest he be angry, and you perish in your course.**

¹¹ For his wrath is quickly kindled:
blessed are those that turn to him for refuge.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew,
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!’ ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Get up and do not be afraid.’ ⁸ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, ‘Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.’ *Matthew 17:1–9*

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

‘Early Talk’

Gradual Hymn: MP 50. ‘Be still for the presence . . .’

Old Testament Reading

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,

the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
²⁹ He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
³¹ but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.
¹⁰ do not fear, for I am with you,
do not be afraid, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

¹⁴ Do not fear, you worm Jacob,
you insect Israel!
I will help you, says the Lord;
your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 40:28-31, 41: 10,14

Hear the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God

Address/Homily/Talk
Any questions

Affirmation of Faith

The Prayers of the People.

We pray for:-

- *The poor and hungry people of the world. Those suffering the effects political unrest, persecution, and homelessness. Refugees and Asylum seekers.
- *The leaders of every nation in the Middle East. That they will renounce destructive hostilities and commit themselves to negotiations for peace.
- ***Greater and more effective management of family violence especially against women and children. For the family, friends, colleagues and school friends of a young mother and her 3 children burned to death in a murder suicide.**
- * Those impacted by the coronavirus in so many ways – world-wide. For healing and control with eventual eradication of the virus.

*Our fire-ravaged nation. For so people many impacted in many ways . . . grieving, loss of property, homes, animals (domestic and native), loss of trade, and communities. May financial support get through to those who need assistance without bureaucratic delay.

*For policy-makers in government, business and public life. May they put differences aside and work together to put effective fuel load reduction and sensible climate change measures into action.

*For our Bishop, Richard, as he leads the ministry of the diocese.

*Our Minister Dave, giving thanks for his ministry among us. May the Holy Spirit guide us all in our ministry, mission and sharing of Christ in our community.

*For Emma and their boys. Bless them, keep them well and safe.

For the Parish of Lakes Entrance and Metung: Phil Muston, Cathrine. Phyllis Andy – Aboriginal Ministry. Our first nations peoples.

*For the coordinators of the op shop: Bev and John; and all who support the op shop. For mainly music coordinators: May and Bev, for children, families and carers.

*We pray for the sick, the lonely, sad and suffering, and all who care for them.

We pray especially at this time *for Brenda, Keith, Marion, Phillip, Peter, Ruth, Aileen, Peter T, Mark, Alice, Kerrie, Scarlet, Boyd, Brian, Jacob, Emma, Crystal, Pete, Bruce, Geoff, Daryl, Jan, Craig, Richard, Gail, Karen, Julie and Mick.*

In your goodness and mercy grant them health of body, soundness of mind and peace of heart.

Greeting of Peace

Offertory Hymn: TiS 650 ‘The Servant Song’.

Offertory Prayer.

The Great Thanksgiving and Communion.

Sending out of God’s people.

Announcements.

Final Hymn: MP 445 ‘Shine, Jesus, shine . . .’

Blessing.

Dismissal

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NEWS AND NOTES

A very warm welcome to our special guest speaker, Max Chapman, a retired pilot and former MAF worker. Max, who has a very inspiring message to share, is the manager of the Flight Simulator Program.

****Our Retiring Offertory this month is in support of MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship).**

Next Sunday, the 1st of the month, we celebrate our All Age Family Worship at Holy Trinity. A great time of worship, music and fun!

Tuesday morning, Shrove Tuesday, we will be serving pancakes, tea and coffee, alfresco, in front of the op shop from 10am to 12md. Please come for morning tea and a chat with people from our community.

Shrove Tuesday evening, at 6pm, St Andrews parishioners will be serving a pancakes dinner in the hall, Jones St., at a cost of \$10 per person or \$30 per family. All welcome!

Parish Council will convene on Tuesday evening 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

This Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, at 7pm, there will be a special service with 'Imposition of Ashes' at Holy Trinity. This is a powerful nonverbal and experiential way of participating in the call to repentance and contemplation of transgressions. A simple and beautiful service . . . a special way to begin Lent.

Wednesday 11 March at 7.30pm in the rectory will be the commencement of our Lenten Studies for this year. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information please speak to Dave.

We have been invited by Ross Freiberg from East Gippsland Suicide Intervention to attend a free half day Suicide Prevention Workshop in Sale on Tuesday 25 February, 9am to 1.30pm at Quest, 180 York St. The workshop will be repeated in Bairnsdale the next day. Dave attended this workshop in 2018 and found it to be excellent.

Ladies, a gentle reminder please! the Parish Craft and Hobbies Group will commence on Saturday 7th March, 9am to 1pm. For further information speak to Sandra Meredith.

****The Celtic Celebration 6.30pm Saturday 21 March**

Arrangements are in progress. The key issue here is for everyone to please come along . . . invite friends, book a table or share a table.

The evening will commence with piping in of the Haggis and the declaration from Robbie Burns. Other highlights will include an authentic Celtic menu based on tastes of 4 Celtic Countries – Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Cornwall. Brackets of Celtic music from 'Bagpipes Gippsland' will ensure a merry evening.

Denise

PARISH DIARY & HOLY TRINITY ROSTER

February 2020

Op shop Easter raffle commences.

Thursdays 9.30am, mainly music, during school term, in the Parish Hall

Fridays 9am Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity. Everybody Welcome!

Retiring Offertory: MAF.

Sun 23 7.30pm Community Carols Planning group Meeting.

Tues. 25 Shrove Tuesday. 10am Pancakes at the Op Shop.

9am to 1.30pm. Suicide Prevention Workshop. 7.30pm Parish Council

Wed. 26 Ash Wednesday. 7pm Service, Imposition of Ashes, at Holy Trinity.

March Lenten Studies commence in the Rectory 7.30pm Wed. 11.

Thursdays 9.30am mainly music. Parish Hall during School Term

Fridays 9am Morning Prayers at Holy Trinity.

Retiring Offertory: Eye Care Vanuatu

Sun 1 First Sunday in Lent. Harvest Festival at All Saints.

Family Service at Holy Trinity. Holy Trinity Cong. Meeting (1)

Wed 4 Sharwood Lecture in Church Law. Dave attending at Trinity College.

Fri. 6 7.30pm World Day of Prayer. Uniting Church Stratford

Sun 8 Lent 2. 4pm Healing Service

Fri 13 6.30pm Parish Dinner at Stratford - Raffle

Sun 15 Lent 3. Harvest festival at St Mary's Harvest Festival at Holy Trinity

Tues 17 St Patrick's Day

Wed 18 Parish Council Reports due

Thurs. 19 National Close the Gap Day. Safe Church Ministry Meeting.

Fri. 20 Cultural Diversity Week. *Cultural Diversity Week (CDW) is Victoria's largest multicultural celebration and includes 21 March - the UN Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.*

Sat. 21 CELTIC Celebration. Harmony Day Australia. Men's Breakfast?

Sun 22 Lent 4

Thurs 26 11am. Family Fun Fair Meeting.

Friday 27 Kid's Movie Night

Sun 29 Lent 5. 10am Combined Church Centres Worship at All Saints.

7.30pm. Ecumenical Service St. Patrick's Church

Holy Trinity Roster, 1 March. First Sunday in Lent. Family Service

Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7 Ps. 32. Romans 5.12-21 Matthew 4.1-11

Priest: Dave. Lit Assist Denise, Jillian. Read: Wendy.

Intercess: Denise. Org: May. Sides: Megan, Nora, Bev H. PPT: Judy K.

Flowers: N/A MT: Gail, Paul, Liliias. Sacristan: May.

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