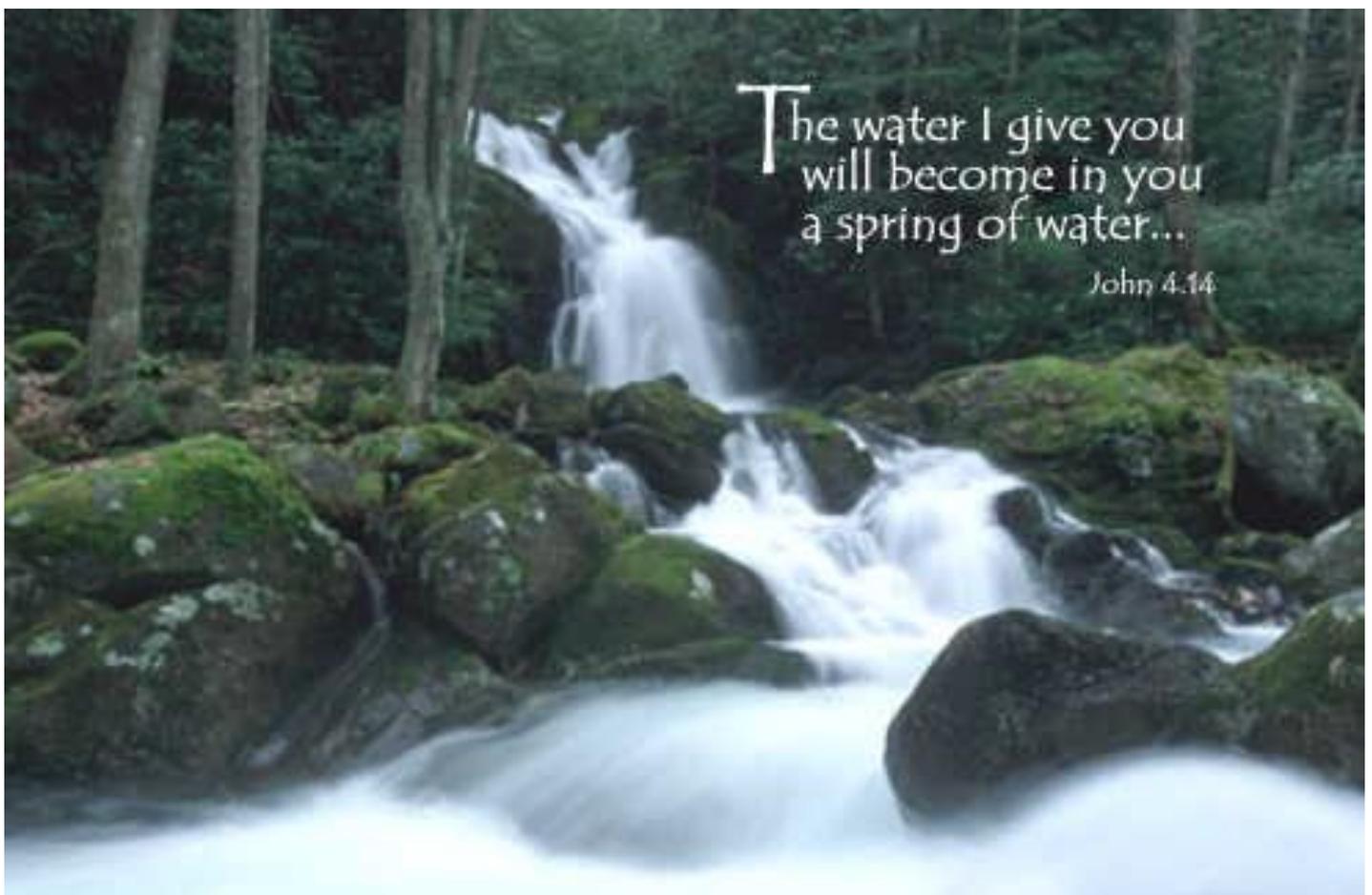


# Anglican Parish of Avon

**Sunday 15 March, 3rd Sunday in Lent  
Harvest Thanksgiving at All Saints and Holy Trinity**

*Priest in Charge, The Reverend Dave Perryman.*



***Welcome – Wunan Njinda to: -***

***A Service of Holy Communion - 8.30am at All Saints***

***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 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**

**Opening Hymn: MP 275 'I heard the voice . . .' (ii)**

**Greeting and Call to Worship.**

**Sentence of the Day**

'The water that I will give,' says the Lord, 'will become in you a spring of water welling up to eternal life.' *John 4.14*

**Prayer of Preparation.**

**Confession.**

**Absolution.**

**The Trisagion**

**Prayer of the Day**

O God, the fountain of life,  
to a humanity parched with thirst  
you offer the living water that springs from the Rock,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ:  
stir up within your people the gift of your Spirit,  
that we may profess our faith with freshness  
and announce with joy the wonder of your love.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
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**

**A Reading from Exodus**

<sup>1</sup> From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no

water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' <sup>3</sup> But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' <sup>4</sup> So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' <sup>5</sup> The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup> I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup> He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?' *Exodus 17.1-7*

Hear the word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God**

### **Psalm 95**

- <sup>1</sup> O come, let us sing out to the Lord:  
let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation.
- <sup>2</sup> **Let us come before his face with thanksgiving:  
and cry out to him joyfully in psalms.**
- <sup>3</sup> For the Lord is a great God:  
and a great king above all gods.
- <sup>4</sup> **In his hand are the depths of the earth:  
and the peaks of the mountains are his also.**
- <sup>5</sup> The sea is his and he made it:  
his hands moulded dry land.
- <sup>6</sup> **Come, let us worship and bow down:  
and kneel before the Lord our maker.**
- <sup>7</sup> For he is the Lord our God:  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- <sup>8</sup> **Today if only you would hear his voice—  
'Do not harden your hearts as at Meribah:  
as on that day at Massah in the wilderness;**
- <sup>9</sup> 'When your forebears tested me:  
put me to proof, though they had seen my works.
- <sup>10</sup> **'Forty years long I loathed that generation and said:  
"It is a people who err in their hearts,**

**for they do not know my ways”;**

<sup>11</sup> ‘Of whom I swore in my wrath:

“They shall not enter my rest.”’

### **A Reading from Paul’s Letter to the Romans**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. <sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. *Romans 5.1-11*

Hear the word of the Lord

**thanks be to God.**

### **Early Talk**

#### **Gradual Hymn: MP 37 ‘As the deer . . .’ (V 1, 3)**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John,

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>5</sup> So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. <sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, ‘Give me a drink’. <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, ‘How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?’ (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, ‘If you knew the gift of God,

and who it is that is saying to you, “Give me a drink”, you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.’<sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, ‘Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?’<sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?’<sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, ‘Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,<sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.’<sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, ‘Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.’<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, ‘Go, call your husband, and come back.’<sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, ‘I have no husband.’ Jesus said to her, ‘You are right in saying, “I have no husband”;<sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!’<sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, ‘Sir, I see that you are a prophet.’<sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.’<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.’<sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.’<sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.’<sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.’<sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, ‘I know that Messiah is coming’ (who is called Christ). ‘When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.’<sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, ‘I am he, the one who is speaking to you.’<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, ‘What do you want?’ or, ‘Why are you speaking with her?’<sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,<sup>29</sup> ‘Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?’<sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him.<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, ‘Rabbi, eat something.’<sup>32</sup> But he said to them, ‘I have food to eat that you do not know about.’<sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, ‘Surely no one has brought him something to eat?’<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.’<sup>35</sup> Do you not say, “Four months more, then comes the harvest”? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.’<sup>36</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.’<sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, “One sows and another reaps.”<sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their

labour.’<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I have ever done.’<sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days.<sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word.<sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, ‘It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.’

*John 4.5-42*

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

**Sermon**

**Discussion**

**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.
- \*Greater and more effective management of family violence especially against women and children.
- \* Those impacted by the coronavirus in so many ways – world-wide. For healing and control. For the development of an effective vaccine.
- \*For all who are rebuilding their lives following the devastating bush fires. May financial support get through to those who need assistance without bureaucratic delay.
- For bi partisan, sustainable approach and management of climate change around the world. For effective control of bush fires and fuel load reduction in Australia.
- \*For our Bishop, Richard, as he leads the ministry of the diocese. For Leanne and their children.
- \*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 in her 7<sup>th</sup> month of pregnancy and their boys. Bless them, keep them well and safe.

For the Parish of Mirboo North. For the Diocese of Newcastle: all bishops and clergy

\*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 growth and continued development of this special ministry to local families.

\*For our retiring offertory, Eye Care Vanuatu . . . for generous giving.

\*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, 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: MP 990: 'I will offer up my life . . .'**

**Offertory Prayer.**

**The Great Thanksgiving. Communion.**

**Sending out of God's people.**

**Announcements.**

**Final Hymn: MP 1214: 'Have faith in God . . .'**

**Blessing. Dismissal**

**Recessional Music**

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## **NEWS AND NOTES**

**Thank you to Judy Tulloch** for setting the ambiance for the Harvest Festival at Holy Trinity this morning. Thank you to all who have contributed produce.

**This Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> is National Close the Gap Day (NCTGD)** - an annual awareness event that aims to **close** the health and life expectancy **gap** between the indigenous and the non-indigenous communities in Australia. May we include the plight of our many indigenous brothers and sisters in our prayers.

**Next Saturday is the Men's Breakfast AND . . .**

**COMMENCING AT 6.30 in the evening . . . our Celtic Celebration!** The event is virtually 'booked out' with just a couple of vacancies on a table. This of course may change if there's cancellations, especially in view of the volatile changes in the Covid 19 situation.

We pray all will go well on the evening and that everyone will have a great time!!

**Next Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent we Celebrate Mothering Sunday.**

Lilias will bring one of her beautiful, traditional Simnel Cakes which Dave Blesses and then we all share in 'piece' of the tradition.

**As mentioned last week, the ministry of compiling the Holy Trinity Roster has been under-taken by Sandra** with Denise initially assisting her. Please give Sandra or Denise, in writing, the dates you cannot be available from the date of 12<sup>th</sup> April through to 21<sup>st</sup> June inclusive. Sandra's number is 0406983503

Denise: 0417100047. **We need this information ASAP – URGENTLY.**

**Below is an email forwarded on by Dave that may be of some interest to animal lovers, particularly our knitters.**

*Hi David . . . It's Zachary Richard from Starting Over Dog Rescue. We're are in desperate need for people to knit us jumpers for young puppies that come from abusive homes or are from unwanted litters. The pups tend to be about 6 to 10 weeks old give or take and due to starvation the puppies we receive get very cold easily. If anyone can help us some time as soon as possible we would be very appreciative. Also if anyone would like to volunteer to Foster some pups while we look for people to adopt them then that is also something we need help with. Our dog rescue has a no kill policy meaning we do not put down any dogs. If anyone would like to knit our litters jumpers or Foster any dogs with all food supplied then could they please contact me. Phone number is 0459398467. Zachary Richard.*

**ALSO Next Saturday March 21, is Australia's Harmony Day** which celebrates our country's cultural diversity. It coincides with the United Nations' International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Cultural Diversity Week extends from 21 – 29 March with the 2020 theme being 'Curiosity. Conversation. Community'. This is Victoria's largest multicultural celebration.

**Denise**

## PARISH DIARY & HOLY TRINITY ROSTER

**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**

Tues 17 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.*

Fri 20 9.30am Setting up hall.

Sat. 21 CELTIC CELEBRATION. Harmony Day Australia.

Sun 22 Lent 4. Mothering Sunday.

Harvest Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church.

Thurs 26 11am. Family Fun Fair Meeting.

Friday 27 Kid's Movie Night

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

7.30pm. Ecumenical Service St. Patrick's Church

Mon 30 Dave & Family away for 3-4 days. Returns on Thursday 2nd

**April.**

*Thursdays* 9.30am mainly music during school term.

*Fridays* 9am Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity.

*School holidays: Saturday 28 March to Monday 13 April.* **Retiring Offertory: BCA**

Fri 3 2pm-4.30pm Safe Church Awareness Workshop Bairnsdale.

Sat 4 **9am to 1pm. Avon Parish Craft and Hobbies Group.**

9.30am-4pm Safe Church Awareness Workshop, Bairnsdale.

Sun 5 Liturgy of The Palms. Lent 6. Daylight saving ended.

8am All Saints, 9.30am Holy Trinity, 11am Ecumenical Procession & Prayer.

**Holy Trinity Roster, 22 March. Fourth Sunday in Lent. Mothering Sunday**

1Samual 16.1-13 Ps. 23. Ephesians 5.8-14 John 9.1-41

Priest: Dave. Lit Assist: Denise, May. Read: Liliias, Julie Fitt.

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