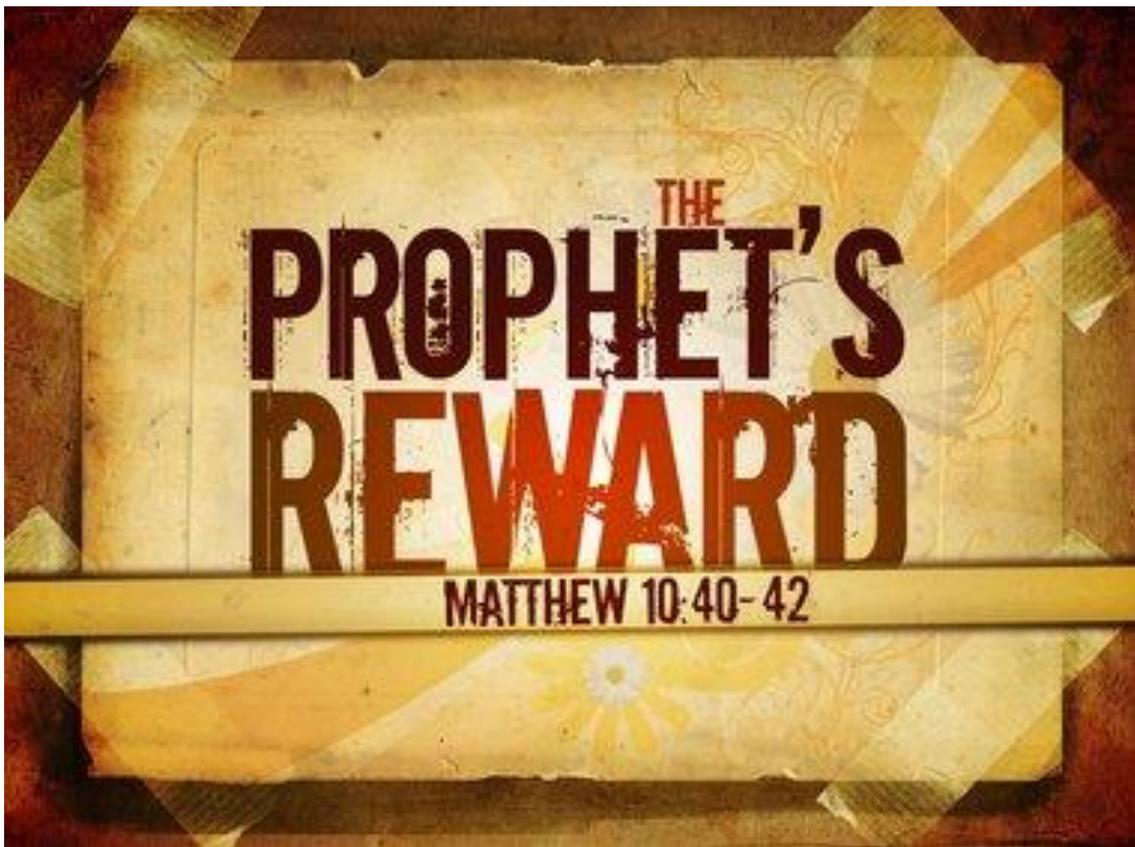


Anglican Parish of Avon

Sunday 28 June, Pentecost 4

Priest in Charge, The Reverend Dave Perryman,



Welcome – Wunan Njinda to: -

A Service of Holy Communion

08.30am St Mary's Munro

**10am Holy Trinity Church, Stratford, Gathered Worship
and also via Zoom, online, Facebook or 'phone-in'.**

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: 'All are welcome '

**1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

**2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

**3 Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

WELCOME

GREETING

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

SENTENCE FROM SCRIPTURE

The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 6.23*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Let us pray,

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Silence for self-reflection

Knowing the goodness of God and our failure to respond with love and obedience, let us confess our sins, saying together,

**Heavenly Father,
you have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have broken your holy laws
and have left undone what we ought to have done.
We are sorry for our sins
and turn away from them.
For the sake of your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us and change us.
By your Holy Spirit,
enable us to live for you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive us our sins,
open our eyes to God's truth,
strengthen us to do God's will
and give us the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God,
your Son has taught us that those who give a cup of water in his name
will not lose their reward:
open our hearts to the needs of your children,
and in all things make us obedient to your will,
so that in faith we may receive your gracious gift,
eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

THE FIRST READING

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, 'Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfil the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.'

Jeremiah 28. 5-9

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

Psalm 89. 1-4, 15-18. We will read the Psalm together.

**1 Lord, I will sing for ever of your loving-kindnesses:
my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness
throughout all generations.**

**2 I have said of your loving-kindness
that it is built for ever:
you have established your faithfulness in the heavens.**

**3 The Lord said 'I have made a covenant with my chosen:
I have sworn an oath to my servant David.**

**4 'I will establish your line for ever:
and build up your throne for all generations.'**

**15 Happy the people who know the triumphal shout:
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance.**

**16 They rejoice all the day long because of your name:
because of your righteousness they are exalted.**

**17 For you are their glory and their strength:
and our heads are uplifted by your favour.**

**18 Our king belongs to the Lord:
he that rules over us to the Holy One of Israel.**

EARLY TALK

THE GOSPEL

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

40 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me
welcomes the one who sent me. 41 Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name
of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a
righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of
the righteous; 42 and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these
little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their
reward.'

Matthew 10. 40-42

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

SERMON

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,
who made and loves all that is.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was born, lived, died and rose again,
and is coming to call all to account.
We believe in the Holy Spirit
who calls, equips and sends out God's people,
and brings all things to their true end.
This is our faith, the faith of the Church:
We believe in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

Please sit or kneel for prayer as you are able.

The response:

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayers

At the conclusion of the prayers:

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is the joy of our salvation,
God of the universe,
to give you thanks through Jesus Christ.

You said, 'Let there be light';
there was light.

Your light shines on in our darkness.

For you the earth has brought forth life
in all its forms.

You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will
and to be fulfilled in your love.

You sent your Son to be for us the way we need to follow
and the truth we need to know.

You send your Holy Spirit
to strengthen and to guide,
to warn and to revive your Church.
Therefore, with all your witnesses
who surround us on every side,
countless as heaven's stars,
we praise you for our creation
and our calling,
with loving and with joyful hearts as we say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son;
On that night before he died
he took bread and gave you thanks.
He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat, this is my body
which is given for you;
do this to remember me.

After supper, he took the cup,
and gave you thanks.
He gave it to them and said:
Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant,
shed for you, shed for all,
to forgive sin;
do this to remember me.

Therefore with this bread and wine
we recall your goodness to us.

God of the past and present,
we your people remember your Son.
We thank you for his cross and rising again,
we take courage from his ascension;
we look for his coming in glory
and in him we give ourselves to you.

With thanksgiving and hope we say:

**Glory to you, Lord Christ;
your death we show forth;
your resurrection we proclaim;
your coming we await;
Amen! Come Lord Jesus.**

**Send your Holy Spirit,
that we who receive Christ's body
may indeed be the body of Christ,
and we who share his cup
draw strength from the one true vine.**

**Called to follow Christ,
help us to reconcile and unite.
Called to suffer,
give us hope in our calling.**

**For you, the heavenly one, make all things new;
you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first,
to whom we bring our songs of everlasting praise.**

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and Communion

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

Draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in your hearts with thanksgiving.

For those unable to receive Holy Communion this Sunday, you may like to practice the tradition of 'spiritual communion' as you watch and listen, the following prayer may be helpful:

*O Lord Jesus Christ, through your tender mercy grant that as the hem of your garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch your body, so the soul of this your servant may be healed by like faith in you, whom I cannot now sacramentally receive. In union with the faithful at every altar-table in your Church I desire to be united with you and pray that you will come spiritually into my heart. Let nothing ever separate me from your love, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.***

The Sending Out of God's People

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining
and whose power we cannot comprehend:
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear
until we may look upon you without fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Father,
**we offer ourselves to you
as a living sacrifice
though Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINAL HYMN: 'The Servant Song' – TiS 650

**1 Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**

**2 We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**3 I will hold the Christ light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**4 Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**

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THE BLESSING

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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Bulletin Prayer Points

We pray: -

- For our world suffering through this pandemic. For all countries and leaders as they guide their peoples. For wisdom and discernment for each country on the journey ahead.
- For all areas of conflict in the world. For an end to all political persecution, violence, and war. For justice for all refugees and asylum seekers fleeing war-torn lands.
- For all medical staff and frontline workers during the COVID pandemic.
- For all suffering isolation, exclusion and loneliness in social isolation. For greater compassion and neighbourly care.
- For all those suffering economic burden. For all businesses and those who have lost jobs.
- For an end to systemic racism and any system which enables it. For justice reform and for those who are seeking it in all countries.
- For our first nations peoples and for reconciliation within our own land.

- For your global church. For each church that seeks to minister and proclaim the Gospel of grace and hope.
- For the Anglican Communion. For Archbishop Justin Welby.
- For Bishop Richard as he leads us in these challenging times. For energy and wisdom.
- For the Parish of Westernport. Colin Oakley, Anthea.
- For Minister Dave, for his ministry and leadership. For wisdom, encouragement and discernment for all our parish leadership.
- For each member of our parish. For connection with God and with each other even as we are dispersed.

- For our Retiring Offertory – School Chaplaincy.

We pray for those who are suffering in mind, body or spirit. For those struggling with mental health issues, substance abuse and addiction and for those suffering depression and loneliness.

We pray for those experiencing homelessness, starvation and lack of medical aid. For those in our hospitals, nursing homes and prisons. For all dying and those who care for them. For all grieving the loss of loved ones and those remembering anniversaries.

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

Give us courage and the faith to run our own race, until that glorious day that we meet with you.

News & Notes

We continue to seek applications from parishioners indicating their preference for: -

Congregated worship: Church and time

OR

Preference to continue Worship via Zoom and Facebook for the time being.

****We will definitely continue streaming services via Zoom and Facebook.**

Please advise Dave of your preferences.

Services next Sunday 5 July will be: -

- **8.30am: All Saints Briagolong**
- **10am: Gathered worship at Holy Trinity AND streaming from Holy Trinity, both at the same time.**
- **11.30am: Gathered worship at Holy Trinity, Stratford (if required due to numbers)**

COVID-Safe wardens will be in attendance to assist with COVID-Safe practices. Anybody who has a cold or not feeling well, please do not come to church that day.

Parishioners are asked to enter through the original old entrance and to leave via the Link.

Please sanitise your hands-on arrival at church and then sign in with first name and telephone number in the Logbook.

Holy Trinity is set up in respect of the one person per 4 square meters rule.

After hand sanitising, please avoid touching your face.

If coughing or sneezing please use tissues, discard them in the bin supplied and sanitise hands.

Please sanitise your hands again as you leave the church.

Whilst our COVIDSAFE practices may appear excessive compared to some other venues, we embrace and are committed to the Parish of Avon / Anglican Diocese of Gippsland Safe Church Ministry Policies, The State and Federal Government policies and The Anglican Insurance & Risk Services; and as such are critically concerned for the safety and well-being of all people of all ages.

HUMBLE THANKS AND BLESSINGS - DAVE

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH of AVON

JULY

Thursdays. mainly music. 9.30am Parish Hall when re-commenced
School Holidays Sat. 27 June to Sunday 12 July.

Retiring Offertory: School Chaplaincy

- Sun 5 Fifth Sunday in Pentecost. Family Worship at Holy Trinity.
Rev Brian Norris preaching at Cathedral. Pre-recorded.
1st Day of NAIDOC Week Observances.
Holy Trinity Church
NAIDOC observance to be this Sunday instead of the 2nd
Sunday.
- Sun 12 Sixth Sunday in Pentecost. Last Day of NAIDOC Week
Observances. Sea Sunday.
4pm Healing Service.
Rev Dave preaching at the Cathedral, pre-recorded.
- Sun 19 Seventh Sunday of Pentecost
- Mon 20 5pm to Friday morning 24th. Abbey Retreat.
- Tues 21 Parish Council Reports due
- Sun 26 Eighth Sunday in Pentecost
- Tues 28 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting

Holy Trinity Roster, 5th July, Fifth Sunday in Pentecost

Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49,58-67 Ps. 45.10-17. Rom 7.14-25.

Matt.11.15-19 (20-24)25-30

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