

Anglican Parish of Avon

Sunday 14 June, 2nd in Pentecost

Priest in Charge, The Reverend Dave Perryman,
Locum Priest, The Reverend Heather Toms

Matthew 10:8

*Freely you have received,
freely give.*

Welcome – Wunan Njinda to: -

A Service of Holy Communion

10am Holy Trinity Church, Stratford, via Zoom, on line,
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: TiS 111 'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty . . .

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation.
Come all who hear,
brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord who in all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining:
have you not seen
all that is needed has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?

3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper our work and defend us;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend us:
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do
as with his love he befriends us.

4 Praise to the Lord, who when darkness of sin is abounding,
who, when the godless do triumph, our best hopes confounding.
sheds forth his light,
scatters the horrors of night,
saints with his mercy surrounding.

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for ever adore him. *Joachim Neander 1650-80 tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827-78 and others*

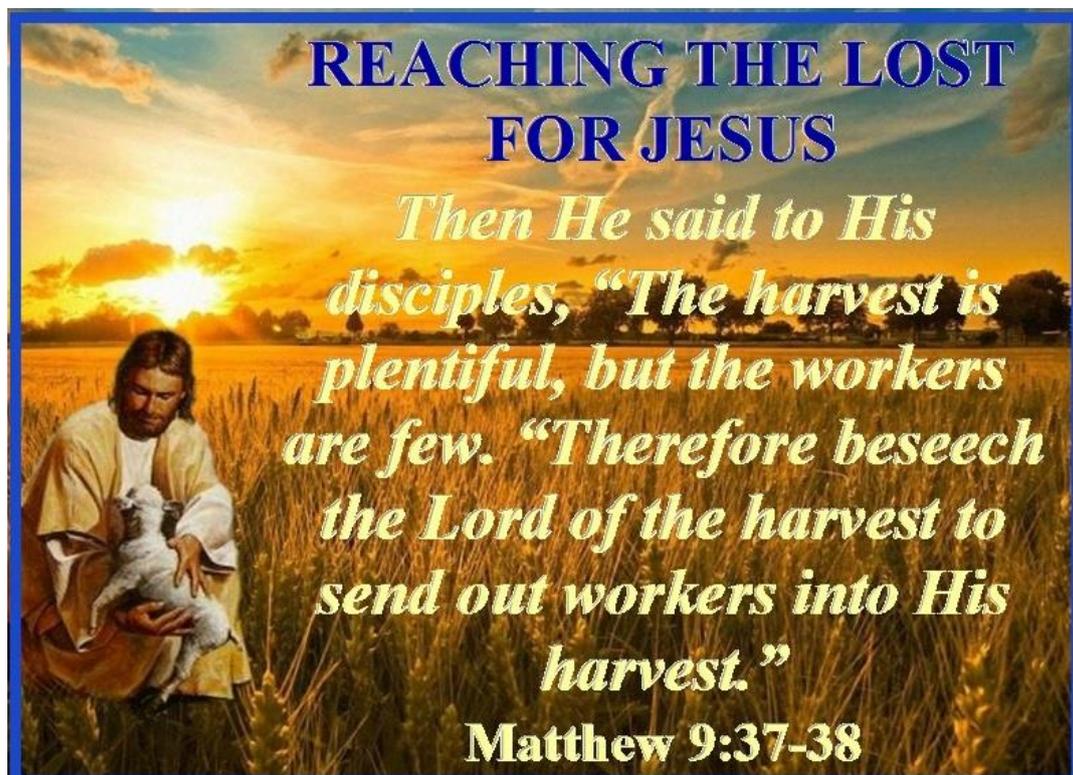
WELCOME

GREETING

The Lord be with you
 And also with you.

SENTENCE FROM SCRIPTURE

The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ask therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. *Matthew 9.37-38*



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.**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

We affirm our trust in God's mercy, and confess our need of forgiveness.

Lord, we have sinned in thought, word and deed:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy

We are truly sorry and we ask you to forgive us:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy

Help us by your Spirit to live in newness of life:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

THE ABSOLUTION

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

All-powerful God,
in Jesus Christ you turned death into life,
and defeat into victory:
increase our faith and trust in him,
that we may triumph over evil,
in the strength of the same Jesus Christ our Lord
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

The Ministry of the Word

THE FIRST READING

A reading from the Paul's Letter to the Romans

⁵Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and 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.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For 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. ¹¹But 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.

PSALM 116.1–2, 116.11–18 *We will read the Psalm by alternate verses.*

¹ I love the Lord, because he heard my voice:
the voice of my supplication;

² **Because he inclined his ear to me:
in the day that I called to him.**

¹¹ How shall I repay the Lord:
for all his benefits to me?

**12 I will take up the cup of salvation:
and call upon the name of the Lord.**

13 I will pay my vows to the Lord:
in the presence of all his people.

**14 Grievous in the sight of the Lord:
is the death of his faithful ones.**

15 O Lord, I am your servant,
your servant and the child of your handmaid:
you have unloosed my bonds.

**16 I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving:
and call upon the name of the Lord.**

17 I will pay my vows to the Lord:
in the presence of all his people,

**18 In the courts of the house of the Lord:
even in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.**

FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART.

THE GOSPEL

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

10 Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.

²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: ‘Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, “The kingdom of heaven has come near.” ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Matthew 9.35-10.8

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

SERMON

THE AFFIRMATION OF THE RESURRECTION

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe. Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS

Please sit or kneel for prayer as you are able.

The response:

Risen God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayers.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God
in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Giver of life,
receive all we offer you this day.
Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church
continue to work in the world
through the hearts of all who believe.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is here.
God's Spirit is with us.
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.

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name:

**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.]**

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, 'Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, 'Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.'

Therefore, Father, according to his command

**we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever. **Amen**

The Breaking of the Bread and the Communion

‘I am the bread of life,’ says the Lord.
‘Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;

whoever believes in me will never thirst.'

**Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!**

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

The body of Christ {the bread of heaven} given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ {the cup of salvation} shed for you. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion:

Glory to God,
**whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.**
**Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Final Hymn: TiS 629 – 'When I needed a neighbour' . . .

1 When I needed a neighbour
Were you there, were you there?
When I needed a neighbour
Were you there?
*And the creed and the colour
And the name won't matter
Were you there?*

2 I was hungry and thirsty
Were you there, were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty
Were you there?

*And the creed and the colour
And the name won't matter
Were you there?*

3 I was cold, I was naked Were you there, were you there?

I was cold, I was naked Were you there?

*And the creed and the colour
And the name won't matter
Were you there?*

4 When I needed a shelter Were you there, were you there?

When I needed a shelter Were you there?

*And the creed and the colour
And the name won't matter
Were you there?*

5 When I needed a healer Were you there, were you there?

When I needed a healer Were you there?

*And the creed and the colour
And the name won't matter
Were you there?*

6 When they put me in prison, were you there, were you there?

When they put me in prison, were you there?

*And the creed and the colour
And the name won't matter
Were you there?*

7 Wherever you travel I'll be there, I'll be there.

Wherever you travel I'll be there.

*And the creed and the colour
And the name won't matter
Were you there?*

Sydney Carter 1915 -

THE BLESSING

O God,
from the fullness of yourself you have created all that is;

through the power of your love you call us towards you;
in the giving of your Son our salvation has been wrought.
Our flowering and our passing, all the seasons of the vine, belong to you.
Bless us now and in all our days, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Creator, Redeemer
and Giver of Life. **Amen**

THE DISMISSAL

Go, walk gently on country to love and serve our God
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Bulletin Prayer Points

Creator God, we are part of the tensions and injustices of the world: heal the resentment between people and intervene in the world's conflicts.

*Help us to walk humbly with you at our side and when we come to the crossroads and have to choose which way to go lead us down the path of justice and righteousness whilst steering us away from the road that leads to selfishness and sin.

*We pray for your guidance of leaders at all levels, in all countries. Enable them to work peacefully for understanding and an end to discrimination against people of all races, politics and creeds. *Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve.*

*For the victims of harsh law enforcement, for just laws for everyone.

*For police and law keepers. Give them your guidance throughout their difficult work in how best to manage complex and often confronting situations, to be fair in their judgements and not resort to brutality.

At the same time, keep our police safe as they work to keep us safe. We give thanks for their wonderful social work and caring.

*Caring God, we pray for all those who are afflicted by physical, emotional or mental illness especially the problems caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. For those struggling to recover from the illness, those challenged by loneliness, those who have lost their jobs, struggling businesses, and those suffering the wide range effects of economic recession.

*Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected by COVID-19 and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your presence and protection.

*We pray for your world-wide church. That people everywhere will come to know your grace and love.

We give thanks for our Bishop, Richard, for his excellent and compassionate leadership in our diocese.

*For Dave, our Priest in Charge. Giving thanks for his ministry and leadership. We pray we can give support and share the ministry and mission of our parish. Enlighten us to be imaginative and energetic in being a 'new way of church, a new way of ministry and mission'.

*We give thanks for the safe arrival of Emma and Dave's beautiful baby girl, Luciana. We pray for Timmy, Eli and Jacob as they settle in with their new baby sister.

*Gracious God, enlighten and guide as we plan and work through the many steps towards safely re-opening our churches and op shop . . . always keeping protection and safety of your people foremost in our minds.

We pray for the eventual re-commencement of our mainly music program. For May as she engages with families and plans for resumption of sessions.

*Healing God, we pray for all who are suffering the effects of advanced age, illness, for the dying and for those who care for them.

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.

*Merciful God, we give thanks for the Christian life of the late Gene Marshall. For his generous sharing of his musical gifts, playing the organ in a number of churches and the many whom he taught and assisted to develop their skills. We pray specially for Jillian, his daughter, and all members of his family. Grant them your comfort and peace.

Gracious God, we thank you for hearing our prayers and as we move into the coming week help us to remember our Saviour's words as he sent his disciples out into the world "As you go, proclaim the good news, the Kingdom of Heaven has come near".

News & Notes

Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Reverend Heather Toms for presiding and preaching in our parish today. It has been a joy to have Priest Heather leading Sunday worship over the time that Dave has been on 'carers leave' and then 'paternity leave'. We can link into Heather's pre-recorded sermon at the Cathedral on YouTube probably on Sunday 28 June.

We're delighted to welcome Dave back to the parish this week after a very busy and devoted time of caring for Emma before, during and after the birth of their beautiful baby Luciana, parenting their boys, fitting in wardens' meetings, responding to emails, texts and phone calls etc, etc. Dave will be leading worship this Sunday 21st when we will welcome special guest, Andrew Newmarch. Andrew is the International Programs Manager at The Leprosy Mission Australia. You may recall reading about Andrew in an earlier Bulletin.

Bible Studies will resume via Zoom at 7.30pm this Wednesday – commencing with The Book of Revelation Chapter 11.

As most are aware, pre-recorded Cathedral services can be seen on YouTube each Sunday followed by a 'Fire-side chat' with Bishop Richard and the clergy member who delivered the sermon for that day. The links are emailed to parishioners each week as well as being accessible via the Gippsland Diocese website. These services and conversations are tastefully produced and recorded. ***The Reverend Dave Perryman will be delivering the pre-recorded sermon at the Cathedral for Sunday 12 July***

The many steps towards the opening of the op shop and parish churches for services are in progress. A submission detailing the COVIDSAFE plan of procedures and standards for protection of volunteers, patrons and visitors at the op shop has been forwarded to the Bishop and to members of Parish Council. Coordinators Bev and John Harrap and COVID monitoring wardens, Denise and Peter Vranek, Paul and Gail Wager met at the op shop yesterday to discuss implementation of the plan.

Whilst our COVIDSAFE practices may appear excessive compared to some other shops we embrace and are committed to the Parish of Avon / Anglican Diocese of Gippsland Safe Church Ministry Policies and as such are critically concerned for the safety and well being of God's people of all ages.

*We need always to bear in mind, that as a result of our highway location we are blessed with the patronage of people from local, regional and metropolitan areas.

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH of AVON

JUNE

School Holidays: Saturday 27 June to Sunday 12 July
mainly music continues to be 'on hold'

Retiring Offertory: Hope Restart Project

- Sun 14 Second Sunday in Pentecost.
Tues 16 Parish Council Reports Due
Extraordinary Meeting of Parish Council
Wed 17 7.30pm Bible Studies via Zoom.
Sun 21 Third Sunday in Pentecost. Andrew Newmarch from the
Leprosy Mission Australia, preaching at Holy Trinity.
??Invitations to gauge interest in gathered worship services
?Rev Nikolai Blascow preaching at Cathedral, pre-recorded.
Tues 23 Parish Council Meeting
Thurs 25 ???Op Shop Management Meeting
Sun 28 Fourth Sunday in Pentecost.
??May be resumption of some gathered worship services -
4th Sunday. St Mary's and Holy Trinity. ?Rev Heather
preaching at the Cathedral, pre-recorded.

July

Thursdays. mainly music. 9.30am Parish Hall. From 18th July:
when re-commenced

School Holidays Sat. 27 June to Sunday 12 July.

Retiring Offertory: School Chaplaincy

- Fri 3 Parish Dinner at Stratford Hotel - Raffle
Sun 5 Fifth Sunday in Pentecost. All Age Family Worship at Holy Trinity.
Rev. Brian Norris preaching at the 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. Healing Service.
Rev Dave preaching at the Cathedral, pre-recorded.

Holy Trinity Roster, 21 June, Third Sunday in Pentecost

Genesis 21.8-21;(21.1-7) Ps. 86.1-10,16-17. Rom 6.1-11 Matt. 10.24-39

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