

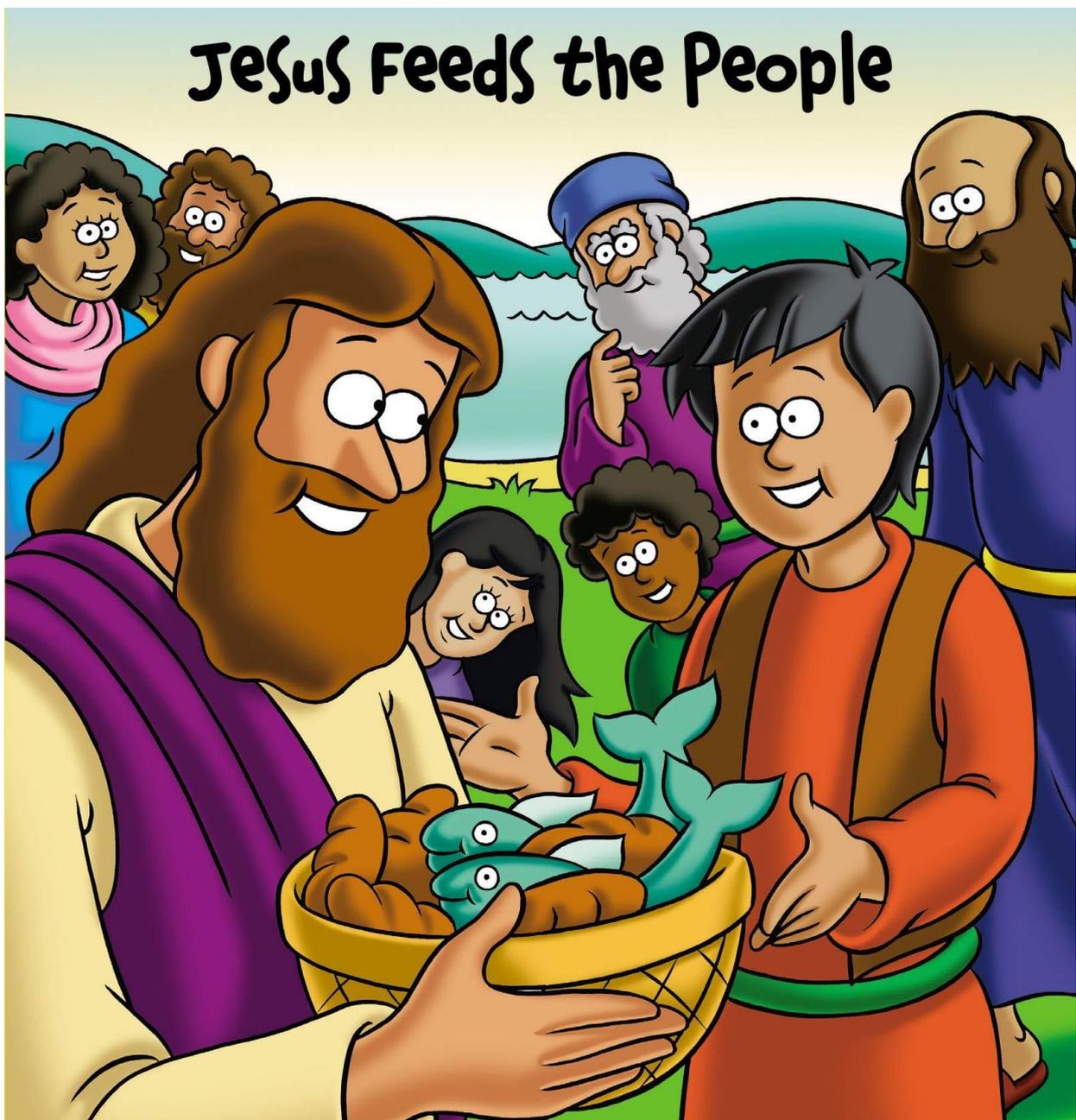
Anglican Parish of

This Sunday 2 Aug, Pentecost 9.

All Age Family Worship

Music and Fun !!

Come & Join in !!



Gathered Worship: 08.30am All Saints
Church Briagolong,
10am & 11.30am Holy Trinity Church,
Stratford,
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: 'Blessed be your name' – MP 1036

1 Blessèd be Your name
in the land that is plentiful,
where Your streams of abundance flow,
blessèd be Your name.
And blessèd be Your name
when I'm found in the desert place,
though I walk through the wilderness,
blessèd be Your name.

*Every blessing You pour out I'll
turn back to praise.
And when the darkness closes in, Lord,
still I will say:
'Blessèd be the name of the Lord,
Blessèd be Your name.
Blessèd be the name of the Lord,
Blessèd be Your glorious name.'*

2 Blessèd be Your name
when the sun's shining down on me,
when the world's 'all as it should be',
blessèd be Your name.
And blessèd be Your name
on the road marked with suffering,
though there's pain in the offering,
blessèd be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out...

You give and take away,
You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say,
'Lord, blessed be Your name.'

*'Blessèd be the name of the Lord,
Blessèd be Your name.
Blessèd be the name of the Lord,
Blessèd be Your glorious name.'*

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WELCOME

GREETING

Rejoice, folks, Jesus is in our midst.
Feed us, Jesus, and fill us with hope.

Be glad, friends, Jesus has bread and fish to spare.
Free us, Jesus, from the pursuit of food that does not satisfy.

Sing for joy, people of God;
God gathers up the pieces of our lives, that nothing may be lost.
Thanks be to God!

THE SENTENCE

The Lord is near to all who call on him in truth. He fulfils the desire of all that fear him, hears their cry, and saves them. *(Psalm 145.18–19)*

TIME OF THANKS

PRAYER OF THANKS

Loving Father,

We thank you for the blessings in our lives.

We thank you for our families, especially for our faith family gathered here.

We thank you for our homes and for all you provide for us.

We thank you for all the things you give to us, even the ones we haven't thought of.

Thank you for everything you bless us with through your Son. Amen.

THE CONFESSION

God shows great love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Silence for self-reflection

Our heavenly Father

thank you that you love us and care for us all the time.

We know that this week we have not always lived the way you tell us.

We have done wrong things

and not done all the good things we should have done.

Only you can save us,

so please forgive us

and help us to live as your friends.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

May the God of love and power

forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of our hopes and dreams,
we are empty, and long to be filled;
we are hungry, and long to be fed;
we are lost, and long to be found.
Gather us into your love,
and pick up the pieces of our lives,
just as Jesus gathered up the fragments
of the five loaves and two fish
that remained after feeding the five thousand.
Call us anew to eat our fill
and to find our true nourishment in Jesus,
the bread of heaven. Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

‘When Jesus heard what happened to John, Jesus left in a boat. He went to a lonely place by himself. But when the crowds heard about it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus arrived, he saw a large crowd. He felt sorry for them and healed those who were sick.

Late that afternoon, his followers came to Jesus and said, “No one lives in this place. And it is already late. Send the people away so they can go to the towns and buy food for themselves.”

Jesus answered, “They don’t need to go away. You give them some food to eat.”

The followers answered, “But we have only five loaves of bread and two fish.”

Jesus said, "Bring the bread and the fish to me." Then he told the people to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves of bread and the two fish. Then he looked to heaven and thanked God for the food. Jesus divided the loaves of bread. He gave them to his followers, and they gave the bread to the people. All the people ate and were satisfied. After they finished eating, the followers filled 12 baskets with the pieces of food that were not eaten. There were about 5,000 men there who ate, as well as women and children. *Matthew 14.13-21*

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

EARLY TALK

GRADUAL HYMN: 'This is the day' – MP 691

This is the day,
this is the day that the Lord has made,
that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice,
we will rejoice and be glad in it,
and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day,
this is the day that the Lord has made.

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HOMILY

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power
from on high.**

**We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

Please sit or kneel for prayer as you are able.

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

Let us pray.

**Gracious God, accept these gifts,
and with them our lives,
to be used in your service;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

God is here.

We praise God together.

Let us say thank you to God
who has done so much for us.

God, you made us, and the world and everything in it.
All the good we see comes from you.
You have always loved us
but people have not always loved you.
You sent Jesus to show us how to live
and to bring us back to you again.

He died for us on the cross
so that through your Spirit
we can all be your people.
And so with thanks
we praise you saying:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We are here because on the night before he died
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
There he took some bread
and gave thanks to you, God.
He broke it into pieces, and gave it to them.
“This is my body,” he said,

“Do this, and know that I am with you.”

Later, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to you.
he shared it with them, and said
“This is my blood, which brings new life.
Do this, and know that I am with you.”

And so, remembering Jesus, who died,
was raised to new life by you,
and is alive forever,
we are glad to share that life and live in him
And proclaim the mystery of our faith:
Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come in glory.

Send your Holy Spirit
so that this bread and wine
can be for us the body and blood of Jesus,
and through this food
give us strength to live as your people.

Help us to care for your world and for each other
in the way that Jesus showed us.
Until he comes again,
with all your people
in every time and every land
we worship you in 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 our 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

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Father,
**we offer ourselves to you
as a living sacrifice
through 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: 'Give thanks to the Lord' – MP 1046

1 Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King:
His love endures for ever.
For He is good, he is above all things:
His love endures for ever.

Sing praise, sing praise.

2 With a mighty hand and outstretched arm:
His love endures for ever.
For the life that's been reborn:
His love endures for ever.
Sing praise, sing praise,
sing praise, sing praise.

*For ever God is faithful,
for ever God is strong.
For ever God is with us,
for ever, for ever.*

3 From the rising to the setting sun:
His love endures for ever.
By the grace of God we will carry on:
His love endures for ever.
Sing praise, sing praise,
sing praise, sing praise.
For ever God is faithful...

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THE BLESSING

You are called and loved by God the Father
and kept safe by Jesus Christ.
Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance,
and the blessing of God,
Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life,
remain with you now and for ever.
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 the world and God's people.

We pray for:-

- Your beautiful creation, that we will be better stewards of the world you have created for us.
- Your people, those suffering war and persecution for their race, culture or beliefs. An end to systemic racism and any system which enables it. For justice reform in all countries.
- Our first nations peoples and for reconciliation within our own land.
- All who live in poverty, the homeless, for refugees and asylum seekers.
- The thousands of people suffering the effects of the Covid-19 virus and for those mourning the death of loved ones
- The front-line health care personnel and their support staff, that they stay safe and well.
- Governments planning for post-pandemic economic recovery that they will be caring of all people. Business will re-emerge, jobs will be available for all and there will adequate support for those who cannot work.
- Our state of Victoria struggling to control a second wave of the Covid-19 virus. For all who live in retirement villages and aged care facilities. May an out-come of this pandemic be that standards in certain aged care facilities will be lifted and staff better trained. That the culture of management money-saving will be eliminated.

The Church and Avon Parish

- For each and every church that seeks to minister and proclaim the Gospel of grace and hope.
- Bishop Richard as he leads us in these challenging times. For energy and wisdom.
- The Eastern Region: Avon, Croajingalong, Heyfield, Lakes Entrance, and Metung, Maffra, Omeo, Orbost, Paynesville, Rosedale, Dale and Tambo.
- Priest Dave, for his ministry and leadership among us. For energy and wisdom.
- Emma and their four children.

- Wisdom, encouragement and discernment for all our parish leadership.
- For reaching across the generations where parishioners of all ages feel welcome and loved. For connection with God and with each other especially these challenging times.
- We especially pray for our Corona Virus situation and the procedures that have been put into force to try to halt its spread. Help us all to be responsible in the things that we do in our lives to prevent the spread of the virus by taking heed of the recommended precautions and avoiding situations which may make things worse.
- For engagement and guidance of all volunteers as we work to provide a COVID-Safe environment at the op shop.
- For timely, safe and successful resumption of mainly music.
- For our Retiring Offertory – CMS

Almighty God, we thank you for your love and compassion for all who suffer in body, mind and spirit. We pray that your healing presence will calm their fears, ease their pain and bring light into the darkness of all who are sick

We pray especially for Julie, Liliias, Marj, Keith, Marion, Mark, Ruth, Alice, Emma, Crystal, Daryl, Jan and Mick.

We ask that you will be with all who need your loving care. For all grieving the loss of loved ones and those remembering anniversaries.

Gracious God, we thank you for this time together in prayer and as we look forward to the week to come, we pray for an awareness of your love and support in all we do. **Amen**

NEWS AND NOTES

Greetings all, welcome to our church services this morning and to those who are joining us on Zoom, Facebook or our website.

Today is the first Sunday of the month and so we return to our All Age Family Worship occasions but in a slightly altered form.

During 'Announcements' Dave will indicate the time of the **Mission Planning Meeting** which will convene either at 11am or 12.45pm, depending if there is one service or two services at Holy Trinity this morning. As you will recall, this is the time when we put forward ideas for mission giving from 1 October 2020 to 30 September 2021 i.e. the forthcoming financial year of the church . . . all are encouraged and welcome to attend!

A message for Bishop Richard:-

. . . you will no doubt be aware of the requirement coming into effect as of 11:59pm on Sunday 2 August that all Victorians wear face coverings when outside their home.

This will apply to all gatherings in our churches and on church property, and we need to ensure that our people are aware of this.

The following link from the DHHS website may be of assistance:

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/updates/coronavirus-covid-19/how-safely-wear-face-covering>

I have had a few inquiries in recent days as to whether face masks should be worn in church. My advice has been that whilst (up until midnight on Sunday) it has not been mandatory outside the areas covered by Stage 3 restrictions, it is entirely appropriate for masks to be worn, and in some cases would be recommended.

That advice still applies this coming Sunday (unless you are planning a midnight service!); however, we need to be (and to be seen to be) mindful of the spirit of the law as well as the letter of the law.

Grace and peace,
+Richard

News from Parish Council:-

Treasurer Paul reported that all donations prospectively apportioned to missions in the 2019/20 budget could now be paid out. Council approved that payment of all mission moneys be cleared, thus enabling the parish to commence the new budget year 'on track'.

Paul contended and Council unanimously agreed that the generous giving from parishioners over the challenging time of op shop closure was/is greatly appreciated – thank you!

The mainly music leadership met on Thursday morning last. All aspects and issues surrounding the re-commencing of sessions were discussed.

The concluding decision was that we must try to remain connected with families.



May writes:-

Photo Shoot!

Our mainly music team have agreed to a “photo shoot” which will be sent to our mainly music families. Priest Dave has offered to be our photographer, and I/we will say a few words of greeting and encouragement.

When: Thursday 13 August at 10 am. The team will be wearing mainly music shirts.

With our humble thanks and Blessings: Denise

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH OF AVON

AUGUST

Retiring Offertory: CMS

- Tues 4 National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day
Sun 9 Tenth Sunday in Pentecost.
Healing Service
International Day of the World's Indigenous People (2014 UN)
Thurs 13 10am mainly music photoshoot.
11am Budget Planning Meeting in the Meeting Room.
Sun 16 Eleventh Sunday in Pentecost
Tues 18 Parish Council Reports Due
Sun 23 Twelfth Sunday in Pentecost.
?Day of Prayer for Refugees (General Synod 2001)
Congregational Meeting at Holy Trinity (3)
Tues 25 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting
Sun 30 Thirteenth Sunday in Pentecost.

SEPTEMBER

Retiring Offertory: Bible Society Australia

- Wed 2 Holy Trinity Anniversary. Licensed 2/9/1868
**7.30pm Webinar with Bishop Jeff.
Sun 6 Fourteenth Sunday in Pentecost.
All Age Family Worship at Holy Trinity - Father's Day
Sat 12 ????Anam Cara Quiet Day at Holy Trinity.
Sun 13 Fifteenth Sunday in Pentecost
Healing Service
Thurs 17 11am Parish Dairy Planning Meeting.

Holy Trinity Roster, 9 August, Tenth Sunday in Pentecost.

Genesis 37.1-4,12-28 Ps.105.1-6,16-22 Rom.10.4-15 Matthew 14.22-36
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