

# Anglican Parish of Avon

*Sunday 16 August, Pentecost 11 .*

**Priest in Charge**

**The Reverend Dave Perryman,**



**Welcome – Wunan Njinda to: -  
10am Worship at Holy Trinity Church, Stratford,  
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:** 'My hope is built' – TiS 665

1 Jesus Christ is waiting,  
Waiting in the streets;  
No one is his neighbour,  
All alone he eats.  
Listen, Lord Jesus,  
I am lonely too.  
Make me, friend or stranger,  
Fit to wait on you.

2 Jesus Christ is raging,  
Raging in the streets,  
Where injustice spirals  
And real hope retreats.  
Listen, Lord Jesus,  
I am angry too.  
In the Kingdom's causes  
Let me rage with you.

3 Jesus Christ is calling,  
Calling in the streets,  
"Who will join my journey?  
I will guide their feet."  
Listen, Lord Jesus,  
Let my fears be few.  
Walk one step before me;  
I will follow you.

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**WELCOME**

## **GREETING**

What joy we feel when we are called together to celebrate God's love.  
**God's love flows through our lives!**

This is what it means to be the body of Christ!  
**This is what it means to be faithful witnesses to God.**

Let us rejoice on this day!  
**Lord, we thank you for the blessings you pour on us. Amen.**

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.**

## **THE SENTENCE**

"Thus says the Lord, 'Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.'" *(Isaiah 56.1)*

## **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

**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**

"Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses."

*(Mark 11.25)*

### *Silence for self-reflection*

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

**God of infinite mercy and love, we come before you this day, knowing that we have not always been faithful to what you would have us do. We have too often turned our backs on those in need, choosing not to hear their cries.**

**Forgive us, O Lord. Your love and mercy, so generously showered over us, should be a beacon to guide our own actions. We ask your forgiveness and blessing, turning us again around and placing us on the path of compassion and peace.**

**This prayer we offer in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### **THE ABSOLUTION**

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse us from our sins,  
and restore us in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of freedom,  
you have broken the tyranny of sin  
and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts:  
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,  
that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST READING

#### A Reading from Genesis,

<sup>45</sup>Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, ‘Send everyone away from me.’ So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. <sup>2</sup>And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. <sup>3</sup>Joseph said to his brothers, ‘I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?’ But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

<sup>4</sup>Then Joseph said to his brothers, ‘Come closer to me.’ And they came closer. He said, ‘I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, “Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. <sup>10</sup>You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.” <sup>12</sup>And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup>You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.’ <sup>14</sup>Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

*Genesis 45.1-15*

Hear the word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 133 – We will say the Psalm together**

**1 Behold how good and how lovely it is:  
when families live together in unity.**

**2 It is fragrant as oil upon the head,  
that runs down over the beard:  
fragrant as oil upon the beard of Aaron,  
that ran down over the collar of his robe.**

**3 It is like a dew of Hermon:  
like the dew that falls upon the hill of Zion.**

**4 For there the Lord has commanded his blessing:  
which is life for evermore.**

### **EARLY TALK**

### **GOSPEL READING**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

21 Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22 Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' 23 But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' 24 He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' 25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' 26 He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' 27 She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' 28 Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly. *Matthew 15. 21-28*

For the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## THE 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.*

*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 right indeed, ever living God,  
to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.

You are the source of all life and goodness;  
through your eternal Word

you have created all things from the beginning.  
When we sinned and turned away  
you called us back to yourself  
and gave your Son to share our human nature.  
He made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world.

Therefore, we proclaim your great and glorious name, saying:  
**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 before he died, he took bread;  
when he had given 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;  
when he had given you thanks,  
he gave it to them and said:  
Drink this, all of you,  
for this is my blood of the new covenant  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this as often as you drink it,  
to remember me.

Therefore loving God,  
recalling your great goodness to us in Christ,  
his suffering and death,  
his resurrection and ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life  
and this cup of salvation.

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 these gifts of bread and wine which we receive  
may be to us the body and blood of Christ,  
and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power,  
may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.**

**United in Christ with all who stand before you  
in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, O God,  
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**

Eternal God,  
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,  
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:  
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,  
that all the world may acknowledge  
the kingdom of your Son, 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: 'He's got the whole world' - MP 1236**

1 When all around is fading  
and nothing seems to last;  
when each day is filled with sorrow,  
still I know with all my heart:  
*He's got the whole world in His hands,  
He's got the whole world in His hands,  
I'll fear no evil, for You are with me,  
strong to deliver, mighty to save.  
He's got the whole world in His hands.*

2 When I walk through fire,  
I will not be burned;  
when the waves come crashing round me,  
still I know with all my heart:  
*He's got the whole world . . .*

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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.

May God's mercy go with you as you re-enter his world to serve those in need,

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:-**

- Your beautiful creation, that we will be better stewards of the world you have created for us.
- Your people, those suffering war and persecution based on race, culture or beliefs. An end to systemic racism and any system which enables it.
- 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 take care of themselves, stay safe and well.
- The development of effective Covid treatments and a vaccine.
- 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.

**For our state of Victoria struggling to control a second wave of the Covid-19 virus. For Melburnians living in the toughest lock down conditions in the history of our country. For support and care of the lonely and those living**

**with depression or anxiety. 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 training of staff more comprehensive. That the culture of managements' saving money will be eliminated.**

### **God's 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.
- The Parish of Bairnsdale, Brenda, Rod. Our sister Diocese, the Diocese of Gahini, Rwanda. Bishop Manasseh Gahima.
- 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 during these challenging times.
- 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, for the family and friends of the late Una Moralee.

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## **NEWS AND NOTES**

### **Greetings friends,**

We pray all are safe and in good spirits in this beautiful Shire of Wellington where there continues to '0' new Covid-19 cases. What a blessing!

Remember if anyone wishes to have a 'chat', you are welcome to ring, text or email Dave on  
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**Tomorrow, at St Mary's Munro**, Dave will conduct the funeral of a long and faithful member of St Mary's and the Munro community, Una Moralee. We hold Una's family, many of whom are unable to attend her funeral in our love and prayers.

### **Re the op shop: Dave writes . . .**

What a delight to see Denise representing the Op Shop and wider parish on the front page of the Gippsland times in the article "Stratford Op Shop stays open!"

As she notes "Last time we closed for three months and many of our volunteers really did miss it, because it's a lonely time for a lot of people."

The only reason we can remain open is due to the tireless work of our co-ordinator Bev, COVID wardens Denise, Peter, Judy K and until recently, Gail and Paul, and our brilliant team of volunteers.

We greatly appreciate their service and ministries in these difficult times!

### **The Holy Trinity Roster:**

During this time of 'lockdown' the ministry of our flower arrangers is very much needed. Unfortunately, readers and sides-persons will not be required until we return to face to face worship. Let us pray that will be no longer that 4 weeks.

### **The Offertory.**

As mentioned last week, Paul (0457 329 919) welcomes offertory being left in his street mailbox OR he will collect it from home addresses if preferred.

Direct payment to the parish account is always welcome.

### **The Retiring Offertory.**

For those who give via direct payment to the parish account, please advise Paul of how much, if any of your offertory, is intended for donation to the Retiring Offertory.

The Retiring Offertory for this month (August) is in support of CMS.

**The Budget Planning Meeting** that convened Thursday last via Zoom was a positive meeting with thoughtful input from the group. Prospective budgeting is a nightmare in the current circumstances which are unlikely to return to normal in the foreseeable future. However, with that in mind, we discussed completing

some projects that are not subject to Covid-19 restrictions and have been 'on hold' for some considerable time. Paul will present a draft of the proposed budget to Parish Council at the September meeting.

### **About Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) and Fuel for Father's Day.**

**MAF** reaches some of the world's most remote areas with the love of Christ. Providing medical assistance, transport, educational support, and mission, their work has blessed lives for over 70 years.

However, flying around 27 countries requires funds to fuel their 128 aircraft.

**"Fuel for Father's Day"** is a campaign where people can buy a card for \$10, \$25 or \$50 in the shape of a Jerry Can (full of 'Dad jokes') or a Tool Box, as a gift to their Dad on Father's Day. All the proceeds go to keeping MAF planes in the air.

A donation of \$50 is enough for around 20 minutes of flying. In many of the remote places where MAF serve, short life-saving flights are a regular occurrence. That is the power of a jerrycan of fuel. Twenty-five dollars keeps a plane in the air for 10 minutes, that covers a lot of flying K's.

Commencing 5 years ago, Jerrycan donations have fuelled 3,500 flying hours.

**Important:** To make sure you receive your "Printed Card" in time, MAF must receive the order by 23 August 2020. After that you can print your card at home! For videos and to make a donation go to [www.maf.org.au/fathersday](http://www.maf.org.au/fathersday)



## WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH OF AVON

### AUGUST

#### **Retiring Offertory: CMS**

- 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
- Sun 13 Fifteenth Sunday in Pentecost  
Healing Service
- Tues 15 Parish Council Reports Due.
- Thurs 17 11am Parish Diary Planning Meeting.
- Sat 19 ????Men's Breakfast.
- Sun 20 Sixteenth Sunday in Pentecost. ?Vocations Melbourne.  
Child Protection Sunday
- Tues 22 Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm via Zoom.
- Fri 25 Spring Parish Dinner, Stratford Hotel – Raffle
- Sun 27 Seventeenth Day in Pentecost. Speaker, Bible Soc. via David Lepore

### Holy Trinity Roster, 23 August, Twelfth Sunday in Pentecost.

Exodus 1.8 - 2.10. Ps.124. Rom 12.1-8 Matthew 16.13-20.

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