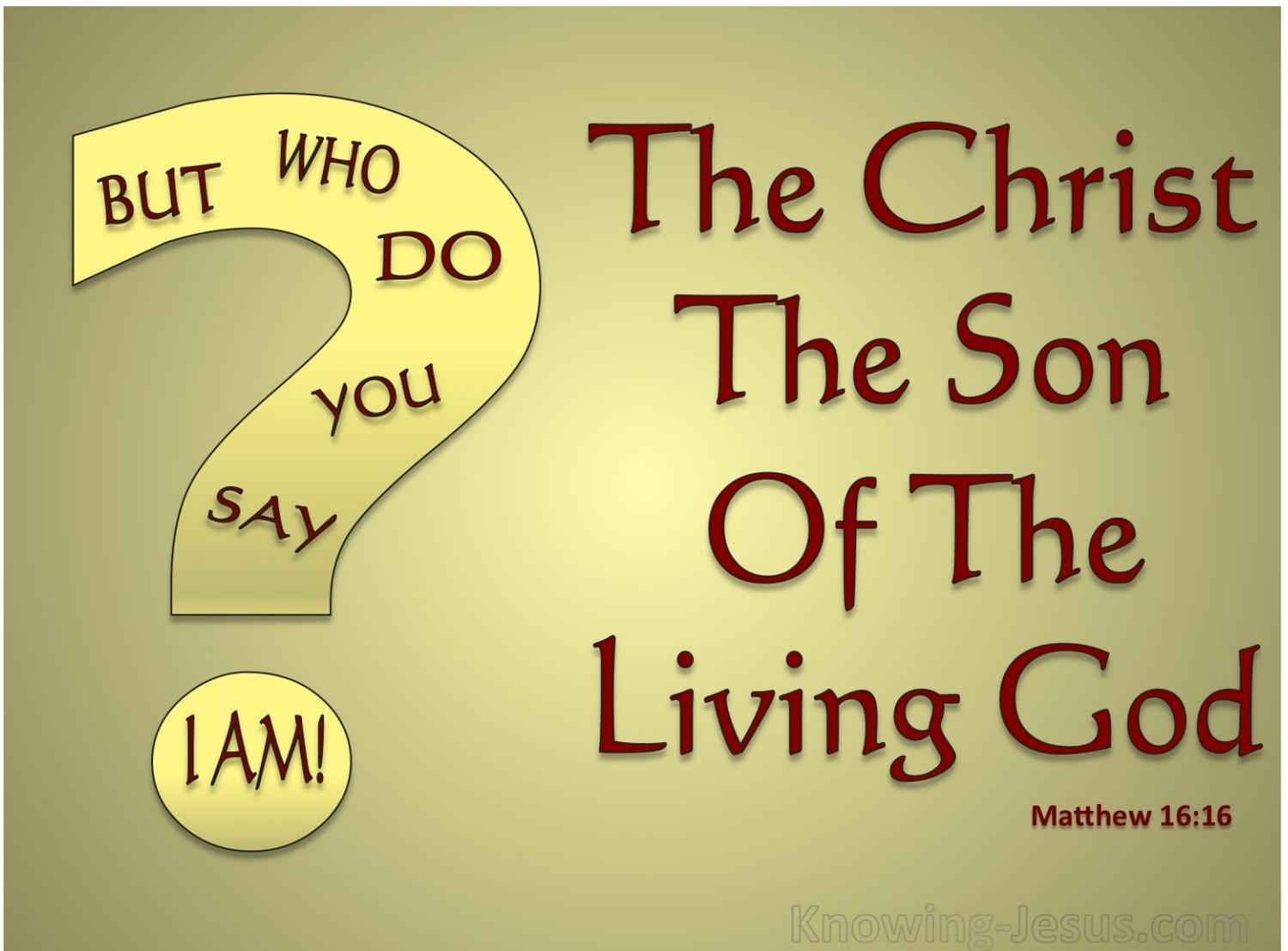


Anglican Parish of Avon

Sunday 23 August, Pentecost 12 .

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: Rejoice, the Lord is King – TiS 216

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King;
your Lord and King adore;
let all give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore;
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

2 Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

3 Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus the judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home:
*We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, Rejoice!*

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WELCOME

GREETING

Life can sometimes be very difficult.
We look around and wonder where God is.

In the midst of our trials and tribulations, God is with us.
God surrounds us with love and courage.

Come, let us praise God for God's abiding presence.
Lord, thank you for always being with us, even when we don't recognize your loving presence.

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

"Martha said, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'"

(John 11. 27)

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

"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."

(Colossians 3. 13)

Silence for self-reflection

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

**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, fount of all wisdom,
in the humble witness of the apostle Peter
you have shown the foundation of our faith:
give us the light of your Spirit,
that, recognising in Jesus of Nazareth the Son of the living God,
we may be living stones for the building up of your holy Church;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
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

THE FIRST READING

A Reading from Exodus

8 Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. ¹⁰Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.' ¹¹Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. ¹²But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. ¹³The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, ¹⁴and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

15 The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶'When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.' ¹⁷But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. ¹⁸So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, 'Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?' ¹⁹The midwives said to Pharaoh, 'Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.' ²⁰So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. ²¹And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²²Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.'

2 Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. ³When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

5 The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' ⁸Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.' *Exodus 1.8-2.10*

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 124 – *We will say the Psalm together*

**1 If the Lord had not been on our side,
now may Israel say:
if the Lord had not been on our side,
when our enemies rose against us,**

**2 Then they would have swallowed us alive:
when their anger was kindled against us.**

**3 Then the waters would have overwhelmed us,
and the torrent gone over us:
the raging waters would have gone clean over us.**

**4 But praised be the Lord:
who has not given us as a prey to their teeth.**

**5 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler:
the snare is broken, and we have gone free.**

6 Our help is in the name of the Lord:

who has made heaven and earth.

EARLY TALK

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' 14 And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 15 He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' 16 Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' 17 And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' 20 Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.
Matthew 16.13-20

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.

Loving God,
we thank you for this world of wonder and delight.
You have given it to us to care for,
so that all your creatures may enjoy its bounty.
Lord our God,
we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you that when we turned away from you,
you sent Jesus to live and work as one of us,
and bring us back to you.
He showed us how to love you
and set us free to love and serve one another.
Lord our God,
we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you that on the cross
Jesus took away our sin,
all that keeps us from each other and from you.

He frees us from hate and fear,
from all that destroys love and trust.
Lord our God,
we give you thanks and praise.

And so with everyone who believes in you,
with all the saints and angels,
we rejoice and praise you, saying:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

And now we thank you
for these gifts of bread and wine;
may we who receive them,
as Jesus said,
share his body and his blood.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread
and gave you thanks.
He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said,
'Take and eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup
and gave you thanks.
He shared the cup with them and said,
'This is my blood poured out
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

**You have gathered us together
to feed on Christ**

and to remember all he has done for us:

**Fill us with your Spirit
that we may follow Jesus
in all we do and say,
working for justice and bringing your peace
to this world that you have made.
Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. 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

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion

keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through 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: 'Mighty to save' - MP 1168

1 Everyone needs compassion,
love that's never failing;
let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness,
the kindness of a saviour;
the hope of nations.

*Saviour,
He can move the mountains,
my God is mighty to save,
He is mighty to save.
Forever,
author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave.*

2 So take me as You find me,
all my fears and failures,
fill my life again.
I give my life to follow
everything I believe in,
now I surrender.
Saviour, he can move...

//Shine your light
and let the whole world see,
we're singing
for the glory of the risen King,
Jesus.//

Saviour, he can move...

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THE BLESSING

The world awaits the love and gifts you have to offer. Go forth in joy and peace to be God's witnesses this day and all your days, 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.

Everlasting God, we thank you for the gift of your Son Jesus Christ and for revealing him as Messiah and Saviour of the World. Thank you that your son gave Peter the keys to the kingdom as a reward for his lively and outspoken faith and so became the bedrock foundation of your church here on earth.

We pray for:-

- Your world. That we will be better custodians of your amazing creation. For restoration of fauna, flora and that we will recognise the gifts of our first nations peoples and how they understand country. For reconciliation within our own land.

- Your people, those suffering war and persecution based on race, culture or beliefs. An end to systemic racism and any system which enables it.
- 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 will be safe as they care for others.
- 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 giving thanks for the flattening of the Covid incidence curve. 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.
- That an outcome of the pandemic will be increased and more skilled staffing in aged care and disability care.

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 the diocese in these challenging times.
- The Parish of Bass/Phillip Island: Jo White, Ken. All Anglicare personnel and the mission of Anglicare.
- Priest Dave, giving thanks for his leadership among us especially during these times of different ways of church. We pray for energy and wisdom as Dave ministers in our parish, at the Registry and within the Diocese.
- For Emma and their four children.
- For guidance, wisdom and discernment for the parish ministry leadership especially as we near the end of this Church year when important plans and decisions are formulated for our parish ministry throughout the new church year
- For warmth and connection with parishioners of all ages and stages in their journey with God. Especially for families and children in our community.
- For engagement and guidance as we work to provide a COVID-Safe environment at the op shop for all patrons and volunteers.
- For continued connection with our mainly music families.

- For our Retiring Offertory – CMS
- Almighty God, We pray that your healing presence will calm the fears, ease the pain and bring light into the darkness of all who are sick in body, mind or spirit.

We pray especially for Julie, Lillas, 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.

Faithful God, forgive us when we only turn to you when things trouble us and when we forget to thank you for your blessings and bounty. Help us to recognise all the wonderful things in your world for which we should be grateful and send us out into the coming week ready to show our gratitude in all that we do and say.

NEWS AND NOTES

Greetings friends,

As we move towards the end of this church year (30 September) we reflect on what an exigent year it has been and still is.

Please pray for the parish leadership (Dave, Wardens and Parish Council) as in such uncertain times, they/we work through the concluding business of this year and formulate plans for the new church year, 2020/21, to be adopted by the AGM of the Parish in November.

Parish Council will meet on Tuesday evening by Zoom at 7.30pm. There is much to be discerned and decided so watch this space next week for news from Parish Council.

The next Wardens / Budget Meeting will convene on Thursday 27 August.

This meeting will review the second draft of the budget in preparation for it being circulated to the September meeting of Parish Council. The October meeting of Parish Council will approve the last draft before being presented to the AGM for adoption in November.

Mowing at All Saints.

We are looking for someone to slash or 'ride-on' mow the grounds surrounding All Saints Church buildings on an 'as needed' basis. If you know of anyone who might be interested in doing this work please contact Dave on 0401 035 379.

Support for the impoverished people of Kenya

Emma Perryman's Grandfather, Chris Chetland, a Pentecostal Minister at Grace Chapel in Wonthaggi, and her Grandmother, Everlyn, spend approximately 6 months of the year (each) in Kenya. Everlyn is currently stranded in Kenya due to the Corona Virus Pandemic. Funds are sorely needed for food for the poor and vulnerable in Kenya, their situation being severely worsened by the Corona Virus situation. The church is coordinating fund raising via requests for donations from the wider family, friends, and ecumenical contacts.

Some parishioners may like to support the amazing work being done by Everlyn over very many months. Donations can be given to Paul, Denise, Bev or Dave.

Today is 'Jerrycan 'Sunday.

The work of MAF Mission and "Fuel for Father's Day" was outlined in last Sunday's Bulletin. To ensure you receive your "Printed Card" in time to give to Dad or special Father you may know, MAF must receive the order by today, 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

With our humble thanks and Blessings: Denise

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH OF AVON

AUGUST

Retiring Offertory: CMS

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, 30 August Thirteenth Sunday in Pentecost.

Day of Prayer for Refugees.

Exodus 3.1-15 Ps 105.1-6,23-26. Rom 12.9-21 Matthew 16.21-28

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