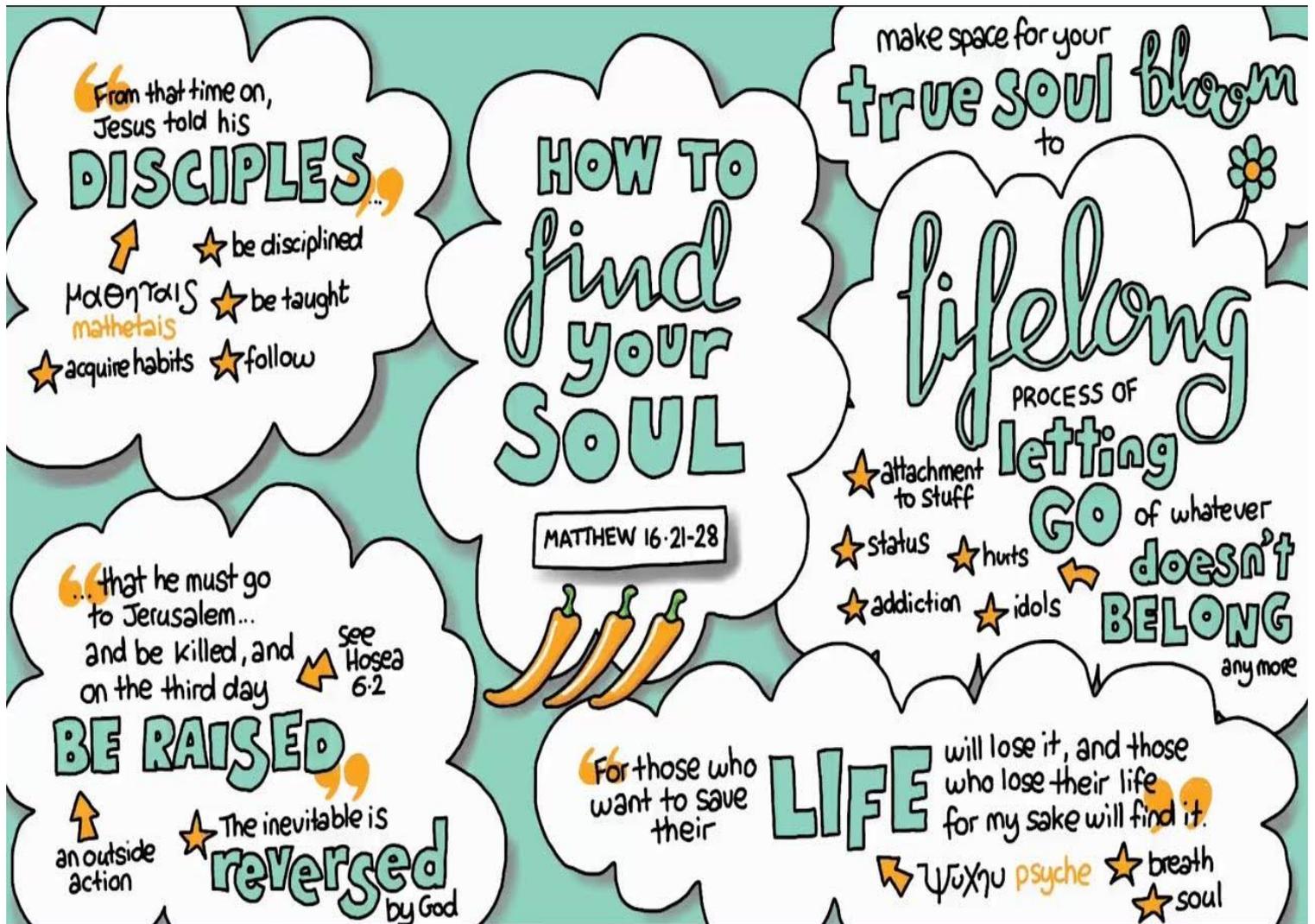


# Anglican Parish of Avon

*Sunday 30 August, Pentecost 13 .*

**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: 'In my life Lord' – MP 335**

1 In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
in my life, Lord, be glorified today.

2 In your Church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
in your Church, Lord, be glorified today.

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### **Welcome**

### **Greeting**

Give thanks to the Lord!

**We will sing God's praises!**

Seek the Lord and God's strength.

**We continually seek God's presence in our lives.**

Remember all the wonderful things that God has done.

**Praise the Lord! 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**

“If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross and follow him.”      *(Matthew 16. 24–25)*

## **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**

“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace.”      *(Ephesians 1. 7)*

*Silence for self-reflection*

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

**Lord our God,  
in our sin we have avoided your call.  
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.  
Have mercy on us;  
deliver us from judgement;  
bind up our wounds and revive us;  
in 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,  
whose Son has shown the way of the cross to be the way of life:  
transform and renew our minds  
that we may not be conformed to this world  
but may offer ourselves wholly to you as a living sacrifice  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The First Reading**

### **A Reading from Exodus**

<sup>3</sup>Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' <sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' <sup>5</sup>Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' <sup>6</sup>He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of

Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

7 Then the LORD said, ‘I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings,<sup>8</sup> and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.<sup>9</sup> The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them.<sup>10</sup> So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.’<sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, ‘Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?’<sup>12</sup> He said, ‘I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.’

13 But Moses said to God, ‘If I come to the Israelites and say to them, “The God of your ancestors has sent me to you”, and they ask me, “What is his name?” what shall I say to them?’<sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM.’ He said further, ‘Thus you shall say to the Israelites, “I AM has sent me to you.”’<sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, ‘Thus you shall say to the Israelites, “The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you”:

This is my name for ever,

and this my title for all generations.      *Exodus 3.1-15*

Hear the word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 105** – *We will say the Psalm together*

**1 O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name:  
tell among the peoples what things he has done.**

**2 Sing to him, O sing praises:  
and be telling of all his marvellous works.**

**3 Exult in his holy name:  
and let those that seek the Lord be joyful in heart.**

**4 Seek the Lord and his strength:  
O seek his face continually.**

**5 Call to mind what wonders he has done:  
his marvellous acts, and the judgements of his mouth,**

**6 O seed of Abraham his servant:  
O children of Jacob his chosen one.**

**23 Then Israel came into Egypt:  
and Jacob dwelt in the land of Ham.**

**24 There the Lord made his people fruitful:  
too numerous for their enemies,**

**25 Whose hearts he turned to hate his people:  
and to deal deceitfully with his servants.**

**26 Then he sent Moses his servant:  
And Aaron whom he had chosen.**

## **Early Talk**

## **Gospel Reading**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

### **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**21** From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

24 Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

27 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.' *Matthew 16.21-28*

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**

Loving God, we offer you now these gifts.  
Take our money and use it to bring comfort to those in need.  
Take our service and use it to bring justice to those who are oppressed.  
Take our witness and use it to bring good news to those who hunger for hope.  
Take our lives and use them for our very salvation.

We pray through Jesus Christ, the one whom we follow even to the cross. **Amen.**

## **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.**

Father, you made the world and love your creation.

You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.

His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.

And so we gladly thank you,

with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,

through Jesus Christ, our Lord;

and as we obey his command,

send your Holy Spirit,

that broken bread and wine outpoured

may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, 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.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

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

**Lord of all life,**  
**help us to work together for that day**  
**when your kingdom comes**  
**and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.**

**Look with favour on your people,**  
**gather us in your loving arms**  
**and bring us with all the saints**  
**to feast at your table in heaven.**

**Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,**  
**in the unity of the Holy Spirit,**  
**all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,**  
**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**

God of all mercy,  
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins  
and given us your healing:  
grant that we who are made whole in Christ  
may bring that healing to this broken world,  
in the name 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: 'Broken Vessels'**

1 All these pieces,  
Broken and scattered,

In mercy gathered,  
Mended and whole,  
Empty handed,  
But not forsaken,  
I've been set free,  
I've been set free.

*Amazing grace  
How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
Oh I once was lost  
But now I am found  
Was blind but now I see  
Oh I can see You now  
Oh I can see the love in Your eyes  
Laying Yourself down  
Raising up the broken to life*

2 You take our failure,  
You take our weakness,  
You set Your treasure,  
In jars of clay,  
So take this heart Lord,  
I'll be Your vessel,  
The world to see Your life in me.  
*Amazing grace...*

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## **The Blessing**

Go into this world, bearing the words of hope and healing.  
Reach out to others in compassion.  
For it is Jesus' name, that you are sent out to serve,  
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.**

## **BULLETIN PRAYER POINTS.**

### **We pray for:-**

- All suffering in your broken world.
- Our struggling environment. We pray that we will be better custodians of all things precious to the ecological balance in your world.
- Suffering related to the COVID pandemic, persecution for reasons of 'difference', violence, homelessness, racial injustice, economic hardship, emotional despair, loneliness and the despair of many elderly forgotten persons.
- That we will recognise the gifts of our first nations peoples and how they understand country. For reconciliation within our own land.
- The front-line health care personnel and their support staff who are at risk in this pandemic. 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.
- That an outcome of the pandemic will be increased and more skilled staffing in aged care and disability care centres

### **God's Church and Avon Parish**

- 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 those mourning the loss of loved ones as a result of this pandemic.

Holy God, we thank you that your wisdom not only enlightens us but transforms and guides us as we go from this place of worship out into our daily walk through life with you.

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Greetings friends,** Today we welcome you to join in our 'After Church Morning Tea/Fellowship'

**Dave writes:-**

To join our morning tea/fellowship time simply join via Zoom as you usually would.

This time, however, make sure you are connected with both audio and video. You will need to ensure you're not 'muted' and that we can see you!

When joining simply select 'join with video' when prompted. Alternatively, if you have already joined just press 'start video.'

As always if you're having issues please don't hesitate to contact me.

**Next Sunday 6 September** our streamed service will be a special All Age Family Service on Father's Day. All are welcome! You may like to encourage family members or friends to connect with us on the usual link.

## **David Perryman**

**I'm taking the Ration Challenge. I eat the same meagre diet as would be eaten by a refugee.**

<https://actforpeace.rationchallenge.org.au/david-perryman>

**Dave writes:-**

"This year I'll once again be taking part in the Ration Challenge to raise money to provide emergency food, hygiene kits and life-saving support to the people hit hardest by the coronavirus pandemic.

For one week (**11am Sun. 13 to 11am Sun. 20 Sept.**) I'll be eating the exact same food rations as a Syrian refugee for one week - just a small amount of rice, flour, lentils, chickpeas, beans, fish and oil!

If you find it a possibility, I'd greatly appreciate your support!"

**Donations can be given via the above website or drop in Paul Wager's street mailbox**



I eat rations for  
a week

**YOU  
SPONSOR  
ME**



Refugees are given food,  
medicine and education

### **The Op Shop**

The Parish Leadership is seeking offers of assistance with cartage of furniture (collection and delivery) to and from the Op Shop. If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining a great team and assisting in the way of furniture moving, please contact Dave on 0401 035 379 or Bev on 0400 045 646

### **Mowing at All Saints.**

We continue to search 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.**

**A Quiet Afternoon via zoom at 2pm today.** Dean Susanna has invited us to join with her in sharing a quiet afternoon of prayer, via zoom. ***'Are we also God's delight? 2pm to 4pm.***

*Then I was beside God, like a master worker; and I was daily God's delight, rejoicing before God always.* Proverbs 8.30

Please contact Susanna to register your interest and to receive the zoom link. [susanna.pain@gmail.com](mailto:susanna.pain@gmail.com) 0418 637 469

### **A Webinar with Bishop Jeff, 2 September**

Bishop Richard writes:-

An evening with +Jeffrey Driver on the Life and Mission of Newton Theological College, PNG, 2 September

As many will be aware, Bishop Jeffrey is the Acting Principal of Newton Theological College in Popondetta.

On Wednesday 2 September, the day the Anglican Church of Australia remembers the witness of the New Guinea Martyrs, +Jeffrey has offered to present a 'webinar' on the College and its context, from 7.30pm.

This will be open to all clergy and people of the Diocese, and I encourage you to advertise it in your ministry setting. **To register, simply send an email to: [registryoffice@gippsanglican.org.au](mailto:registryoffice@gippsanglican.org.au)**

**\*\*BY 5PM THIS AFTERNOON. A link for the webinar will then be forwarded to you. Thank you Bishop Jeffrey!**

With humble thanks and blessings . . . Denise

## WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH OF AVON

### 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.
- 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.  
David Lepor

### OCTOBER

Dave: - Clergy Retreat – Via Zoom

*School resumes 4 October*

#### **Retiring Offertory: Act for Peace**

- Sun 4 October Eighteenth Day in Pentecost. Feast of St Francis of Assisi  
10am All Age Family Worship at Holy Trinity  
Blessing of the Animals  
Day light Saving begins
- Mon 5 3pm Meeting of the Op Shop Volunteers – *Tentative.*
- Wed 7 AGM Reports to the Secretary Please!!
- Sat 10 ??**Garden Bus Tour**
- Sun 11 Nineteenth Day in Pentecost  
4pm Healing Service at Holy Trinity.

**Holy Trinity Roster, 6 September, Fourteenth Sunday in Pentecost.**

#### **Fathers Day**

Exodus 12.1-14 Ps 149. Rom 13.1-10 Matthew 18.10-20

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