

ANGLICAN PARISH OF AVON

**ALL AGE FAMILY
WORSHIP & FUN**

10am Sunday 6 September

14th Sunday of Pentecost on Zoom

We hope to see you there!

**Happy Father's Day to all
Fathers and Father**

Figures

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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: 'Amazing love' – MP 476

1 My Lord, what love is this
that pays so dearly,
that I, the guilty one,
may go free!
*Amazing love, O what sacrifice,
the Son of God given for me.
My debt He pays, and my death He dies,
that I might live, that I might live.*

2 And so, they watched Him die
despised, rejected:
but O the blood He shed
flowed for me!
Amazing love...

3 And now this love of Christ
shall flow like rivers;
come wash your guilt away,
live again!
Amazing love...

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Welcome

Greeting

How shall we live in the love of God?
We will treat one another with fairness and dignity.

How shall we witness God's forgiving love?
We will reach out others with compassion.

Come, let us worship God who has always loved us.
Let our worship of God be reflected in our lives of hope and peace.
Amen.

The Sentence

'Where two or three are gathered in my name,' says the Lord, 'I am there among them.'

(Matthew 18. 20)

Prayer of thanks

Father, Father up above
Thank you, thank you for your love
Thank you, for our family and our pets too
We can see and we know these came from you.

Father, Father up above
Thank you, thank you for your love
Thank you for our meals and our warm beds too
We can see and we know these came from you.

Father, Father up above
Thank you, thank you for your love
Thank you, for our friends old and new
We can see and we know these came from you.

Thank you Father for your gifts to us. Amen.

The Confession

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

Silence for self-reflection

Merciful Lord,

You know our faults and our failings.

Forgive us when we forget that you are always with us and heal our souls.

Teach us again about your forgiving and healing love.

Show us ways of merciful living that we may extend the love and mercy you have given us to others.

Forgive us, we pray. For we ask these things 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

**Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days.
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

“Be careful. Don't think these little children are worth nothing. I tell you that they have angels in heaven who are always with my Father in heaven. The Son of Man came to save lost people.

“If a man has 100 sheep, but 1 of the sheep gets lost, he will leave the other 99 sheep on the hill. He will go to look for the lost sheep. And if he finds it, he is happier about that 1 sheep than about the 99 that were never lost. I tell you the truth. In the same way, your Father in heaven does not want any of these little children to be lost.

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him what he did wrong. Do this in private. If he listens to you, then you have helped him to be your brother

again. But if he refuses to listen, then go to him again and take one or two other people with you. 'Every case may be proved by two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, then tell it to the church. If he refuses to listen to the church, then treat him as you would one who does not believe in God. Treat him as if he were a tax collector.

"I tell you the truth. The things you don't allow on earth will be the things God does not allow. The things you allow on earth will be the things that God allows.

"Also, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about something, then you can pray for it. And the thing you ask for will be done for you by my Father in heaven. This is true because if two or three people come together in my name, I am there with them."

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Early Talk

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,
These offerings we present to you, O Lord.
May they be used for ministries of love and reconciliation through
this community of faith. Amen.

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 offer thanks and praise.

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

Heavenly Father,
we share together the blessing of your presence.
Give us in this life knowledge of your truth,
and in the world to come life everlasting,
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: 'The Lord's my shepherd' – MP 1008

1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.
*And I will trust in You alone,
and I will trust in You alone,
for Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

2 He guides my ways in righteousness,
and He anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.
And I will trust...

3 And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
for You are with me, and Your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.
And I will trust...

The Blessing

We are prepared to walk away from the darkness into the light.
Go into this world confident in Christ's love and God's eternal presence with you.

Go to be a witness for good and a bearer of peace to all you meet,
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.

A Prayer for Fathers in Our Lives

We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives.

Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail.

We ask for Your blessings for them all and forgiveness where it is needed.
This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways--both big and small--they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach.

So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent; grandfathers, Godfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches and the women of our families.

For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You.

In Your Holy name, O God, we pray. **Amen.**

We pray for:-

Our world. Giving thanks for the beautiful season of Spring and the new life bursting out around us.

- The end of hatred, intolerance and discrimination in the world and that all people, irrespective of race, colour or creed, be recognised as being equal - just as they are in Your eyes. For an end to the violence and unrest in America and an end to the racial and social injustices in our own country.
- We particularly reflect on how the COVID-19 pandemic is impacting on those living within house-binding restrictions, with illness, grief, loneliness, decline in mental health and loss of employment. Lord, guide them through these deeply troubled times, to see and reach out to you.
- All front-line health carers, for their energy and safety.
- Governments struggling to lead our country through huge health and recessionary challenges. May those with least not be forgotten, that their needs will be met.

God's Church and Avon Parish

- Give thanks and pray for our church leaders throughout the Anglican Communion, for Bishop Richard and Registrar Richard leading the Diocese in these difficult times and for our own Parish.
- Dave as he leads us through this pandemic and into an inspirational, intergenerational post pandemic parish.
- For Emma and their 4 children
- All who preach and share your word. Inspire, lead and grow us as disciples to reach out to those in need in our community.
- Grant us your guidance and wisdom as we strive to provide a safe environment for volunteers and shoppers at the op shop.
- For our mainly music families, that they will be connected and safe.
- For our Retiring Offertory – The Bible Society
- 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, 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 especially for John, Heather, Jayne and Lauren and their families, as they reflect on the life of a loving and dear wife, mother and grandmother . . . Norma.

NEWS AND NOTES

A very happy Fathers' Day to all Fathers, Grandfathers, Father figures and would be Fathers. Notwithstanding the pandemic restrictions, we pray today will be a happy day for everyone.

After todays service, at 11.30am, we will re-connect to Zoom for another social morning tea. We plan to continue with this time of connection each Sunday and into the future, until such time as we can all gather in fact to face fellowship. The feedback received from last week's social 'chat-time' was positive. We welcome any feedback and encourage everybody to join with us.

Just follow the instructions as written by Dave:-

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.

Bible Studies We completed the study of 'The Revelation to John (Revelation) on Wednesday evening last. Following a week's break, we will commence a study of 'The Acts of the Apostles' (Acts) on Wednesday 16 September. Over recent months, our Bible Studies have taken on a somewhat different dynamic. The recent study was, and the next study will be based on Tom Wright's Bible Study Guides. These study guides:

. . . are designed to help you understand the Bible in fresh ways under the guidance of one of the world's leading New Testament scholars. Thoughtful questions, prayer suggestions, and useful background and cultural information all guide you into a deeper understanding of the Christian story and the Christian life (Berglund 2012).

Dave is very conversant with the content and articulately leads the studies. All studies are on Zoom which means we join in from the comfort of our own home . . . certainly beats going out at night.

If you feel tempted to 'give it a go', i.e. the Holy Spirit is nudging you, please don't hesitate further, just contact Dave or Denise.

Vocations Sunday 20 September. In recent years our Diocese has focused on vocations on the Sunday nearest to St Matthews's day. Jesus Christ calls all the baptised into ministry within the church and world bringing hope, comfort and peace as all are served. For some this means giving themselves wholly to their current working environment. For others it means serving as Lay Readers or ordained either in parish ministry, chaplaincy or the workplace. What matters is our individual response to the call of God. If you sense that God may be moving you forward in these areas Bishop Richard or Graham Knott (0490045581) would love to hear from you and explore the next stage of the journey with you.

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



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.

With our humble thanks and blessings . . . Denise

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH OF AVON

SEPTEMBER

Retiring Offertory: Bible Society Australia

- 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!!
- Sun 11** Nineteenth Day in Pentecost
4pm Healing Service at Holy Trinity.
- Wed 14** Monthly Parish Council Reports Due
- Fri 16** ???6pm- 8.30pm Safe Church Awareness Workshop. St Paul's
- Sat 17** 9.30am-4pm Safe Church Awareness Workshop. St Paul's, Sale.
- Sat 17** ???Men's Breakfast
- Sun 18** Twentieth Day in Pentecost
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Holy Trinity Roster, 13 September, Fifteenth Sunday in Pentecost.

Exodus 14.19-31. Ps 114. Rom. 14.1-14 Matthew 18.21-35

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