

Anglican Parish of Avon

Priest in Charge, The Reverend Dave Perryman

28 Feb. Second Sunday in Lent

Services of Holy Communion at:
8.30am St Mary's Church Munro
10am Holy Trinity Church, Stratford

All are welcome!



LENT

— 40 Days Of Renewal —



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: 'Make me a channel' – TiS 607

1 Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring Your love;
where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in You.

Refrain:

*O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

2 Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.
O Master...

3 Make me a channel of Your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive;
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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Greeting

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,
whose mercy endures for ever.

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.

Welcome/Acknowledgement of Country

Call to Worship

Let us turn our minds from human things.

Our faith in Jesus saves us.

Let us set our minds on divine things.

Our faith in Jesus saves us.

We will deny ourselves and take up our cross.

Our faith in Jesus saves us.

We will lose all; that we may gain all.

Our faith in Jesus saves us.

The Sentence

“If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow him.” *(Mark 8. 34)*

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

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

Silence for self-reflection

Therefore, let us confess our sins to God.

**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.
Amen.**

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 Trisagion

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

The Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

The First Reading

A Reading from Genesis.

¹ When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, ‘I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ² And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.’ ³ Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴ ‘As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷ I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ¹⁵ God said to Abraham, ‘As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶ I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.’

Genesis 17.1-7, 17.15-16

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22. 24-32

24 O praise the Lord, all you that fear him:
hold him in honour, O seed of Jacob,
and let the seed of Israel stand in awe of him.

**25 For he has not despised nor abhorred
the poor man in his misery:
nor did he hide his face from him,
but heard him when he cried.**

26 From you springs my praise in the great congregation:
I will pay my vows in the sight of all that fear you;

**27 The meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied:
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him—**

may their hearts rejoice for ever!

28 Let all the ends of the earth remember
and turn to the Lord:
and let all the families of the nations worship before him.

**29 For the kingdom is the Lord's:
and he shall be ruler over the nations.**

30 How can those who sleep in the earth do him homage:
or those that descend to the dust bow down before him?

**31 But he has saved my life for himself:
and my posterity shall serve him.**

32 This shall be told of my Lord to a future generation:
and his righteousness declared to a people yet unborn,
that he has done it.

The Second Reading

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶ For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to

do what he had promised.²² Therefore his faith ‘was reckoned to him as righteousness.’²³ Now the words, ‘it was reckoned to him’, were written not for his sake alone,²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,²⁵ who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. *Romans 4.13-25*

Hear the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Early Talk

Gospel Reading

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’ ³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.’ *Mark 8.31-38*

For the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon

Time of discussion

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.

Hymn: 'The Summons'

1 Will you come and follow Me
If I but call your name
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same
Will you let My love be shown
Will you let My name be known
Will you let My life be grown
In you and you in Me.

2 Will you love the you you hide
If I but call your name
Will you quell the fear inside
And never be the same
Will you use the faith you've found
To reshape the world around
Through My sight and touch and sound
In you and you in Me

3 Lord Your summons echoes true
When You but call my name
Let me turn and follow You
And never be the same
In Your company I'll go
Where Your love and footsteps show
Thus I'll move and live and grow
In You and You in me

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.

And now we give you thanks
because you give us the spirit of discipline,
that we may triumph over evil and grow in grace,
as we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery
with mind and heart renewed.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever 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.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, living God, for Jesus Christ,
the one perfect offering for the world,
who in the night that he was betrayed, took bread,
and when he had given thanks,
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;
and when he had given thanks,
he 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, to forgive sin.

Do this as often as you drink it
to remember me.

Therefore, God of all creation,
in the suffering and death of Jesus our redeemer,
we meet you in your glory.
Here and now, with this bread and wine,
we celebrate your great acts of liberation,
ever present and living in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come.

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.**

**May Christ ascended in majesty
be our new and living way.
In him we offer ourselves to do your will.**

**Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit,
feed us with your life,
fire us with your love,
confront us with your justice,
and make us one in the body of Christ
with all who share your gifts of love.**

**Through Christ,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you
in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Creator 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

God of mercy,
may we who have shared in this holy meal
know your forgiveness in our lives,
bring your reconciliation to others,
and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world.

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/Kid's time

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 forth with the voice of God calling your name.
Go forth to hear Christ claiming you as his own.
Go forth to follow where the Spirit sends you.
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

Loving God as you revealed yourself to Abraham in ancient days, reveal yourself to in this present age. Make us into a faithful people ready to believe your promises and follow you wherever you will lead us.

We pray:-

- *For care of the environment and world-wide conscientious efforts to control climate change.
- *For peace in places of conflict and violence. Provision of safe-haven and new beginnings for refugees.
- *For an end to the racial, social, and domestic violence and social injustices around the world and particularly in our own country.
- *For uniting and healing of the American people.
- *For the people of Myanmar suffering suppression and persecution at the dictatorship of the military.
- *For those living with ill health, grief, or economic hardship especially in the wake of the world-wide pandemic, particularly those nations where Covid-19 continues to rage . . . the USA, Britain and other nations.
- * For the people of WA/Perth suffering the devastation of bush fires and fire storms.
- *May all nations' people benefit from the blessing of vaccines to control Covid-19
- *For the worldwide church, our Diocese, and the churches in our local community.
- *For Bishop Richard and his family as, he leads the faith-life of the Diocese.
- *For Dave as he supports Bishop Richard from his role as Chaplain.
- *For Dave as he leads the ministry, discipleship and pastoral caring in our parish and community.
- *For Emma and their 4 children.
- *We ask you to walk closely with Dave, Emma, and children in this remarkably busy and at times challenging year.
- *For all who support the op shop. Coordinator Bev, volunteers, and all who donate to our ministry and mission.

*For the mainly music team, and for the families who gather here each Thursday morning.

*For our preparation and contemplation through the Holy Season of Lent

*For our Retiring Offertory – **MAF**.

*Healing God, we lift to you those who are suffering in our parish. Those with physical, mental, or emotional illness, and those recovering from surgery; all carers and for those who are lonely, sad, or mourning.

We pray especially for Dennis, Heather, Marion, Cliff, Paul, Aubrey, Bev, Julie, Brenda, Lillas, Marj, Keith, Ruth, Alice, Emma, Crystal, Daryl, Jan and Mick.

Faithful God as we go out into the world today help us to remember that your son was tempted by the Devil but chose faithfulness before popularity, service before fame and sacrifice before power. Give us the strength to reject temptation through our Lenten journey and beyond it throughout the rest of our lives.

NEWS AND NOTES

Greetings friends,

Following the 10am Service at Holy Trinity there will be a Congregational Meeting in the Parish Hall. All Holy Trinity parishioners are invited to attend – please.

The resumption of mainly music after a 12-month period of Covid-19 restrictions was a wonderful occasion. May and team members were in great spirits as they welcomed the return of three families from last year and several new families registering for the first time this year. Eight children attended with their parents. We are privileged and blessed to provide this ministry.

On Tuesday last, we provided around 150 clam boxes of morning tea for people working in Stratford businesses including the Industrial Estate, supporters in Sale and several packs left at the op shop for customers.

The boxes included 3 large pancakes, fresh lemon segments and sugars, and a sachet each of jam and honey, serviettes and disposable knives. Yes, because of the lockdown, it was a belated celebration of Shrove Tuesday. Our sincere

thanks to our team: Wendy Philbey and Bev Thatcher (the packers) Linda Tatterson, Bev H and Denise (cooks) and Peter Vranek the lemon dissector! Dave and Bev H delivered the packs and reported encouraging feedback.

Next Friday, 7.30pm, we will gather with parishioners from St Patricks and St Andrews in St Andrew's Church to observe the 'World Day of Pray – Pray for Vanuatu'. All are most welcome!

Next Sunday, All Saints parishioners will celebrate the Harvest Festival at their 8.30am service and worship at Holy Trinity will be an All-age Family Service.

Forward notice.

A Lorraine Lea Linen Party (fund raiser) will be held at 2pm, Saturday 13th March, in the Parish Hall.

For further details contact Gail: 0429 051 587

Watch this space

FEBRUARY

Op shop Easter raffle commences.

*Thursdays 9.30am, mainly music, during school term, in the Parish Hall
**mainly music term commences 18 February.*

*Fridays 9.30am Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity when ready to
commence. Retiring Offertory: MAF*

Sun 28 Lent 2 Holy Trinity Congregational Meeting (1)

MARCH

Thursdays 9.30am mainly music. Parish Hall during School Term

Fridays 9.30am Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity

Mission: Eye Care Vanuatu

Fri 5 7.30pm Ecumenical World Day of Prayer at the UCA.

Sun 7 Lent 3 Harvest Festival at All Saints.

All Age Family Worship at Holy Trinity

Mon 8 Labour Day

Wed 10 7.30p Induction of the Ven. Sue Jacka as Rector of Morwell.

Sat 13 2pm Linen Party in Parish Hall

Sun 14 Lent 4.

Mothering Sunday

Harvest festival at St Mary's

Harvest Festival at Holy Trinity

Healing Service

Sunday 7 March, Third Sunday in Lent

Gen. 17.1-7,15-16. Ps 22.24-32. Rom. 4.13-25. Mark 8.31-38

Priest: Dave, Lit Assist: Denise. 1st Read Sandra. 2nd Gail.

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