

Anglican Parish of Avon

Priest in Charge

The Reverend Dave Perryman

Sunday 18 July, Pentecost 8

**Welcome – Wunan Njinda to: -
10am Worship at Holy Trinity
Church, Stratford,
Via Zoom or Facebook**



The disciples gathered around Jesus and told Him everything that they had done and taught.

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: 'I heard the voice of Jesus say' – TiS 585

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto Me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon My breast':
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting-place,
and He has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink, and live':
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in Him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright':
I looked to Jesus and I found
in Him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.

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Greeting

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.

Acknowledgement of Country

Call to worship

From far and near, we gather together,
called to unity in Christ.

Built into one body,
we are the dwelling place of God.

May God guide our steps and direct our ways,
that we may reveal God's love in word and deed.

The Sentence

‘As he went ashore, Jesus saw a great crowd; and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.’

(Mark 6.34)

Opening prayer

Let us pray,

**Holy Spirit, flow through our worship.
Dwell in us this day and all days.
Speak through our words,
breathe into our thoughts,
and gather us together
as one community of faith.
Build us together
on the foundation that is ours in Christ Jesus
our cornerstone.
Flow through our days,
that we may be reflections of your presence.**

In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

The Confession

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Silence for self-reflection

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

**Guiding, guardian God,
we do not want to be like sheep without a shepherd,
or strangers wandering alone in the world.
We want to know your presence,
and trust that you dwell within us.
Fill us when we are empty.
Forgive us when we are wrong.
Guide us when we are lost.
Comfort us when we are tired.
Reconcile us when we are disconnected,
and guard our lives with your indwelling Spirit.
In your loving name, we pray. Amen.**

The Absolution

God is slow to anger and full of compassion,
forgiving all who humbly repent
and trust in his Son as Saviour and Lord.
God therefore forgives us in Christ Jesus,
in whom there is no condemnation. **Amen.**

The Prayer of the Day

Eternal God,
author of our life and end of our pilgrimage:
guide us by your word and Spirit amid all perils and temptations,
that we may not wander from your way,
but may run our course in safety
until we come to our eternal rest in you;
through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

The First Reading

A reading from the Book of Samuel.

¹ Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ² the king said to the prophet Nathan, ‘See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.’ ³ Nathan said to the king, ‘Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.’ ⁴ But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: ⁵ Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord : Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶ I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷ Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, ‘Why have you not built me a house of cedar?’ ⁸ Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹ and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰ And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹ from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. ¹² When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors,

I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. ¹⁴ I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings.

2 Samuel 7.1-14a

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

Psalm 89 – *We will say the Psalm in alternate verses*

21 ‘I have found my servant David:
and anointed him with my holy oil.

**22 ‘My hand shall uphold him:
and my arm shall strengthen him.**

23 ‘No enemy shall deceive him:
nor shall the wicked hurt him.

**24 ‘I will crush his adversaries before him:
and strike down those that hate him.**

25 ‘My faithfulness and loving-kindness shall be with him:
and through my name his head shall be lifted high.

**26 ‘I will set the hand of his dominion
upon the Western Sea:
and his right hand shall stretch
to the streams of Mesopotamia.**

27 ‘He will call to me “You are my Father:
my God, and the Rock of my salvation.”

**28 ‘I will make him my first-born son:
and highest among the kings of the earth.**

29 ‘I will ever maintain my loving-kindness toward him:
and my covenant with him shall stand firm.

**30 ‘I will establish his line for ever:
and his throne like the days of heaven.**

31 ‘If his children forsake my law:
and will not walk in my judgements;

**32 ‘If they profane my statutes:
and do not keep my commandments,**

33 ‘Then I will punish their rebellion with the rod:
and their iniquity with blows.

**34 ‘But I will not cause my loving-kindness
to cease from him:
nor will I betray my faithfulness.**

35 ‘I will not profane my covenant:
or alter what has passed from my lips.

**36 ‘Once and for all I have sworn by my holiness:
I will not prove false to David.**

37 ‘His posterity shall endure for ever:
and his throne be as the sun before me;

**38 ‘Like the moon that is established for ever:
and stands in the heavens for evermore.’**

The Second Reading

¹¹ So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called ‘the uncircumcision’ by those who are called ‘the circumcision’—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹² remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵ He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile both groups to God in one

body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God. *Ephesians 2.11-22*

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

Early Talk

The Gospel

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ He said to them, ‘Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.’ For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. ⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴ When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵ and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed. *Mark 6.30-34, 6.53-56*

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: ‘As the deer pants’ – MP 37

1 As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart’s desire
and I long to worship You.

Chorus:

*You alone are my strength, my shield,
to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart’s desire
and I long to worship You.*

2 I want You more than gold or silver,
only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye.
You alone are...

3 You’re my friend and You’re my brother,
even though You are a king.
I love You more than any other,
so much more than anything.
You alone are...

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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.

Honour and worship are indeed your due,
our Lord and our God, through Jesus Christ,
for you created all things;
by your will they were created,
and for your glory they have their being.

Therefore with people of every nation, tribe and language,
with the whole Church on earth and in heaven,
joyfully we give you thanks and say:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory and honour to you, God of grace,
for you gave your only Son Jesus Christ
once for all on the cross
to be the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
The night before he died,
he took bread,
and 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,
and 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.

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.

Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness,
we were far off until you brought us near
and our hands are empty until you fill them.
As we eat this bread and drink this wine,
through the power of your Holy Spirit
feed us with your heavenly food,
renew us in your service,
unite us in Christ,
as we offer you our 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.

Let us draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in our hearts with
thanksgiving.

*Please come forward to receive Communion and when receiving feel free
to stand or kneel.*

Due to COVID our communion will be served in one kind (bread only).

*We have gluten free wafers available. Please indicate to the minister if
you would prefer either of these.*

All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

If you are seeking prayer for healing/anointing, please come towards the end of communion and remain kneeling.

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 our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Father,
we offer ourselves to you
as a living sacrifice
though 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: 'Shine, Jesus, Shine' – MP 445

1 Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining:
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;

set us free by the truth You now bring us –
shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus:

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth Your word, Lord,
and let there be light!*

2 Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
from the shadows into Your radiance;
by Your blood I may enter Your brightness:
search me, try me, consume all my darkness –
shine on me, shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine...

3 As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
so our faces display Your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory:
mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story –
shine on me, shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine...

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The Blessing

God who has called you is faithful.
Go into the world with the joy of the Spirit,
forgive generously, love extravagantly, live abundantly,
and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life
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

To God the Father who created the world, To God the Son who redeemed the world, To God the Holy Spirit who sustains the world; be all praise and glory now and forever.

*Everlasting God we pray that all who come in to our church may be enabled to renew their relationship with you and may find in you rest, peace, strength, grace and most of all your abiding presence. Help us as a congregation to be outward looking that through our fellowship we may share our faith and the Gospel of your Son Jesus Christ with those who we love and live amongst.

*Creator God we pray for the people of our world who are less fortunate than we are, especially those who live in the third world, in countries where there is very little governmental stability and in countries where there is drought or famine and where there is a shortage of Covid vaccine. Help us to remember those who are weary with the relentless struggle to keep alive; for those who can never look forward to a good meal and a comfortable bed, and those who barely have the necessities of life, much less so many material luxuries which we so often take for granted.

*For our Diocese, our Parish, and the churches in our local community.
For Bishop Richard and his family and for our priest Dave and his family.
For Dave's ministry in our parish and the Diocese. For our own ministries and support of Dave.
Guide us in our ministries as we live each day determined to give care and support to those who are in need.

*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. We pray for a successful new term in mainly music.

*For our Retiring Offertory: The Hope-Restart Mission

*Healing God, we raise before you those who are sick. We ask that you will ease their pain and heal the damage done to them in body, mind or spirit. Be present with them through the support of friends and in the care of doctors and nurses, fill them with the warmth of your love now and always.

We pray for any who are in special need of our prayers at this time, especially those known personally to us. We raise them now before you:-

Trevor, Julie, Paul, Kate, Ron, Cliff, Nathan, Val, Marion, Bev, Brenda, Lillas, Keith, Ruth, Alice, Emma, Crystal, Daryl, Jan and Mick.

Merciful God we commend into your hands those who have died, *remembering today, Bishop Arthur Jones. Mr Jim Logan and Reverend Tony Peters. May they rest in peace and rise in glory when the time comes.*

For Claudette, Bishop Arthur's wife. and daughters Sharon, Sandra, and Elizabeth, their families and friends. Grant them your comfort and peace Lord.

We pray for Barb Logan, well known to so many clergy and laity in our Diocese. O God, enfold her, her family, and friends in your loving comfort.

For Anne Peters, her family and friends as they come to terms with Tony's death. Grant them your comfort Lord and give them peace.

Faithful God we dedicate all these people and our prayers to your loving care. Give us the strength and courage to walk alongside those in need, to fight for justice for the oppressed and to allow others to see you in us and in all that we do in the coming week.

NEWS AND NOTES

Good morning friends,

A big welcome back to Dave, Emma, and children. We do hope they feel somewhat refreshed after visiting with their families for a week.

We are settling into Holy Trinity as a church with modern chairs in place of traditional pews. Both were/are beautiful in different ways. For some, it will take a little longer than others to adjust to the change. Chairs offer more flexibility in terms of arrangements for different services and activities as well as being less heavy to move when necessary.

One great blessing is that we were able to pay for the chairs without incurring a draw down on our ADF savings account. This means that we were able to purchase the number of chairs to equal the seating numbers provided by the pews, well within our means!

The Healing Service will commence at 4pm in Holy Trinity today. All are welcome. Please be aware, we do not necessarily need to be physically ill to attend, we may wish to just sit with the Lord, hear comforting homily and prayer, and lay down our burdens.

Dave advises that Friday Morning prayers will recommence this week, 9.30am, 23 July, in Holy Trinity (Covid restrictions permitting)

Parish Council reports are due this Tuesday please.

Re the current Covid Restrictions: Bishop Richard specifically requests that ‘As things stand, please maintain the disciplines of electronic record-keeping, density quotients, 1 person per 2msq with a 1.5m distance between those from separate households, and the tightened requirements around the wearing of face-masks indoors and outdoors’.

NB density quotients are now stated at 1 person per 4msq, as a result of the commencement of the 5-day lockdown announced late yesterday. (Thursday).

Bishop Richard writes:

I write with the sad news that Bishop Arthur Jones died peacefully at Royal Freemasons Homes in Sale during the early hours of this morning.

Bishop Arthur was the 9th Bishop of Gippsland (1994-2001). As Dean of St Paul’s Cathedral Parish in Sale for five years before his election, +Arthur’s ministry will have touched the lives of many of our clergy and people.

Beyond Gippsland he served as a parish priest in three other Australian dioceses, twice as a missionary priest in Panama, and held teaching positions in theological colleges within our national communion and overseas.

His gift for languages and contribution to education in developing countries, together with his service to the Anglican Church, was recognised with a Medal of the Order of Australia in 2006.

Since being diagnosed with liver cancer earlier this year, and electing not to seek intensive treatment, +Arthur has enjoyed precious time with family members, friends and colleagues, and has welcomed the pastoral visits and sacramental ministries variously offered by laity and clergy in recent weeks and months.

The prayerful condolences of our diocesan family are with his widow, Claudette, and his three daughters, Sharon, Sandra, and Elizabeth, and their families, along with all who feel +Arthur’s passing most acutely.

Arrangements for his Requiem Eucharist will be communicated as soon as they have been made.

May our good shepherd, Arthur, be led by the Good Shepherd – in death as in life – to that table prepared for him in the house of the Lord.

Grace and peace,



Two days later:-

Further writings from Bishop Richard

Bishop Arthur's Requiem Eucharist – Tuesday 3 August, 11am, St Paul's Cathedral Sale

In order to enable Bishop Arthur's daughters in NSW to quarantine so as to attend his funeral in person, the Requiem Eucharist will be held a little over a fortnight hence.

With some COVID restrictions still in place in Victoria, numbers will be necessarily limited, and – in consultation with the family – we will be asking those wishing to attend to pre-register for this service.

It is regrettable to have to place limits on such an important gathering for our diocesan family, and we will make every effort to maximise the opportunity for Gippsland clergy and people to be included at the Cathedral. More details about this will follow next week.

We expect a number of visitors from the wider church also, and the service will be live-streamed for those unable to be present.

Thank you for the tributes and messages of condolence which have been arriving in recent days; we are passing these on to +Arthur's family.

Jim Logan

Thank you also for your prayers for Barb's husband, Jim.

I am very sad to share the news that Jim's condition deteriorated very rapidly in recent days, and that he died last night, held in the loving arms of Barb and of our Lord.

Extensive tests revealed an aggressive Amelanotic Melanoma as the hidden cause of Jim's declining health over the last six to eight weeks.

Please continue to uphold Barb and Jim's family in your devotions. May Jim rest in peace, and rise in glory.

The Reverend Tony Peters

In further sad news, I regret to inform you that The Revd Tony Peters died in his sleep the early hours of this morning, unexpectedly, at Lyrebird Village in Drouin.

I have spoken with Anne, who is comforted by the care and support of Tony's colleagues and the presence of family.

Please do pray for the repose of Tony's soul, and for his family as they come to terms with this sudden loss.

Bishop Richard.

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH

JULY

- Tues 20** Parish Council Reports are due.
Fri 23 ??Family Movie Night
Sun 25 Ninth Sunday in Pentecost
Tues 27 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting
Sat 31 Women's Fellowship & Craft Group.

AUGUST

Thursdays. mainly music, 9.30am in the Parish Hall during School Term

Retiring Offertory: CMS

- Sun 1** Tenth Sunday in Pentecost.
All Age Family Worship at Holy Trinity
Mission Planning after the 10am Service.
- Tues 3** National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day
- Fri 6** The Transfiguration of Jesus
- Sun 8** Eleventh Sunday in Pentecost. The Transfiguration of Jesus
Healing Service
International Day of the World's Indigenous People (2014 UN)
Actual Day is August 9.
- Thurs 12** 11am Budget Planning Meeting
- Sat 14** Men's Breakfast.
- Sun 15** Twelfth Sunday in Pentecost
Baptism at Holy Trinity
- Tues 17** Parish Council Reports Due
- Sat 21** Women's Fellowship and Craft Day
- Sun 22** Thirteenth Sunday in Pentecost.
Congregational Meeting at Holy Trinity (3)
- Mon 23 – 26 Clergy Conference**
- Tues 24** 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting
- Fri 27** Family Movie Night
- Sat 28** Op Shop Fashion Parade.
- Sun 29** Fourteenth Sunday in Pentecost.
10am Combined Church Centres Worship at Stratford
Day of Prayer for Refugees (General Synod 2001)
Social Justice Sunday
7.30pm Ecumenical Worship at Holy Trinity

Sunday 25 July Pentecost 9.

2Sam. 11.1-15 Ps.14 Ephesians 3.14-21. John 6.1-21
Priest: Dave, Lit Assist: Vic. 1st Read: Wendy 2nd Kerrie
Intercess:Vic. Org: May. Sides: Jillian, Nola
Camera: David S, Denise. Flowers:Jillian
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