

ANGLICAN PARISH OF AVON

**SUNDAY 8 AUGUST
PENTECOST 11**



WELCOME TO SERVICES OF:
8.30AM ST MARY'S MUNRO - HOLY
COMMUNION
10AM HOLY TRINITY STRATFORD - HOLY
COMMUNION

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: 'Fill with the Spirit's power' – TiS 411

1 Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord
the infant church confessed its risen Lord.
O Holy Spirit, in the church today
no less your power of fellowship display.

2 Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,
that unity may be our great desire.
Give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call,
and readiness in each to work for all.

3 Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace
in your strong care all those of every race.
Like wind and fire with life among us move,
till we are known as Christ's, and Christians prove.

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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/Welcome

Call to worship

Come, children of God.
Come and find refuge and strength.
**Our souls wait for the Lord,
more than those who watch for the morning.**

Come, heirs with Christ.
Come and find forgiveness and joy.
**Our souls wait for the Lord,
more than those who watch for the morning.**

Come, people of faith.
Come to the one who is attentive to our pleas.
**Our souls wait for the Lord,
more than those who watch for the morning.**

The Sentence

‘Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.’
(Ephesians 5. 1-2)

Opening prayer

Let us pray,

**Source of faithful love,
you redeem us from our wrongs.
We come before you today,
eager to be refreshed in body
and to be made whole in spirit.
Feed us from the living bread
that comes down from heaven,
for we are drawn to your Son
as steel is drawn to a magnet.
Build up our community of faith
through the power of your Holy Spirit,
that we may live as those
who are worthy of our calling. Amen.**

The Confession

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

Silence for self-reflection

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

Heavenly Father.

**we praise you for adopting us as your children
and making us heirs of eternal life
in your Son Jesus Christ,
who has freed us from our sins by his blood.
Yet we still fail to love you with all our heart,
or serve you as we ought.
Pardon our sins, we pray,
and make us clean,
that we may continue as members of Christ,
in whom alone is salvation. Amen.**

The Absolution

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayer of the Day

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

The First Reading

⁴ But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."

⁵ Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep.

Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."

⁶ He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷ The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."

⁸ He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

1 Kings 19. 4-8

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

Psalm 130 – *We will say the Psalm together*

**1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord:
Lord, hear my voice;**

**2 O let your ears consider well:
the voice of my supplication.**

**3 If you, Lord, should note what we do wrong:
who then, O Lord, could stand?**

**4 But there is forgiveness with you:
so that you shall be feared.**

**5 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits for him:
and in his word is my hope.**

**6 My soul looks for the Lord:
more than watchmen for the morning,
more, I say, than watchmen for the morning.**

**7 O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy:
and with him is ample redemption.**

**8 He will redeem Israel:
from the multitude of their sins.**

The Second Reading

²⁵ So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. ²⁶ Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and do not make room for the devil.

²⁸ Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹ Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹ Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³² and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

5 ¹ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ² and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 4. 25 – 5. 2

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Early Talk

The Gospel

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

³⁵ Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ⁴¹ Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, ‘I am the bread that came down from heaven.’ ⁴² They were saying, ‘Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, “I have come down from heaven”?’ ⁴³ Jesus answered them, ‘Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, “And they shall all be taught by God.” Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me.

⁴⁶ Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven.

Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

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

Sermon

Time of discussion

The Nicene Creed

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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: 'People of power' – MP 151

//For I'm building a people of power
and I'm making a people of praise,
that will move through this land by My Spirit,
and will glorify My precious name.
Build Your Church, Lord,
make us strong, Lord,
join our hearts, Lord, through Your Son;
make us one, Lord, in Your body,
in the kingdom of Your Son.//

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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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.
Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.
We join with them in heaven's song:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

On the night before he died,
Jesus gathered with his friends
to share a meal and wash their feet,
teaching one more lesson of love.
He took bread and blessed you and broke it.
He gave it to them and said:
"Take this and eat it.
This is my body."

He took a cup of wine
and blessed you
and gave it to them.
He said: "Take this and drink it.
This is my blood,
sealing God's promise to forgive your sins.
Whenever you do this,
do it in memory of me."

As we share these holy gifts, we remember the Lord Jesus.
For the love you taught us, the sacrifice you made for us and the hope you
give us, we acclaim you, O Christ:
**Dying you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory.**

**And now, faithful God,
send us your Spirit
to feed us with the body and the blood
of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Make us one body in Christ.**

**Send us as your messengers in the world
and fill us with energy, courage and love.**

**Now to you, most holy God,
through Christ your Son and in the Spirit's power,
we bring our worship and our songs of praise:
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.

Let us 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

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet 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: 'All the people said amen'

1 You are not alone if you are lonely,
When you feel afraid you're not the only,
We are all the same in need of mercy,
To be forgiven and be free,
It's all you got to lean on,
But thank God it's all you need.

Chorus:

*And all the people said amen whoa,
And all the people said amen,
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends,
And all the people said amen.*

2 If you're rich or poor well it don't matter,
Weak or strong you know love is what we're after,
We're all broken but we're all in this together,
God knows we stumble and fall,
And He so loved the world,
He sent His son to save us all.

Chorus

Bridge:

*Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart,
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart,
Blessed are the people hungry for another start,
For theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God.*

Chorus:

*And all the people said amen whoa,
And all the people said amen,
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends,
And all the people said amen,
And all the people said amen,
And all the people said amen.*

The Blessing

Go forth from this place
and imitate the Holy One in all you do.
Live with love, speak with kindness,
touch with gentleness, walk with humbleness,
and build up the kingdom of God.
Go forth into the world and live in love,
as Christ has lived in and through you,
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.

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BULLETIN PRAYER POINTS

We pray:

Creator God, you call us all to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit. Help us to demonstrate our love for your creation and the world in the way that we live. Open the hearts of those with power both elected and non-elected and give them compassion in all that they do for the good of the people that they lead.

*Loving God we pray for the people of our world who are less fortunate than we are. Help us to remember, and in our way, give support to 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 countries whose populations are being ravaged by the Covid-19 virus, where the virus is out of control and treatments inadequate.

For our own country, may current lockdowns succeed and life return to Covid normal. For those who have lost their businesses and income, for others who are struggling to keep their business afloat. May our lives return to being 'normal' for those whose who enjoyed normal. May there be relief for those whose 'normal' was poverty and homelessness.

*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 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.

We pray for your blessings upon all who are preparing for Baptism, especially for the family bring their precious little one to Holy Trinity for Baptism on Sunday 15 August.

*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: CMS

*Healing God friend of those in need, your Son Jesus has healed so many in body, mind and spirit. We hold before you those still burdened, those seeking healing, those in need within the church and the world. We raise them before you:-

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

Merciful God we offer our thanks for lives well lived and have now come to an end. Be close to those bereaved by their passing and console them with your unfailing love.

NEWS AND NOTES

Good morning friends,

The Requiem Eucharist for the late Bishop Arthur Jones was a wonderful recognition and thanksgiving for his life of service to God and God's people. We were privileged to be a host church for those who wished to

join the service remotely and to share the Reserved Eucharist with Dave serving.

Today, after the service in Holy Trinity, we will join in a Mission Planning Meeting.

As we all know, Mission is about loving our neighbour as ourselves. Scripture commands us to not only love the Lord God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, but also to love our neighbour as ourselves. We are taught that the entire law sits on these two things. (Matthew 22:36-40). When you are hungry, tired, and cold you care for yourself enough to eat, sleep, and warm yourself; this verse asks us to take the extra step of seeking to cover the basic needs of our brothers and sisters, including those out in the field loving and caring for the lost.

Today's meeting is where we discern who we can support this coming year 2021/2022. Unfortunately, we are unable to support all missions, but we can be generous. "Give and you will receive". We are very fortunate in this parish, and to be able to share that fortune is a privilege.

This Thursday, 12 August, at 11am, the Budget Planning Meeting will convene in the Parish Hall.

Following Tuesday 10 August, we will know more about the numbers who can gather in the Parish Hall. Contingent on that outcome is whether mainly music and the Men's Breakfast can go ahead this week.

Our application for a Wellington Shire Community Assistance Grant to assist with the running of the 2022 Family Fun Fair was submitted this week. Now we pray and hope it may be successful.

Please note all the action that is planned for the Abbey.
Abbey Priest, Edie Ashley writes:

Dear Friends of The Abbey, Greetings :



In these changing and unsettling times, while it's tempting to take the path taken by one of my friends in the live music scene who said to me the other day 'I've just given up organising any gigs or performances till things are settled' - we at The Abbey have chosen another path. We are continuing to plan and pray... and work creatively with whatever comes our way!

So far this year in addition to individual family group bookings we have been able to squeeze in three 'families holidays' - with the support of Anglican Mothers Union of Australia; in conjunction with the Parish Partnership Program we have provided accommodation and time out weekends, and group accommodation on two occasions for those who are working to care for the Koalas and the Raymond Island Environment in conjunction with the Koala Clancy Foundation. Unfortunately, we have had our share of re-organisations and cancellations too!

Most Fridays we have been able to celebrate Eucharist at 12 noon in the Chapel. Should you be passing this way, or by special intention, please come and celebrate with us. (best to check just in case 😊)

Over the next while we are planning the following: Please see the attached flyers for details and phone Anna for any more information or to make your booking.

A 'Spiritual Direction Taster Day' at The Abbey on Friday 13th August 2021: 10am – 3pm. Flyer attached

The Diocesan Retreat, with Bishop Richard, on Friday 27, Saturday 28 August 2021. Flyer attached

Youth Weekend 10/12 September .. details from Alisha Moyle – contact Alisha.. email:alishaj8@outlook.com

*******Island Pilgrimage 13-17th September 2021, with Cath Connelly and Russell Smith. Flyer attached : This is a new initiative with Cath Connelly and Russell Smith... *******

And... please see and 'like' The Abbey Facebook Page – The Abbey Raymond Island – where you will find snippets of interest and info about happenings at The Abbey 😊

For all enquiries, please contact Anna at The Abbey on 03 5156 6580 or info@theabbey.org.au

*In the mean-time,
Go well and God bless,
Edie*

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH

AUGUST

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

Fridays 9.30am Morning Prayers in Holy Trinity.

Retiring Offertory: CMS

Thurs 12 11am Budget Planning Meeting

Sat 14 Men's Breakfast.

Sun 15 Twelfth Sunday in Pentecost

Baptism at Holy Trinity TBC

Tues 17 Parish Council Reports Due

Sat 21 Women's Fellowship and Craft Day TBC

Sun 22 Thirteenth Sunday in Pentecost.

Congregational Meeting at Holy Trinity (3)

Mon 23 – 26 Clergy Conference TBC

Tues 24 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting

Fri 27 Family Movie Night TBC

Sat 28 Op Shop Fashion Parade TBC

Sun 29 Fourteenth Sunday in Pentecost

10am Combined Church Centres Worship at Stratford

Day of Prayer for Refugees (General Synod 2001)

Social Justice Sunday

2.00pm Ecumenical Worship at Holy Trinity TBC

SEPTEMBER

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

Fridays 9.30am Morning Prayers in Holy Trinity.

Term 3 (Spring) Holidays 18 September to 3 October

Retiring Offertory: Mission to Sea Farers

Thurs 2 Holy Trinity Anniversary. Licensed 2/9/1868

Sun 5 Fifteenth Sunday in Pentecost.

All Age Family Worship at Holy Trinity

Father's Day

Sunday 15 August Pentecost 12.

1 Kings 2. 10-12; 3. 3-14 Ps. 111 Eph 5. 11-21 John 6. 51-58

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