

# Anglican Parish of Avon

**Sunday 10th. March 2019, First Sunday of Lent**

**Priest in Charge, The Reverend Dave Perryman.**

**Welcome to The Reverend Laurie Baker, Preaching and Presiding  
in the Parish Today.**

**Welcome – Wunan Njinda to: - A Service of Holy Communion at: -**

**8.30am, St Mary's Munro.**

**10am, Holy Trinity Church Stratford.**

You are invited to light a 'Prayer Candle' and enjoy morning tea after the Services. Toilets are located at the rear of the Hall. Holy Trinity is fitted with a hearing loop. Please note that the Holy Trinity Chancel floor slopes up from the front pews to the Lectern; please use the handrail as needed and take care, thank you.

*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: MP 37. 'As the deer pants . . .'**

**Welcome and Introduction**

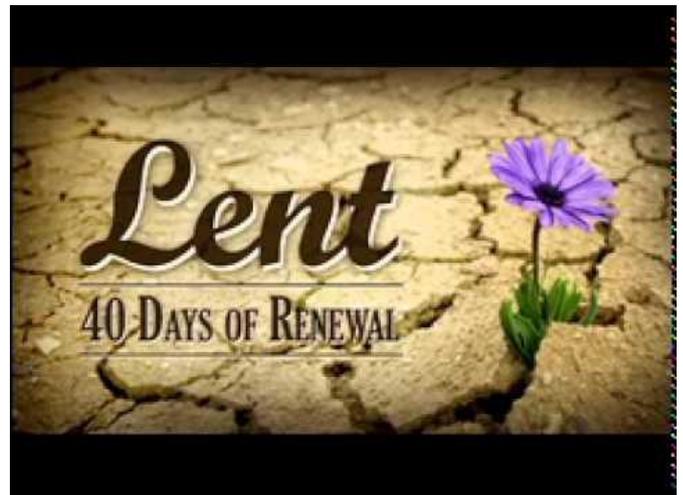
**Greeting and Sentence.**

Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him. Luke 4.8

**The Prayer of Preparation.**

**Prayer of the Day**

O saving God,  
who led your people through the wilderness  
and brought them to the promised land:  
so guide us that, following our Saviour,  
we may walk through the wilderness of this world



and be brought to the glory of the world which is to come;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

### **A Reading from Deuteronomy**

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.’<sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the Lord your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous.<sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. <sup>11</sup>Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Hear the word of the Lord  
**thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16**

**1** Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High:  
who abide under the shadow of the Almighty,

**2** They will say to the Lord

**'You are my refuge and my stronghold:**

**my God in whom I trust.'**

9 The Lord himself is your refuge:  
you have made the Most High your stronghold.

**10 Therefore no harm will befall you:  
nor will any scourge come near your tent.**

11 For he will command his angels:  
to keep you in all your ways.

**12 They will bear you up in their hands:  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

13 You will tread on the lion and the adder:  
the young lion and the serpent  
you will trample under foot.

**14 'You have set your love upon me,' says the Lord,  
'and therefore I will deliver you:  
I will lift you out of danger,  
because you have known my name.**

15 'When you call upon me I will answer you:  
I will be with you in trouble,  
I will rescue you and bring you to honour.

**16 'With long life I will satisfy you:  
and fill you with my salvation.'**

### **A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans**

<sup>4</sup>For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. <sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? 'The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart'  
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' Romans 10:4-13

Hear the word of the Lord  
**thanks be to God.**

**Children's Spot**



**The Gradual Hymn:MP 67 'Breathe on me . . .'** (V1,3,4)

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.'<sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."'

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.'<sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."'

<sup>9</sup> Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here,<sup>10</sup>for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you",

<sup>11</sup>and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."'

<sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."'

<sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. Luke 4:1-15

For the Gospel of the Lord  
**praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

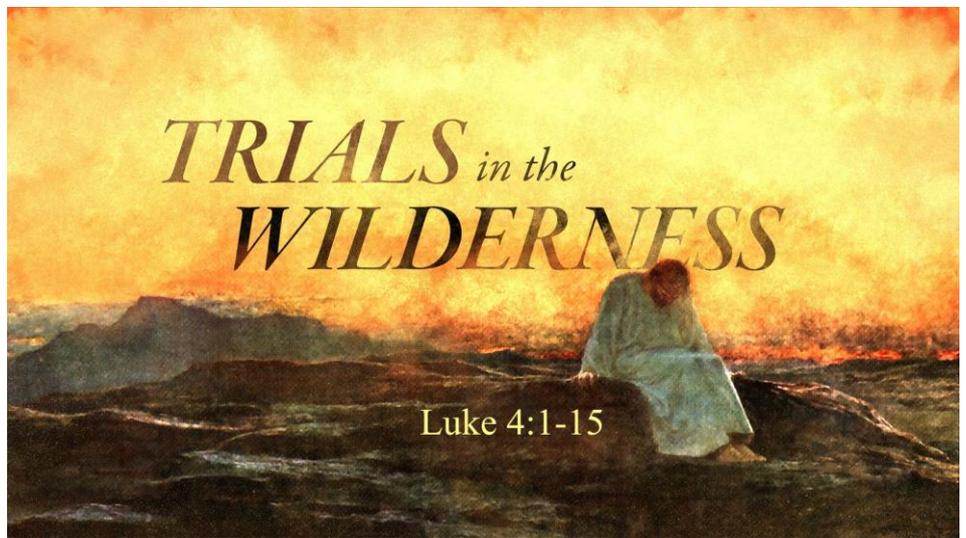
## Sermon

## Reflection

## Affirmation of Faith

## Prayers of the People

### We Pray for: -



- For countries afflicted by war and political unrest – for the people who are the victims of unrest.
- Refugees all over the world. For an end to despair and beginning of new hope.
- All who are suffering devastation from natural disasters throughout the world and especially those in our own land of extreme weather events.
- For those who have suffered and are suffering devastation and loss from the Gippsland fires some of which have surrounded us. We give thanks for our safety and the safety of those we love.
- For greater concern and care of the beautiful environment given to us.
- For the surviving victims of sexual abuse. For love, empathy and justice for them, justice for the accused and respect for our courts.
- An end to violence against women and children . . . domestic, in the community, and the cruel suppression of women in many cultures throughout the world.

### The local community: We pray for: -

- Our mainly music program, giving thanks for the privilege of taking this ministry to families. May our program continue to grow and bring joy.
- We give thanks for the blessing of the op shop and pray for coordinators Bev and John, the volunteers, customers and all who donate to the shop.

### The Church: We pray for: -

- Bishop Richard as he leads the clergy and ministry of the Diocese.
- The Parish of Wonthaggi / Inverloch: Graeme Peters, Jane.
- Defence Force Chaplaincy: Bishop Ian Lambert
- *All in the Parish of Avon, for David and his ministry in the parish and beyond. For Emma in her ministry and support of David, and for their boys. For our ministry teams and our support of David.*

- David, Emma and boys returning from Phillip Island. That they may feel refreshed after a short break.
- Widows, widowers and orphans. Singles parents. Community Service Groups. Community Health Centres. Pensioners and Pensioner Organisations.
- Our Retiring Offertory this month – The Hope-Restart program.
- We pray for all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, and for those who care for them. We pray for the sick; for those who mourn; for those without faith, hope or love. We pray for those known to us and those who are in special need of our prayers at this time.

Crystal, Pete, Cassidy, Prec, Bruce, Shane, David, Geoff, Ray, Isobel, Emma, Jacob, Daryl, Ned, Jan, Bob, Craig, Richard, Gail, Karen, Julie and Mick.

**Confession      Absolution**

**Greeting of Peace.      Offertory Hymn TiS 154 ‘Great is your faithfulness . . .’**

**Holy Communion.**

**Announcements.**

**Final Hymn: MP 473 ‘My hope is built . . .’**

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## **News and Notes**

**Today we extend a very warm welcome to Priest Laurie Baker. Laurie has a long history of preaching and presiding in our parish. It is always a joy to welcome you Laurie and Heather and we hope you will join us for morning tea**

**The Family Fun Fair (FFF)** as reported by Dave last week was a very successful outreach to young families and has encouraged the Family Fun Fair Planning Group to continue expanding the “Fair” going forward. A number of ideas were brought to the table at the Post Family Fun Fair meeting on Thursday last.

A highlight this year was the Pet Show introduced for the first time. Please refer to Gail Wager’s report on page 7.

**The Ash Wednesday Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes at Holy Trinity led by Dave** was a beautiful service in which he challenged those present to reflect, contemplate and search inwardly for all the good and ‘that which needs working’ on. Lent is a time of deep thought and repentance as we take the long journey with Jesus towards the cross and then the wondrous mystery of Easter Day. For Christians, the resurrection of Jesus is a way to renew daily hope that we have victory over sin.

**The Shrove Tuesday offering of a pancake morning tea in front of the op shop and delivery of 90 lunch packs of pancakes** with the trimmings, to people working in Stratford businesses and supporters in Sale was a great success this year. The most guests we've had for morning tea in front of the shop since we began the "Thank you" to the community morning teas some years ago.

**Time has flown by and we must hurriedly collect for the Op Shop Easter Raffle.** Please leave donations of Easter eggs and other items of Easter fare in the basket in Holy Trinity or at the op shop at your earliest convenience – thank you for understanding.

**The first Parish Dinner for 2019** i.e. the Autumn Parish Dinner will be held this Friday evening commencing at 6.30pm at the Briagolong Hotel. **Please join with us in fellowship and a great dinner. RSVP to Denise or Bev H today ASAP.**

**On Saturday (16<sup>th</sup>), the first Anam Cara Quiet Day for 2019, led by Bishop Richard,** will commence at 9.30am in Holy Trinity. Please advise Jane of your intention to be involved.

**Next Sunday (17<sup>th</sup>) marks the beginning of Cultural Diversity Week, Peter Down will be preaching re our Retiring Offertory Mission for the month i.e. the Hope Restart Project . . . and Holy Trinity will celebrate the Harvest Festival.**

**We have been invited to support 'Biscuits for Prisoners' again this year.** Please speak to Judy Kelly if you wish to be included in this worthy mission.

### **Report on the Pet Show**

**Gail Wager writes' . . .**

Despite the forecast high temperature, the Pet Show at our Family Fun Fair on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March was well supported for our first event. We were fortunate to have a lot of shade with the area provided. All seven categories had entries and owners and pets enjoyed showing their respective pets. Grateful thanks to our Judge, vet Dr Steve Postlethwaite, who was accompanied by his wife Jackie, for his expertise in judging the winners. We had a variety of pets - birds, guinea pigs, chickens and small and large dogs. The pet that looks most like its owner was won by a chicken with a Mohawk! Judy Kelly's dog won the pet with the waggiest tail ably handled by Jackson Lett. We started on time and were finished by 11.45 am before it got too hot. Thanks also go to Carmel Ripper for spruiking the event whilst also entering her own dog Poppy. Wellington Shire provided handouts on responsible pet ownership. Denise did a wonderful job with the winners certificates. Longford Vets and The Vets in Sale provided 'freebies' of pet items to hand out to entrants. For a first event in very hot weather, it was most successful.

## WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

### MARCH

*Thursdays*

*9.30am mainly music in the Parish Hall. During School Term*

*Fridays*

*9am Morning Prayers at Holy Trinity*

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Labour Day**

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup>**

**6.30pm Parish Dinner at Briagolong.**

**Sat 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**9.30 am-3.30pm. Anam Cara Quiet Day with Bishop Richard.**

**Men's Breakfast. Venue to be decided.**

**7.30pm. Trivia Night at the Cathedral.**

**Sun 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Lent 2. \*March 16th to 24<sup>th</sup> Cultural Diversity Week.**

**Peter Down Preaching re Hope Restart Project.**

**Harvest festival at St Mary's. Harvest Festival at Holy Trinity.**

**4pm Healing Service**

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**Wed. 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Parish Council Reports due. March Equinox**

**Thurs 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Harmony Day Australia**

**Sun 24th**

**Lent 3 Congregational Meeting (1)**

**Tues 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Freemason's Service.**

**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Parish Council Meeting**

**Sun 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Lent 4. Mothering Sunday. No Ecumenical Service**

### APRIL

*Thursdays*

*9.30am mainly music during school term.*

*Fridays*

*9am Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity.*

*School holidays: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April*

Sat 6<sup>th</sup>

Daylight saving ends overnight.

Sun 7<sup>th</sup>

**Lent 5**

**Sun 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Palm Sunday & An Ecumenical Activity. Dave to arrange.**

Wed 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Parish Council Reports Due.**

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup>

**Maundy Thursday Service at Holy Trinity**

Fri. 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Good Friday Service at Holy Trinity**

Sat 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Holy Saturday. 7.30pm Easter Vigil. Avon to attend the Cathedral**

**Men's Breakfast Group**

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Easter Day**

**8.30am Holy Communion at All Saints (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)**

**10am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity**

**2pm at St Mary's Munro.**

## ROSTER - 17th March, Second Sunday in Lent.

**Read: Genesis 15.1-12,17-18. Ps.27. Philippians 3.17-4.1 . Luke 13.1-9**

**Priest: David. Sunday School: Jane. Lit. Assist: Denise. 2<sup>nd</sup> Kerry C.**

**Readers: May, Ron. Intercess: Denise. Org: Vic. Sides: Bev T. Bev H.**

**PPT: Judy K. Flowers: N/A Morning Tea: Jane, Sandra. Sac: May.**

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