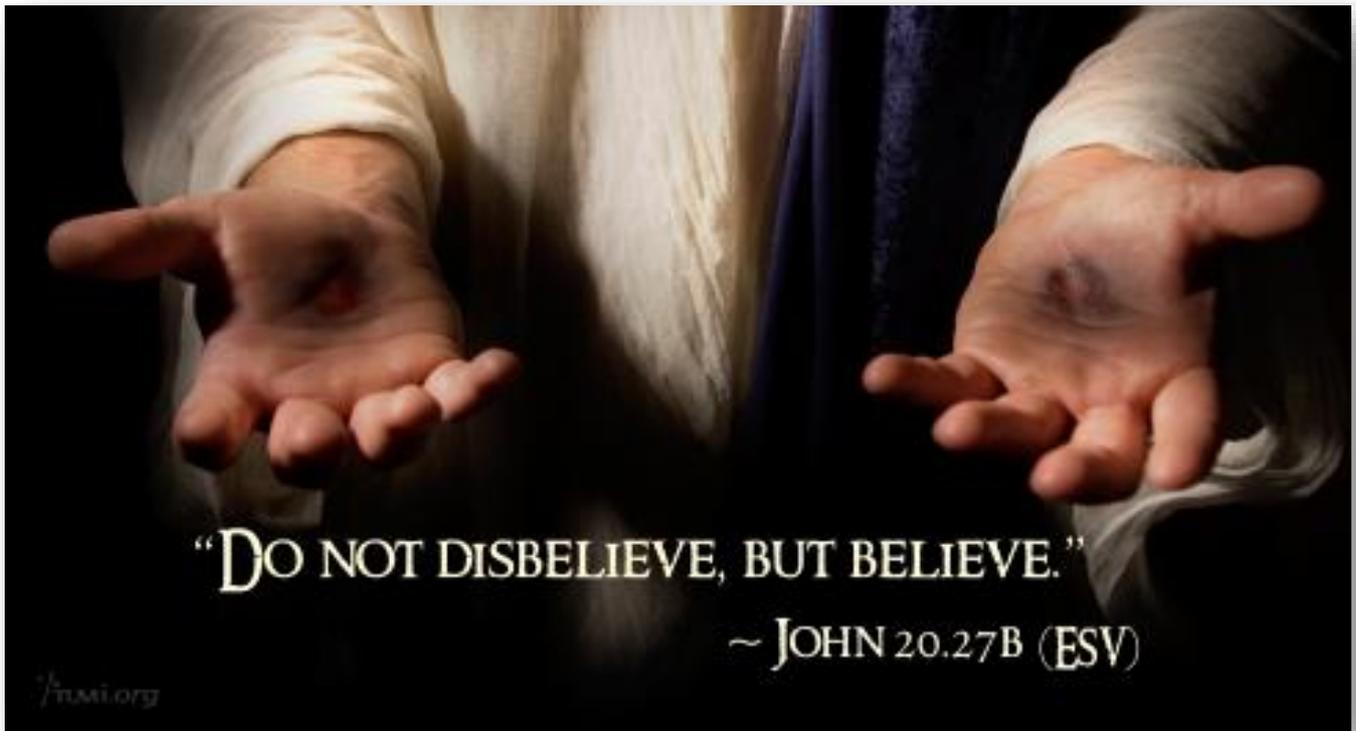


# Anglican Parish of Avon

## The Second Sunday of Easter

Jesus said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' John 20.27



**28 April 2019**

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

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

- 8.30am St Mary's Church, Munro**
- 10am Holy Trinity Church, Stratford**
- 4.30 pm Traditional Service of Evensong, Holy Trinity Stratford.**

**All are Welcome to Worship in our  
Parish Today**

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 Kumai 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**

**Processional Hymn: MP. 30 'Alleluia, alleluia . . .'** (V 1, 2, 3, 5)

**Greeting and Sentence. The Prayer of Preparation.**

**The Gloria**

**Prayer of the Day**

Living God,  
for whom no door is closed,  
no heart is locked:  
draw us beyond our doubts,  
till we see your Christ  
and touch his wounds where they bleed in others.  
This we ask through Christ our Saviour,  
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 The Acts of the Apostles**

<sup>27</sup> When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup> saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

Acts 5.27-32

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

## **Psalm 118.14-29**

- <sup>14</sup> The Lord is my strength and my song:  
and has become my salvation.
- <sup>15</sup> The sounds of joy and deliverance:  
are in the tents of the righteous.
- <sup>16</sup> The right hand of the Lord does mighty things:  
the right hand of the Lord raises up.
- <sup>17</sup> I shall not die but live:  
and proclaim the works of the Lord.
- <sup>18</sup> The Lord has disciplined me hard:  
but he has not given me over to death.
- <sup>19</sup> Open me the gates of righteousness:  
and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.
- <sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the Lord:  
the righteous shall enter it.
- <sup>21</sup> I will praise you, for you answered me:  
and have become my salvation.
- <sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected:  
has become the head of the corner.
- <sup>23</sup> This is the Lord's doing:  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
- <sup>24</sup> This is the day that the Lord has made:  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- <sup>25</sup> O Lord, save us, we pray:  
O Lord, send us prosperity.
- <sup>26</sup> Blessed is he who comes, in the name of the Lord:  
from the house of the Lord we bless you.
- <sup>27</sup> The Lord is God, and he has given us light:  
guide the festal throng up to the horns of the altar.
- <sup>28</sup> You are my God and I will praise you:  
you are my God, I will exalt you.
- <sup>29</sup> O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:  
and his mercy endures for ever.

## **A Reading from the Revelation to John**

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,

<sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,

<sup>6</sup> and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup> Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. Revelation 1.4-8

Hear the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**



**Children's Spot**

**The Gradual Hymn: MP. 613 'Spirit of the living God . . .'**

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

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' <sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. John 20.19-31

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

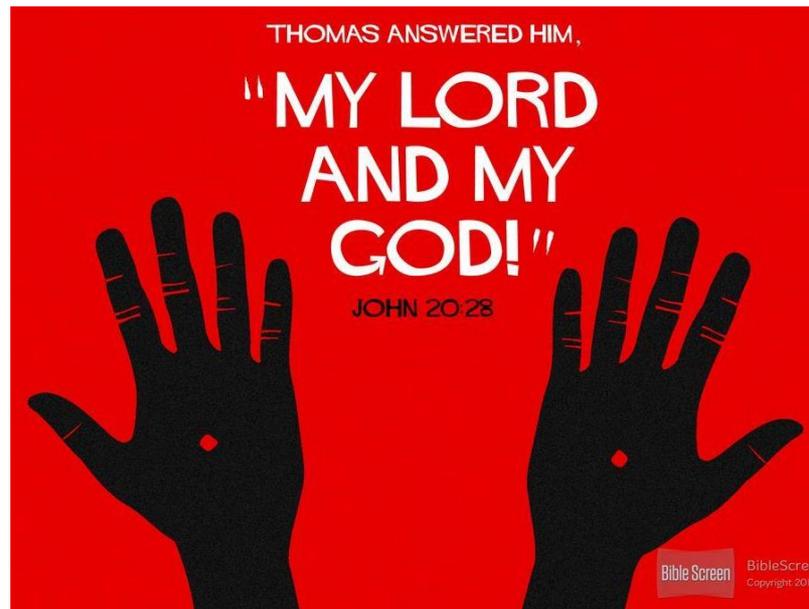
*Revelation 1:4–8 offers some of a liturgy of the early church that encouraged a bold witness to the disruptive love of God revealed in Jesus; a counterclaim to the insistence of imperial authority that it is in control. John 20:19–31 reminds us how natural it is to let fear silence our voices and hide behind locked doors. But again, the Holy Spirit is at work encouraging and challenging the disciples to be the disruptive witness they have been called and empowered to be.*

**Sermon**

**Reflection**

**Affirmation of Faith**

**Prayers of the People**



Everlasting God, as Jesus appeared in the locked room to show his disciples the beginning of a new world, draw us closer so that we, like Thomas, can examine the wounded hands and feet of Jesus in order to know and understand the depth of his love for us. Let us, therefore, approach the throne of God in confidence as we pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

**We Pray for: -**

- Peace that brings an end to violence, oppression, and war.
- World leaders that they will commit their lives to the work of peace.
- For the people of Sri Lanka mourning the loss of 300+ people and hundreds injured following terrorists bombing of churches and hotels.
- Appropriate care and preservation of the environment.

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

- Our families, our friends, for those with whom we work and learn.
- The homeless, the hungry, and those without hope for the future.

- Continued success of our mainly music program. For safety and refreshment for all children, families, and volunteers over the school term holidays.
- Our op shop coordinators and all volunteers, giving thanks for their ministry.

**The Church: We pray for: -**

- Bishop Richard as he leads the clergy and people of the diocese. For Leanne, Rachel and Nicholas.
- All in the Parish of Avon: We give thanks for David’s ministry among us and for the deeply meaningful and awakening services conducted in our parish as we walked with Jesus from Palm Sunday to His Resurrection on Easter Day – last Sunday.
- For Emma in her ministry beside David and God’s blessings on their 3 boys.
- Our Retiring Offertory this month, the MAF Mission
- Parish of Co-operating Parish of Churchill/Boolarra/Yinnar. Peter Carter (Churches of Christ).
- Diocese of Ballarat: Bishop Garry Weatherall.
- Gippsland Grammar and St Paul’s Anglican Grammar Schools.
- Federation University Chaplain: Frank Lees, Jenny.
- Theological Colleges and Ordination Candidates, that God will raise up people for ordained ministry. National Council of Churches.
- Universities, Colleges, Schools, Teachers and Students.
- Our Sister Diocese, the Diocese of Gahini, Rwanda. Bishops Alexis Bilindabagabo and Manasseh Gahima
- We pray for all who are physically or mentally ill and for those who care for them. For those who are lonely, the grieving and for those without faith, hope or love. For all whom we know and those who have asked for our prayers.  
Ivan, Crystal, Pete, Prec, Bruce, David, Geoff, Ray, Isobel, Emma, Jacob, Daryl, Jan, Bob, Craig, Richard, Gail, Karen, Julie, Mick, Josie.

**Confession**

**Absolution**

**Greeting of Peace.      Offertory Hymn: TiS 380 ‘Yours be the glory . . .’**

**Holy Communion.**

**Announcements.                      Final Hymn: MP. 1094 ‘Shout to the north . . .’**

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## NEWS AND NOTES

### Greetings on this Second Day of Easter.

Later today, The Ecumenical Traditional Shakespeare Service of Evensong will commence at 4.30pm in Holy Trinity and will be followed by a light tea. Guest Preacher, The Reverend Nikolai Blascow, as many know, is a great Shakespearian Scholar and Theologian. The Stratford Singers will once again be a very welcome presence with their beautiful singing.

### Reflections: -

The Easter Services, commencing with Palm Sunday through to Maundy Thursday and Good Friday were deeply reflective and atoning ; the service of the ‘New Fire’ Saturday evening (Cathedral) and Easter Day (last Sunday) were uplifting and joyful as we celebrated The Resurrection of Jesus. For those of us who were able to attend all services it was indeed a meditative and spiritually arousing week. To David for his leadership and ministry throughout Holy Week, to the sacristans, all who prepared the churches and grounds, and to those who provided the morning teas . . . a very big thank you!

**Thank you. Mr. Matthew McBurney, the Advocate Coordinator of MAF Australia Group, (i.e. our current Retiring Offertory) has contacted Dave saying:**

-once again, we had a very encouraging year where we have experienced the Blessing of God on our work, our staff and the communities we serve. We simply MUST pause and say ‘Thank you’!. We are beyond grateful to our Father in Heaven’ for the sacrificial giving and powerful prayer support that surrounds this ministry.

Matthew enclosed a link to a short “Thank you” video which will be shown during ‘Announcements’ at some stage.

### News from Parish Council.

**The first of the Safe Church Ministry Committee Meetings** will convene on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May, probably at 11am. Parish Council members involved please attend.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May, The Men’s Breakfast Group** will welcome special guest speaker, Brian Teese. Brian will speak about the fascination of ‘bee keeping’. He has 40+ hives and his bees can be seen at work through the glass wall of a hive.

**Parish Council approved the quote** for the new camera surveillance security system at the op shop and the work will soon commence. Council also approved

the camera security system for Holy Trinity but will not be installed until a later date.

**Dave led a discussion about his variation of the Liturgy** (all based on scripture) use of different Bible verses for confession and forgiveness, use of the Church of England resources and the Prayer Book for Australia, in the 10am services at Holy Trinity. Parish Council affirmed its appreciation of these services, particularly in the light of appreciative comments from many members of the congregation.

**A conversation about inclusion of Family/all-age worship** (services) was commenced and was to be continued at the Parish Council Planning Meeting, so watch this space.

### **Looking forward**

**Tomorrow.** Our Uniting Church friends have invited us to join with them in a “Baby Shower in Honour of Duchess Megan” at 2pm in the St Andrews Church Hall. Please see the flyer for details.

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 12md is the proposed date and time for a gathering in solidarity with the people of Sri Lanka.** Let us gather in recognition, reflection and prayer for so many people devastated by such heinous crimes that killed more than 300 people, injured hundreds more and wiped out entire families.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May, we will welcome into God’s Church through Holy Baptism,** Christen Ivy Willow McDonald. Please pray for Christen’s parents and godparents as they prepare for her Baptism.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May, Mr. Arthur McPherson will be guest speaker in the parish.** Arthur volunteers once a fortnight as part of the Kairos Prison Ministry at Fulham prison. This is in acknowledgement of Justice Sunday which is marked in our Diocese for May 5<sup>th</sup>, as per information from The Anglican Criminal Justice Ministry Senior Chaplain, Rob Ferguson. Given that we have a Baptism booked for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>, Arthur will speak about his ministry at Fulham Prison 1 week later.

**Please note on the Diary page,** details re the launch of the ‘Get out for Good’ program on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May (flyer in the Parish Hall), and St Paul’s Movie Night on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June is the Trivia Night.** Gail writes: “**Can we please ask Parish Council and parishioners for raffle prizes**” The Trivia Night is a very good occasion both socially and financially, so please let’s support it as much as possible.

## WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

### MAY

Wednesdays 7.30pm. Bible Study in the Rectory.

Thursdays mainly music, 9.30am. Hall. During School Term.

Fridays 9am. Morning Prayers at Holy Trinity.

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup>** 10am, St Paul's Cathedral, 'Get Out For Good', Official Launch of the Program in Gippsland. Dave attending. Parishioners welcome.

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>** 6.30pm. St Paul's Movie Night, Sale Cinema 'Top End Wedding' Tickets to be pre booked prior to the night.

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup>** 2.30pm. Memorial Service for the late Harvey Newnham (Dave at Maffra).

7.30pm. Induction of The Reverend Judith Wake at Heyfield. Dave attending.

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup>** Third Sunday of Easter. Baptism of Christen Ivy Willow McDonald at Holy Trinity.

**Sun 12<sup>th</sup>** 4th Sunday of Easter.

**MOTHERS DAY**

4pm Healing Service

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup>** Parish Council Reports to Secretary.

**Fri. 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>** Synod

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup>** 8.30am. Men's Breakfast Group.

Armed Forces Day

**Sun 19<sup>th</sup>** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Tues 21<sup>st</sup>** World Day of Cultural Diversity

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup>–Sun 26<sup>th</sup>** National Volunteers Week ?? OP shop Volunteers Luncheon

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup>** Parish Council Meets

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup>** 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter. Baptism Charlie Tamara-Skye Lett.

National Sorry Day.

Congregational Meeting (2)

### ROSTER - 5 May, Third Sunday of Easter

**Readings: Acts 9.1-6(7-20) Ps. 30. Rev. 5.6-14. John 21.1-19**

**Priest: David. Sunday School: Jane. Lit. Assist: Gail. 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul**

**Readers: Marion, Neil. Intercess: Gail. Org: Vic. Sides: Bev T. Julie Ferg.**

**PPT: Denise. Flowers: Wendy. Morning Tea: Jane, MARion. Sac: Denise**

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