

Anglican Parish of Avon

23rd Sunday of Pentecost, 17 Nov., 2019.



**NOW MAY THE LORD OF PEACE
HIMSELF GIVE YOU PEACE AT
ALL TIMES AND IN EVERY WAY.
THE LORD BE WITH ALL OF YOU.**

2 Thessalonians 3:16 NIV

Priest in Charge, The Reverend Dave Perryman.

Welcome – Wunan Njinda to: -

**A Service of Holy Communion - 8.30am at All Saints,
10am Holy Trinity, Stratford.**

Commissioning of the new Parish Council.

**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

Gathering Hymn: TIS 111 'Praise to the Lord . . .' (V 1, 2, 4, 5)

Welcome and Introduction.

Greeting and Sentence.

May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways.

2 Thessalonians 3.16

The Prayer of Preparation.

Confession and Absolution

Prayer of the Day

Lord God of all the ages,
the One who is, who was, and who is to come:
stir up within us a longing for your kingdom,
keep our hearts steady in times of trial,
and grant us patient endurance until the Sun of justice dawns.
We make our prayer through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A VISION OF PROMISE

Present-day believers, like believers in biblical times, speculate about what it will be like when God sets the world right again. What will the world look like when God's promises are fulfilled? The scripture passages for today share pieces of a vision, giving believers hope for not just the distant future but also here and now. Two readings this week come from Isaiah. As one of the books of Hebrew Scripture most often quoted in the New Testament, Isaiah has always played an important role in Christian theology.

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;

the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice for ever
in what I am creating;

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.

¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;

no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.

²⁰ No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;

for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;

for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³ They shall not labour in vain,
or bear children for calamity;

for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord —
and their descendants as well.

²⁴ Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy

on all my holy mountain, says the Lord .

Isaiah 65.17-25

Hear the word of the Lord

thanks be to God.

A Song of Isaiah

‘Behold, God is my salvation:
I will trust and will not be afraid;

**‘For the Lord God is my strength and my song:
and has become my salvation.’**

With joy you will draw water:
from the wells of salvation.

**On that day you will say:
‘Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;**

‘Make known his deeds among the nations:
proclaim that his name is exalted.

**‘Sing God’s praises, who has triumphed gloriously:
let this be known in all the world.**

‘Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion:
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.’

A Reading from Paul’s Second Letter to The Thessalonians

⁶ Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone’s bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right. *2 Thessalonians 3.6-13*

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thanks be to God.

‘Early Talk’

Gradual Hymn: **‘There is a mighty . . .’**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, ⁶ ‘As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.’ ⁷ They asked him, ‘Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?’ ⁸ And he said, ‘Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and, “The time is near!” Do not go after them. ⁹ ‘When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.’ ¹⁰ Then he said to them, ‘Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹² ‘But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls. *Luke 21.5-19*

For the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you

Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon

Discussion

Affirmation of Faith.



Intercessions and Lord's Prayer.

We pray:-

- For the leaders of the countries of the world. For wisdom, peacemaking, fairness and compassion towards the people under their leadership.
- For wise and compassionate counsel and some direction and hope for the future of refugees and asylum seekers across the globe.
- For the people of fire ravaged areas of NSW and SE Queensland. Lord grant them resilience, courage and comfort in their grieving as they pick up the threads of getting on and rebuilding their lives.
- We give thanks for the wonderful services in our country. The people of the CFA, SES and Police Force etc. Support organisations such as Red Cross, Lions and so many more. For the thousands of volunteers assisting and supporting victims and those fighting the fires . . . and for the support of governments.
- For Bishop Richard's spiritual leadership of the Diocese.
- For the Eastern Region, Avon, Bairnsdale, Croajungolong, Heyfield, Lakes Entrance & Metung, Maffra, Omeo, Orbost, Paynesville, Rosedale, Sale & Tambo. Archdeacon Edie Ashley, Regional Dean Lyndon Phillips.
- For our parish, David, Emma and boys. For Dave's leadership of **our** ministry and mission in the parish, community and beyond.
- For your divine guidance as we plan and lead to your glory, the Community Carols event on Sunday 15 December.
- For those who coordinate and work to sustain our op shop and mainly music programs. For Team Leaders, May at mainly music, Bev and John at the op shop. For the continued growth and success of these special ministries and for all who support them in so many ways.

**For this month's Retiring Offertory in support of Gippsland Farmers Relief.*

We pray for the sick and suffering and all who care for them. We pray for those for whom this day will be long and hard, for those struggling with despair or depression, for those in hospital and at home. We pray especially at this time for *Peter T., Brenda, Alice, Kerrie, Scarlet, Boyd, Brian, Jacob, Emma, Crystal, Pete, Prec, Bruce, Geoff, Isobel, Daryl, Jan, Bob, Craig, Richard, Gail, Karen, Julie and Mick.*

In your goodness and mercy grant them health of body, soundness of mind and peace of heart.

Greeting of Peace

Offertory Hymn: MP 976 Ancient of days . . .'

Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving and Holy Communion.

Prayers after Communion.

Announcements.

Final Hymn: MP 955 'Go forth in his name . . .'

Blessing / Dismissal.

Recessional Music.

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NEWS AND NOTES

Today, Dave will commission the new Parish Council.

Following a very positive AGM of the parish and of Holy Trinity, Parish Council for the year 2019/2020 appears as follows:-

Priest's appointments:

Wardens: Denise Vranek, Linda Tatterson, Bruna Robinson.

Elected Wardens: Bev Harrap, Paul Wager.

Plus Parish Council members: May Kyne (Synod), Jan Cropley (Synod);
elected:- Marion Jones, Jillian Anderson, Sandra Meredith, Vic Ferguson.

There remains 1 vacancy which will be the Priest's appointment.

As per the Parish Administration Act: "The governing body of a parish is the parish council" and "The parish council of a parish, in cooperation with the incumbent, shall together initiate conduct and develop the work of the church within the parish" . . . there follows a long list of parish council responsibilities.

Our thanks to all who, infilled with the Holy Spirit, stepped up to these responsibilities to ensure the safe guardianship and conduct of God's ministry, mission and growth of His churches in this parish.

Parish Council Reports are due today please.

Jane is currently compiling the Holy Trinity Ministry Roster. Please speak to Denise or email Jane with any dates of unavailability.

We need donations of 'Christmassy' fare and items towards the Parish Raffle ASAP. Donations can be left in the basket at the rear of Holy Trinity or at the op shop, thank you.

This Saturday 23rd at 11am is the Anam Cara Annual Thanksgiving Service. Please refer to the inserted flyer.

Sunday 24th, we will welcome a guest speaker for Gippsland Farmers Relief.

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS MONTH

NOVEMBER

Parish Raffle commences Retiring Offertory: Gippsland Farmers Relief

Sat 23rd 11am Anam Cara Annual Thanksgiving Service. Cathedral

Sun 24th Last Sunday of Pentecost: "Christ The King"

Guest Speaker: Gippsland Farmers Relief.

Tues 26th First Meeting of the new Parish Council.

Fri 29th 6pm St Paul's Concert at the Cathedral. See Flyer.

DECEMBER

Thursdays mainly music. 9.30 Parish Hall

Fridays 9am Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity

School Holidays: Saturday 21st December to Tuesday 28th January 2020.

Sun 1st First Sunday of Advent.

Mon 2nd Christmas Afternoon Tea for volunteers.

Tues 3rd **Alfresco Morning Tea for the Community**

Thurs 5 Family Fun Fair Planning Meeting

Fri 6th. Parish Council Meeting followed by Parish Christmas Party.

Sun 8th Advent 2

4pm. Healing Service at Holy Trinity

Sun 15th Advent 3 **Municipal Carols by Candlelight Anglican Hosting.**

Sat 21st Men's Breakfast Group.

Tues 24th 6pm Family Christmas Service at Holy Trinity

Tues 24th 8pm Christmas Eve, Holy Communion at **All Saints.
Bishop Richard Attending.

Tues 24th 11pm. Candle-lite Holy Communion at Holy Trinity.
Bishop Attending.

Mon 25th 8.30am & 10am Christmas Day HC at Munro & Stratford.

Sun 29th First Sunday after Christmas

Holy Trinity Roster – 24 November, 'Christ The King'.

Jeremiah 23.1-6 Ps. Song of Zechariah. Colossians 1.11-20 Luke 23.33-43

Priest: Dave. Lit Assist. May, Paul. Read: Denise, Sandra

Intercess: May. Org: Vic. Sides: Judy K. Kerrie S. PPT: Tristan

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