

# Anglican Parish of Avon

**Sunday 26 January, 3rd After Epiphany**

*Priest in Charge, The Reverend Dave Perryman.*

**“Australia Day”**



***Wunan Njinda to: -***

***A Service of Holy Communion - 8.30am at St Mary's &  
10am Holy Trinity Church, Stratford.***

**All are welcome!!**

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

**Opening Hymn: MP 857 'Here I am Lord . . .'**

**Welcome and Introduction.**

**Greeting, Call to Worship**

**Sentence of the Day**

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. *Matthew 4.23*

**Prayer of Preparation.**

**Confession**

**Absolution**

**Prayer of the Day**

Loving God,  
the light of the minds that know you,  
the life of the souls that love you,  
and the strength of the hearts that serve you:  
help us so to know you that we may truly love you,  
and so to love you that we may faithfully serve you,  
whose service is perfect freedom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



**A Prayer for Australia Day**

Bounteous God,  
we give thanks for this ancient, beautiful land and it's first peoples.  
a land of despair and hope,  
a land of wealth and abundant harvests,  
a land of fire, drought and flood.

We pray that your Spirit may continue to move in this land  
and bring forgiveness, reconciliation,  
and an end to all injustice; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

<sup>1</sup> But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian. *Isaiah 9.1-4*

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

### Psalm 27.1-10

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear?:  
the Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup> **When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes,  
come upon me to devour me:  
they shall stumble and fall.**

<sup>3</sup> If an army encamp against me,  
my heart shall not be afraid:  
and if war should rise against me, yet will I trust.

<sup>4</sup> **One thing I have asked from the Lord,  
which I will require:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,**

<sup>5</sup> To see the fair beauty of the Lord:  
and to seek his will in his temple.

**6 For he will hide me under his shelter  
in the day of trouble:  
and conceal me in the shadow of his tent,  
and set me high upon a rock.**

**7 And now he will lift up my head:  
above my enemies round about me.**

**8 And I will offer sacrifices in his sanctuary  
with exultation:  
I will sing, I will sing praises to the Lord.**

**9 O Lord, hear my voice when I cry:  
have mercy upon me and answer me.**

**10 My heart has said of you, 'Seek his face':  
your face, Lord, I will seek.**

### **A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians**

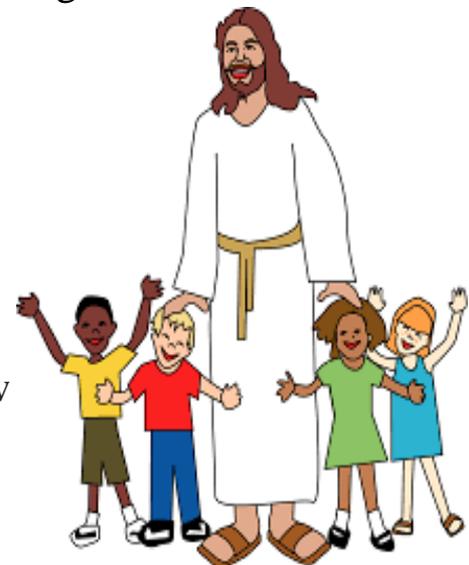
**10** Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. **11** For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. **12** What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' **13** Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? **14** I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, **15** so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. **16** (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) **17** For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. **18** For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. *1 Corinthians 1.10-18*

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**thanks be to God.**

**'Early Talk'**

**Gradual Hymn: 'O Lord, you called disciples . . .'**

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



<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.  
<sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali,  
<sup>14</sup> so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:  
<sup>15</sup> ‘Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—  
<sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.’  
<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to proclaim, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’  
<sup>18</sup> As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen.  
<sup>19</sup> And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’  
<sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him.  
<sup>21</sup> As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.  
<sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.  
<sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.  
<sup>24</sup> So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he cured them.  
<sup>25</sup> And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan. *Matthew 4.12-25*

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

**Sermon and discussion.**

**Affirmation of Faith.**

**The Prayers of the People.**



O God, you gave us the dreaming. May we grow in appreciation and reverence for your gift of this great land under the Southern Cross and for its first peoples. May we value our fauna and flora, and above all, learn to value each other. May we experience forgiveness from each other, and reach out in friendship and peace. May we learn to forgive ourselves for the prejudices of the past, and work towards a nation of welcome for all.

**We pray for:-**

\*Our fire-ravaged nation, especially for all who have lost loved ones, homes and livelihoods and for the suffering animals. May we continue to face this crisis together with determination, courage and community spirit.

For the families, friends and communities of those whose lives have been lost in Victoria, NSW and Kangaroo Island. For the families of the 3 American fire fighters whose plane crashed in the Snowy Mountains.

\*We give thanks for the heroic fire-fighters, emergency services personnel, defense forces and thousands of community volunteers. We give thanks for their brave and generous service in saving lives, limiting losses and alleviating human and animal suffering.

We thank you Lord for the generosity of so many of your world-wide people giving donations of items and money in aid to the victims suddenly left with nothing.

We give great thanks for the beautiful rain that has fallen on many areas of our parched land. May soaking rain soon fall on the areas that have not yet received rain.

\*For policy-makers in government, business and public life. May they put differences aside and work together to put effective fuel load reduction and climate change measures into action.

\*We pray for church communities around the world, that they radiate the light of Christ and be an inspiring sign of God's saving love.

\*For our Bishop, Richard, as he leads the ministry of the diocese.

\*Our Minister Dave, giving thanks for his ministry among us. May the Holy Spirit guide us all in our ministry, mission and sharing of Christ in our community.

\*For the coordinators of our op shop and mainly music ministries and for all who volunteer to work with us.

\*We pray for the sick, the lonely, sad and suffering, and all who care for them.

We pray especially at this time *for Keith, Marion, Phillip, Peter, Ruth, Aileen, Peter T., Brenda, Mark, Alice, Kerrie, Scarlet, Boyd, Brian, Jacob, Emma, Crystal, Pete, Bruce, Geoff, 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.

*Loving God of compassion, embrace the Nichols family as together they support each other through the sadness of Steve's Anniversary and reflect on the life of a dearly loved husband, father and grandfather.*

God our Creator, who shaped our continent as the Great Southern Land of the Holy Spirit, pour that Holy Spirit into the hearts of all, so that we will live fully in the mystery of the Word of God, your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever. **Amen**

## **Greeting of Peace**

**Offertory Hymn: MP 1075 'All for Jesus . . .'**                      **Offertory Prayer**

**The Great Thanksgiving and Communion.**

**Sending out of God's people.**                      **Announcements.**

**Final Hymn: MP. 1003 'My Jesus . . .'**

**Blessing and Dismissal.**

**Recessional Music**

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## **NEWS AND NOTES**

**Greetings: - We're delighted to have Dave, Emma and their boys safely back with us again today following a short holiday.**

**Once again, our Parish has 'stepped up'** and in 2 weeks Retiring Offertory at Holy Trinity donated a total of \$375.60 towards the Diocesan Gippsland Bush Fire Relief Trust. Parish Council will add to this amount from the 2020 budget allocation for local mission. Thank you to all who gave to our suffering fellow Gippslanders and what an advantage it is to have a well-structured budget that has an allocation for all sections of need in the management of the ministry, mission (local and OS), maintenance and business of the parish.

**The three meetings this past week:-**

**1 The Safe Church Ministry Meeting convened at 11am Wednesday last.** We continue to be 'on track' with the 16 sections of requirement by the Diocesan

Safe Church Ministry Authority. Mind you, there is still and will always be work to be done.

**2 The mainly music program planning and washing of toys from 9.30am Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>**, was productive. Thank you to Nola, Wendy and Judy Tulloch for washing all the toys in readiness for the new Term of mainly music 2020. Leaders: May and Bev Harrap, and PPT person Denise planned the sessions for the whole of Term One. We believe it will be a good term of interactive music and fun.

**3 A well-attended Family Fun Fair Planning Meeting followed the above.** Plans for the next Fun Fair, May 23, are progressing well.

Linda Tatterson is asking gardening enthusiasts to please start striking plants for sale on the plant stall.

We would like to add jams, pickles and preserves to the cake stall and as this is the time of year when these items are being made, may be allow for some extra jars for the stall.

This year we plan to have added attractions such as live music, a clown and free children's books. The Men's Shed are donating free wooden toys and plan to bring a lathe and make free tops for children to watch being turned and then take home.

**Another meeting!! Dave wishes to have a brief meeting with Holy Trinity Sacristans at morning tea time today – thank you.**

**St Andrew's parishioners have come up with a great idea for the Australia Day Holiday, tomorrow, Monday 27 January.**

They have invited our parishioners and our Catholic friends, to join with them in a lovely lunch at the Bruthen Inn Hotel from 12 noon and to support other businesses along the way, hence supporting the East Gippsland community.

Bookings ring or text: 0409 186 956. With thanks, Denise



Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – St Andrew's Stratford and friends giving back!

Join in a lovely lunch (buy your own) at the Bruthen Inn Hotel from noon – bring an Eski and stop at shops along the way – fill up with fuel – support Gippsland community.

If you want to join in this fun lunch -please call or text 0409 186 956 for numbers asap.

## PARISH DIARY AND HOLY TRINITY ROSTER

### JANUARY

- Tues 28 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting  
Thurs 30 12md (11.40am ferry) Hanging of the Anne Greenwood Embroideries,  
at the Abbey. For information: see last week's Bulletin.

### FEBRUARY

- Op shop Easter raffle commences.                      ??Lions Dinner this month*  
*Thursdays                      9.30am, mainly music, during school term, in the Parish Hall*  
*Fridays                      9am Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity*  
**Retiring Offertory: Project 123 1<sup>ST</sup> week then MAF.**  
Sun. 2 Fourth Sunday after Epiph. All Age Family Worship at Holy Trinity  
**6pm Ecumenical BBQ at Holy Trinity Church Stratford**  
Thurs 6 mainly music commences for 2020.  
Sun 9 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany. Rev Heather Toms.  
Thurs. 13 National Apology to the Stolen Generation  
Sat 15 Men's Breakfast group  
Sun 16 Sixth Sunday after The Epiphany. 7.30pm Carol's Meet.  
Rev Heather Toms Preaching & Presiding  
Wed. 19 Parish Council Reports due  
Thurs 20 UN World Day of Social Justice  
Fri 21 Lenten Conversation. + Richard & + Patrick at the Abbey, 10am –  
3.30pm.  
Evening. Dave leading a Safe Church Ministry Workshop in  
Warragul. Parish Movie Night (To be re scheduled)  
Sat.22 Scout Founders Day.  
Sun. 23 Last Sunday before Lent. Transfiguration Sunday.  
Pancakes/ Holy Trinity  
MAF speaker at Holy Trinity  
Tues. 25 Shrove Tuesday. 10am Pancakes at the Op Shop. 7.30pm Parish  
Council  
Wed. 26 Ash Wednesday. 7pm Service at Holy Trinity  
Thurs 27 Parish Council Meeting.

### Holy Trinity Roster – 2 February, Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Micah 6.1-8 Ps.15. 1 Cor 1.18-31 Matthew 5.1-12

Priest: Dave. Lit Assist Vic, Jillian. Read: Marion.

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

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