

Anglican Parish of Avon

Sunday 24 May

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Priest in Charge, The Reverend Dave Perryman,
Tuesday 26 is National Sorry Day in
National Reconciliation Week



27 MAY – 3 JUNE

**Welcome – Wunan Njinda to: -
A Service of Holy Communion
10am Holy Trinity Church, Stratford, via Zoom, on line,
Facebook or 'phone-in'.**

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: 'I will sing the wondrous story' – TiS 233

1 I will sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ Who died for me,
how he left the realms of glory
for the cross of Calvary.

*Refrain: Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me,
sing it with the saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.*

I was lost: but Jesus found me,
found the sheep that went astray,
raised me up and gently led me,
back into the narrow way.

Faint was I, and fears possessed me,
bruised was I from many a fall,
hope was gone, and shame distressed me:
but his love has pardoned all.

Days of darkness still may meet me,
sorrow's paths I often tread;
but his presence still is with me,
by his guiding hand I'm led.

He will keep me till the river
rolls its waters at my feet:
then he'll bear me safely over,
where the loved ones I shall meet. *Francis Harold Rowley*

Welcome

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.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Sentence

‘Go and make disciples of all nations,’ Jesus commands; ‘I am with you always, to the close of the age.’ *Matthew 28.19–20*

Prayer of Preparation

Let us pray,

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Confession

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

Silence for self-reflection

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

**Most merciful Father,
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole
heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as
ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

The Absolution

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive us our sins,
open our eyes to God's truth,
strengthen us to do God's will
and give us the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayer of the Day

God of majesty,
you led the Messiah through suffering into risen life,
and took him up into the glory of heaven:
clothe us with the power promised from on high,
and send us forth to the ends of the earth
as heralds of repentance and witnesses of Jesus Christ,
the firstborn from the dead,
who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

The First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked Jesus, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷ He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' ¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers. *Acts 1.6-14*

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

Psalm 68.1-10, 68.32-35 (We will read the Psalm together)

- ¹ **God shall arise, and his enemies shall be scattered:
those that hate him shall flee before his face.**
- ² **As smoke is dispersed, so shall they be dispersed:
as wax melts before a fire,
so shall the wicked perish at the presence of God.**
- ³ **But the righteous shall be glad and exult before God:**

they shall rejoice with gladness.

- ⁴ O sing to God, sing praises to his name:
glorify him that rode through the deserts,
him whose name is the Lord, and exult before him.
- ⁵ He is the father of the fatherless,
he upholds the cause of the widow:
God in his holy dwelling place.
- ⁶ He gives the desolate a home to dwell in,
and brings the prisoners out into prosperity:
but rebels must dwell in a barren land.
- ⁷ O God, when you went out before your people:
when you marched through the wilderness,
- ⁸ The earth shook, the heavens poured down water:
before the God of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.
- ⁹ You showered down a generous rain, O God:
you prepared the land of your possession
when it was weary.
- ¹⁰ And there your people settled:
in the place that your goodness, O God,
had made ready for the poor.
- ³² Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth:
O sing praises to the Lord,
- ³³ To him that rides upon the highest heavens,
that were from the beginning:
who utters his voice, which is a mighty voice.
- ³⁴ Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel:
and his might is in the clouds.
- ³⁵ Terrible is God who comes from his holy place:
the God of Israel who gives power
and strength to his people. Blessed be God.

For the Young at Heart.

The Gospel

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

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶ 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. *John 17.1-11*

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

The Affirmation of the Resurrection

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe. Amen.**

The Prayers

Please sit or kneel for prayer as you are able.

Response:

Risen God, 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

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

Alleluia!

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving 5

[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.

Loving God,
we thank you for this world of wonder and delight.
You have given it to us to care for,
so that all your creatures may enjoy its bounty.

Lord our God,
we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you that when we turned away from you,
you sent Jesus to live and work as one of us,
and bring us back to you.
He showed us how to love you
and set us free to love and serve one another.

Lord our God,
we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you that on the cross
Jesus took away our sin,
all that keeps us from each other and from you.
He frees us from hate and fear,

from all that destroys love and trust.

Lord our God,
we give you thanks and praise.

And so with everyone who believes in you,
with all the saints and angels,
we rejoice and praise you, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

And now we thank you
for these gifts of bread and wine;
may we who receive them,
as Jesus said,
share his body and his blood.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread
and gave you thanks.

He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said,
'Take and eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup
and gave you thanks.

He shared the cup with them and said,
'This is my blood poured out
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

You have gathered us together
to feed on Christ
and to remember all he has done for us:

Fill us with your Spirit
that we may follow Jesus
in all we do and say,
working for justice and bringing your peace
to this world that you have made.
Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and Communion

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:
**so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

Draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in your 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

Eternal God, giver of life,
in the breaking of the bread we know the risen Lord.
May we who celebrate this holy feast
walk in his risen light

and bring new life to all creation.

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: 'There is a Redeemer' – MP 673

1 Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

*Thank You O my Father,
for giving us Your Son,
and sending Your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.*

2 Jesus my redeemer,
Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Hope for sinners slain.

*Thank You O my Father,
for giving us Your Son,
and sending Your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.*

3 When I stand in Glory,
I will see His face,
And there I'll serve my King for ever,
In that Holy Place.

*Thank You O my Father,
for giving us Your Son,
and sending Your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.*

Songwriters: GREEN, MELODY

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The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you what is pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you now and for ever. **Amen.**

Go – walk gently on country – to love and serve our God. Alleluia, alleluia!

In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia

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Bulletin Prayer Points

A Prayer for National Reconciliation.

Creator Spirit,
All creation once declared your glory,
Your laws were honoured and trusted,
Forgive us our neglect as our country approaches
the most critical moment in its history.
Listen to our prayer as we turn to you,
Hear the cry of our land and its people,
Just as you heard the cry of Jesus,
your Son, on the Cross.

Help us to replace our national shame
With true national pride by restoring the
dignity of our First People whose antiquity is
unsurpassed.

May our faith and trust in you increase.

Only then will our nation grow strong and be
a worthy place for all who wish to make their home in our land.

Amen.

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We pray for Your wisdom, help and guidance for:-

- All in the world who are suffering from the Covid 19 infection and for the families and friends of those whose lives are threatened or have died.
- Medical scientists, doctors, nurses, and all paramedical personnel caring for the sick. For the safety of all carers.
- Success in establishing a vaccine against Covid 19 as well as other treatments.
- Our leaders struggling to lessen the severe blow to our economy and that of the world. That economies will 'lift' and unemployment reduce.
- Teachers and support staff throughout the school system. For parents and children struggling with home schooling
- All who are financially insecure. May ways be found to alleviate their plight.
- People suffering depression and anxiety resulting from isolation, unemployment, lack of income.
- The elderly living alone or in care struggling through loneliness.
- Those battling to recover from the devastation of the summer bush fires.
- Bishop Richard and Registrar Richard as they lead the Diocese through restricted and prescriptive resumption of church services and loss of finance. All parishes trying to navigate their way through these difficulties.
- For the Diocese of Gahini, for a response to Bishop Manessah's plea for prayers and assistance for their parish clergy living without income.
- For Dave as he works to keep parishioners connected in ministry and pastoral care. For his ministry work at the Registry Office.

- For Emma as her time for giving birth nears. Keep her safe Lord. We pray for a safe and uncomplicated delivery of Emma and Dave's infant daughter.
- The Parish of Trafalgar: Sue Jacka, Ross. Joshua Hasan, Jennifer (Youth)
- The Diocese of Wangaratta: Bishop John Parkes
- For the resumption of our mainly music and op shop ministries as soon as safely possible.
- Our families, friends and fellow parishioners. May the experience of the pandemic spur us to work all the more readily for a new world of justice, love and peace.

***We pray for the sick, the lonely, sad and suffering, and all who care for them.**
 We pray especially at this time *for Marj White, Brenda, Keith, Marion, Phillip, Peter, Ruth, Aileen, Peter T, Mark, Alice, Scarlet, Boyd, Brian, Jacob, Emma, Crystal, Pete, Bruce, Geoff, Daryl, Jan, Richard, Gail, Karen, Julie and Mick.*

Faithful God, as we go out into the coming week make us mindful that we should constantly pray for your world and your people just as Jesus, your son, prayed for his disciple before returning to you.

News and Notes

A very special welcome to Priest Heather leading worship in our parish today.

Thank you to Jillian Anderson who very kindly agreed come in and lead the singing.

Parish Council will meet via Zoom this Tuesday evening at 7.30pm.

Dave, the wardens (Denise, Bev and Paul), John H and Peter V, who comprise the 6 memberships of the Op Shop Management Group, are currently examining the possibility and requirements for safely re-opening the op shop.

There is much to consider and implement. Following a meeting on Tuesday last where all Government/Diocesan procedures for safe protection of volunteers and customers were examined, Denise is preparing the document of policies and procedures for initial approval by the wardens. The document will then be presented to parish council for its approval after which it will be forwarded to the Bishop for his approval before any further moves towards opening the shop can be taken.

Before opening, there will be a meeting of volunteers.

We deeply respect the personal feelings of volunteers about returning to the op shop and understand that some may not feel ready to volunteer till later in the year.

As mentioned last week, the requirements for safe return to congregational worship are very restrictive and prescriptive and so we will continue with worship as usual until the end of June. Similar to the above processes for the op shop, **we will need to demonstrate to the Bishop that we have all requirements** in place. One issue is that Dave or his Locum would at this stage, need to conduct 3 – 4 services each Sunday.

We will continue to be blessed with the option to join in our own church services via Zoom, Facebook or phone.

You may have noticed the Prayer for Reconciliation included at the commencement of the Bulletin Prayer Points.

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The dates for NRW remain the same each year; 27 May to 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey— the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

Tuesday 26 is National Sorry Day when Australia apologises to the Stolen Generations.

2020 Theme In This Together

In this together, the theme for National Reconciliation Week (NRW) 2020, encourages *all* Australians to reflect on the part they play – whether big or small – on our journey towards reconciliation.

This unity of purpose creates a shared sense of belonging and identity; and this identity must value and include the histories, cultures and rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

20 years ago: Bridge Walks for Reconciliation Twenty years ago, in a monumental display of support for reconciliation, around 250,000 Australians



walked across the Sydney Harbour Bridge. The People's Walk for Reconciliation, (as the bridge walk was titled) had a profound impact on those who participated and a roll-on effect around the country.

By the end of the year 2000, the walks for reconciliation held right across the country became the largest display of public support for a single cause in Australian history.

Bible Studies will continue this Wednesday 27 at 7.30pm on Zoom - Session 9. Please speak to Dave or Denise if you wish to join.

The proposed Prayer Chain

Could parishioners who feel they would like to join a parish prayer chain please contact Kerrie Smith on 0427 220 650 or 5145 6783.

Bishop Manasseh reaches out to our Diocese. Donations towards assisting the clergy of Gahini (their situation was outlined in last week's Bulletin) can be 'tagged' for that purpose and given to Paul who will take them in to the Registry.

Holy Trinity Church Services

If you or anybody you know may wish to join with us on zoom, please contact Denise: ph. 0417100047 or email: pdvranek@gmail.com

Remember:

Wherever and whenever possible, Dave will be maintaining contact with parishioners by phone. He is always available to parishioners at any time:- 0401 035 379. Email: davidjrperryman@gmail.com

Your much needed Offertory can be given by:-

Collection by Paul Wager. Please ring him on 0457 329 919 to make arrangements

*Direct payment into the parish CBA account –

BSB 063526 Acct No 10493155. The account name is 'Anglican Parish of Avon' Please register it as 'offertory'

*Leave your weekly giving envelope in Paul Wagers mailbox from where it will be stored securely until it is banked on the first business day.

*Where there is an account (cost to the parish), some may wish to cover that expense which is another way of giving.

The site and ID for zoom - or phone number and ID are the same for Sunday Services, Bible Studies and Parish Council meetings.

<https://zoom.us/j/9748706191> Meeting ID: 974 870 6191

*Join by Phone: (03) 7018 2005 Meeting ID: 974 870 6191

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Retiring Offertory: Leprosy Foundation (On hold)

Tues 26 National Sorry Day

27 May to 3 June The Week of Prayer for Reconciliation and National Reconciliation Week (NRW) *The Week of Prayer for Reconciliation and National Reconciliation Week (NRW) are held each year between 27 May and 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the Mabo decision.*

Tues 26 Parish Council Meets

Wed 27 Reconciliation Day. Anniversary of the 1967 Referendum

27-3 June National Reconciliation Week

Thurs 28 11am Family Fun Fair Debrief Meeting **Postponed**

Ascension Day

***In Australia, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is*

celebrated between Ascension and the Day of Pentecost.

Sun 31 Day of Pentecost

JUNE

School Holidays: Saturday 27 June to Sunday 12 July

Retiring Offertory: Hope Restart Project

Wed 3 Mabo Day. National Reconciliation

Sat 6 Trivia Night. **Postponed**

Sun 7 First Sunday in Pentecost. Trinity Sunday.

All Age Family Worship at Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Patronal Festival.

Mon 8 Queen's Birthday Holiday.

Sat 13 Lay Readers training Day at Sale

Sun 14 Second Sunday in Pentecost.

Healing Service .???Community Carols Meeting.

Holy Trinity Roster, 31 May, Day of Pentecost.

Acts 2.1-21. Ps.104 26-36. 1 Cor 12.1-13. John 20. 19-23

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