



ANGLICAN PARISH OF AVON

ALL AGE FAMILY WORSHIP

MUSIC AND FUN!!

Zoom & Facebook

This Sunday 3 May 2020

We hope you can join 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

Gathering Hymn: 'Lord I lift your name on high – MP 881

//Lord, I lift Your name on high,
Lord, I love to sing Your praises;
I'm so glad You're in my life,
I'm so glad You came to save us.//

*You came from Heaven to earth
to show the way,
from the earth to the cross
my debt to pay;
from the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky,
Lord, I lift Your name on high.*

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Welcome

Greeting

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort,
who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Sentence

'I am the good shepherd,' says the Lord. 'The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.' *John 10.11*

Time of thanks

Prayer of thanks

Loving Father,

We thank you for the blessings in our lives.

We thank you for our families, especially for our faith family gathered here.

We thank you for our homes and for all you provide for us.

We thank you for all the things you give to us, even the ones we haven't thought of. Thank you for everything you bless us with through your Son.

Amen.

The Confession

God shows great love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Silence for self-reflection

Lord our God,

in our sin we have avoided your call.

Our love for you is like a morning cloud,

like the dew that goes away early.

Have mercy on us;

deliver us from judgement;

bind up our wounds and revive us;

in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution

May the God of love and power

forgive us and free us from our sins,

heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,

and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Prayer of the Day

God of all power,
you called from death our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep:
send us as shepherds to rescue the lost,
to heal the injured,
and to feed one another with understanding;
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

The Gospel

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

Jesus said, “I tell you the truth. The man who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs in some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. The man who guards the door opens it for him. And the sheep listen to the voice of the shepherd. He calls his own sheep, using their names, and he leads them out. He brings all of his sheep out. Then he goes ahead of them and leads them. They follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger. They will run away from him because they don’t know his voice.” Jesus told the people this story, but they did not understand what it meant.

So Jesus said again, “I tell you the truth. I am the door for the sheep. All the people who came before me were thieves and robbers. The sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. The person who enters through me will be saved. He will be able to come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes to steal and kill and destroy. But I came to give life—life in all its fullness. *John 10:1-10*

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Early Talk

Homily

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.

Prayers for Justice Sunday 2020

Prayer for Prisoners and Prison Chaplains

God of love and comfort

Please be with those in prison at this time. Help them to maintain their health and well-being despite the added restrictions they face.

Help them to use the time in prison to reflect on their circumstances and resolve to make changes.

Be with Prison Chaplains as they meet and minister to those behind prison walls.

We pray that you will strengthen and encourage our Chaplains in the work they do, particularly at this time when they are unable to hold worship services or bible studies. Lead them in new ways of sharing your gospel and in supporting those who are in need.

May your Holy Spirit bless and comfort those who seek to know and follow you in such a difficult place.

In Jesus' name we pray

Amen

Prayer for those being released from prison

God of renewal and hope,

We pray for those leaving prison. We pray that there will be joyful reunions and firm resolutions.

We pray that time spent in prison will not have been wasted. That making positive choices will enable them to find a place in their community. Help them to stick to the goals and promises they have made to themselves and to others. We pray for families who have had the stress and uncertainty of a family member in prison and ask that relationships will be restored, particularly between parents and children.

We ask that those leaving prison might find purpose and hope as they take steps to reintegrate into their family and communities.

We pray for those agencies and programs that work to assist with housing, employment and counselling. May they be diligent and caring in their work.

Thank you for the many men and women who volunteer to support people both inside and in leaving prison. Help them to be a positive influence and a kind and listening ear.

In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen

We pray now for:-

- All who profess faith in Jesus Christ. May the coronavirus pandemic bear fruit in new ways of being church together.
- All who are suffering from the Covid 19 infection and for the families and friends of those who have died.
- Our political, economic and social leaders as they discern the road to recovery. May they help us imagine and work for a new society of justice, compassion and peace.

- For medical scientists, doctors, nurses and all paramedical personnel caring for the sick. For the safety of all carers, and for bio-scientists' success in establishing a vaccine against Covid 19 as well as other treatments.
- Parents struggling with home schooling and for teachers at schools that are open. May they find the resources they need to meet these new challenges.
- All who are financially insecure. May ways be found to alleviate their plight.
- Those whose mental health is under serious threat from confinement and social isolation. May they find the resources they need to keep their peace of mind.
- The residents of aged care facilities. May they be well cared for as they suffer the pain of separation from loved ones.
- Communities around the nation devastated by the summer bushfires. May their struggle to recover continue to receive the support it deserves.
- For Bishop Richard and Registrar Richard as they lead the Diocese through turbulent times.
- For Priest Dave, giving thanks for his ministry and leadership in keeping all in the parish connected in worship and for his pastoral caring for us all.
- 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 Rosedale: Lyndon Phillips, Harry.
- For successful resumption of our op shop and mainly music ministries when it's safe to do so. For team coordinators, Bev and John of the op shop, and May for mainly music. For all volunteers, supporters and families.

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

We pray especially at this time *for Marj, 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.*

We pray for Gods comfort and peace for Mona and family following the death of their beloved Geoff.

For the families, friends and colleagues of the four police officers who so tragically died in the course of self-sacrificing duty.

We give deep thanks for all police everywhere who stand between us and harm.

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

God is here.

We praise God together.

Let us say thank you to God

who has done so much for us.

God, you made us, and the world and everything in it.

All the good we see comes from you.

You have always loved us

but people have not always loved you.

You sent Jesus to show us how to live

and to bring us back to you again.

Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

He died for us on the cross

so that through your Spirit

we can all be your people.

And so with thanks we praise you.

Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

We are here because on the night before he died

Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

There he took some bread

and gave thanks to you, God.

He broke it into pieces, and gave it to them.

“This is my body,” he said.

“Do this, and know that I am with you.”

Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

Later, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to you.

He shared it with them, and said

“This is my blood, which brings new life.

Do this, and know that I am with you.”

Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

And so, remembering Jesus, who died,
was raised to new life by you,
and is alive forever,
we are glad to share that life and live in him.
Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

Send your Holy Spirit
so that this bread and wine
can be for us the body and blood of Jesus,
and through this food
give us strength to live as your people.
Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

Help us care for your world and for each other
in the way that
Jesus showed us.
Until he comes again,
with all your people
in every time and every land
we worship you and say:
We praise you.
We thank you.
We bless you.
Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread and Communion

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

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

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Father,
**we offer ourselves to you
as a living sacrifice
through 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: 'The Lord's my shepherd' – MP 1008

1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.
*And I will trust in You alone,
and I will trust in You alone,
for Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

2 He guides my ways in righteousness,
and He anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

And I will trust . . .

3 And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
for You are with me, and Your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.

And I will trust...

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The Blessing

God be your comfort, your strength;
God be your hope and support;
God be your light and your way;
and the blessing of God,
Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life,
remain with you now and for ever. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

News and Notes

Welcome to all who have joined in our Family Service 'on line'.

This is our regular first Sunday of the month All Age Family Worship which has an emphasis on 'music and fun'.

Dave will read and we will give thanks for all of the messages of 'thanks' that you, our parishioners, sent in during the week.

Parish Council met via Zoom on Tuesday evening last. Not a long meeting as many parish activities have been postponed till the 'lock down' measures are lifted.

After prayerful research and discernment re the best model etc, **Parish Council resolved to adopt the conduct of a Prayer Chain in the parish.**

This is a specially, humble and discreet ministry for God's people.

Kerrie Smith, the coordinator writes:-

"I am starting a prayer chain, if you would like to be involved with this ministry, please contact Kerrie on 51456783. There is only two requirements, prayer and confidentiality".

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

****Many parishioners have continued their offertory giving and given donations towards the survival of the parish. We pray our op shop will soon be able to re-open.**

Bible Studies will be zoomed from 7.30pm this Wednesday.

All are welcome to join in either 'on-line' or by phone. We will continue the study of the Book of Revelation: Please pre read Sessions 4 and 5 for this week.

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:-

1. Collection by Paul Wager. Please ring him on 0457 329 919 to make arrangements
2. Direct payment into the parish CBA account –
 - a. BSB 063526 Acct No 10493155. The account name is 'Anglican Parish of Avon' Please register it as 'offertory'
3. Leave your weekly giving envelope in Paul Wagers mailbox from where it it will be stored securely until it is banked on the first business day.
4. Where there is an account (cost to the parish), some may wish to cover that expense which is another way of giving.

Please note:-

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

*Join Zoom Meeting OR Church Service

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

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

PARISH DIARY & HOLY TRINITY ROSTER

MAY

Sun 10

Retiring Offertory: Leprosy Foundation (On hold)

Fifth Sunday of Easter.

MOTHERS DAY

Congregational Meeting at Holy Trinity (2) **Zoomed.**

Sat 16

Armed Forces Day.

Sun 17

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mon 18 –

Sunday 24 National Volunteers Week

Op Shop Volunteers Luncheon this week. **Postponed**

Tues 19

Family Fun Fair Planning Meeting

Thurs 21

World Day of Cultural Diversity.

Fri 22

Kid's Movie Night **Postponed**

Sat 23

Family Fun Fair **Postponed**

Sun 24

Seventh Sunday of Easter.

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

Tim Collison. Leprosy Mission. **Postponed**

10am Combined Church Centres Worship at St Mary's. ???

7.30pm Ecumenical Service: Uniting Church. ???

Holy Trinity Roster, 10 May, Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7.55-60. Ps.31.1-5, 17-18. 1 Peter 2.11-25. John 14.1-14

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