

Anglican Parish of Avon

Sunday 19 July, Pentecost 7.

Priest in Charge, The Reverend Dave Perryman,



**Welcome – Wunan Njinda to: -
Gathered Worship: 08.30am All Saints, Briagolong,
10am & 11.30am Holy Trinity Church, Stratford,
And also 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: 'Sing to God' – MP 600

1 Sing to God new songs of worship –
all His deeds are marvellous;
He has brought salvation to us
with His hand and holy arm:
He has shown to all the nations
righteousness and saving power;
He recalled His truth and mercy
to His people Israel.

2 Sing to God new songs of worship –
let the sea now make a noise;
all on earth and in the waters
sound your praises to the Lord:
let the hills be joyful together,
let the rivers clap their hands,
for with righteousness and justice
He will come to judge the earth.

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WELCOME

GREETING

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

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.

THE SENTENCE

You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. *Psalm 86.15*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**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

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

Silence for self-reflection

Let us now confess our sins to almighty God,
**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.**

**Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Saving God,
in Jesus Christ you opened for us a new and living way into your
presence:
give us pure hearts
and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through 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 FIRST READING

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

¹⁰ Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. ¹¹ He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹² And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you

lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵ Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.’ ¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, ‘Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!’ ¹⁷ And he was afraid, and said, ‘How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.’ ¹⁸ So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹ He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first. *Genesis 28.10-19a*

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

PSALM 86. *We will say the Psalm together*

**¹¹ Show me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth:
let my heart delight to fear your name.**

**¹² I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart:
and I will glorify your name for ever.**

**¹³ For great is your abiding love toward me:
and you have delivered my life
from the lowest depths of the grave.**

**¹⁴ The insolent, O God, have risen against me:
a ruthless band seek my life,
they have not set God before their eyes.**

**¹⁵ But you, Lord, are a God gracious and compassionate:
slow to anger, full of goodness and truth.**

**¹⁶ Turn to me and be merciful,
give your strength to your servant:
and save the child of your handmaid.**

**17 Show me some token of your goodness:
that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed,
because you, Lord, are my helper and my comforter.**

EARLY TALK

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

²⁴ He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" ²⁸ He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" ²⁹ But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." ' ³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' ³⁷ He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen! *Matthew 13.24-30, 13.36-43*

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,
who made and loves all that is.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was born, lived, died and rose again,
and is coming to call all to account.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit
who calls, equips and sends out God's people,
and brings all things to their true end.**

This is our faith, the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

Please sit or kneel for prayer as you are able.

Response:

Lord, 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

We are the body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the 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

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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.
Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.
We join with them in heaven's song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.
This is his story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.
This is his story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.
This is our story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.

Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.
This is our story.
This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.

**Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.
May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. 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

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of 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: 'Days of Elijah' MP 1012

1 These are the days of Elijah,
declaring the word of the Lord:
and these are the days of Your servant Moses,
righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trial,
of famine and darkness and sword,
still we are a voice in the desert crying,
'Prepare ye the way of the Lord.'

Chorus:

*Behold He comes riding on the clouds,
shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,
out of Zion's hill salvation comes.*

2 These are the days of Ezekiel,
the dry bones becoming as flesh;
and these are the days of Your servant David,
rebuilding the temple of praise.

These are the days of the harvest,
the fields are as white as the world,
and we are the labourers in the vineyard,
declaring the word of the Lord.

Chorus

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THE BLESSING

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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BULLETIN PRAYER POINTS

Dear friends, Jesus revealed the mystery of God's rule in stories of daily work and life. Let us bring our world before God and pray for God's blessing upon it.

We pray for the world and God's people.

- For a global cessation of hostilities, a freedom and home for all refugees and displaced people, that poor and struggling nations can focus their energies on dealing with the threat of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- For all those who are subject to hard lockdown, that they will be provided with all the resources and pastoral care they need.
- For front-line health care personnel and their support staff, that they stay safe and well and take good care of themselves.

- For policy-makers planning for a post-pandemic economic recovery, that they will be guided above all by the common good and by care for creation.
- For Christian leaders in Hong Kong and China, that they will be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to bear witness to truth, justice and freedom.
- For all those at increased risk of domestic violence because of coronavirus restrictions as well as other causes empower them to call for help.
- An end to systemic racism and any system which enables it. For justice reform in all countries.
- Our first nations peoples and for reconciliation within our own land.

The Church and Avon Parish

- Your global church. For each church that seeks to minister and proclaim the Gospel of grace and hope.
- Bishop Richard as he leads us in these challenging times. For energy and wisdom.
- The Parish of Yarram. The Reverends Jenny and Tony Wicking.
- For Priest Dave, for his ministry and leadership among us. For wisdom, encouragement and discernment for all our parish leadership. For reaching across the generations where all ages can feel comfortable and belonging together in worship.
- For each member of our parish. For connection with God and with each other especially these challenging times.
- For strength and due diligence as we work to keep our op shop and parish church centres COVID-Safe.
- For re-commencement of mainly music when it is safe to do so. For May as she plans and works towards this goal.
- For our Retiring Offertory – School Chaplaincy.

For those who are suffering.

We pray for those struggling with physical or mental health issues, loneliness, substance abuse and addiction.

For those in our hospitals, nursing homes and prisons. For all who are dying and those who care for them. For all grieving the loss of loved ones and those remembering anniversaries.

We pray especially for Julie, Lillas, 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.

Holy God and fount of wisdom, you wield your power in the service of mercy. Heal our hearts and make us ambassadors of peace. We ask this through Jesusu Christ our Lord.

NEWS & NOTES

Greetings,

The gladness of Last Sunday's services was extended by the opportunity to view the video links to Dave's sermon at the Cathedral and his interview with Bishop Richard. Well done Dave!

Our thanks to those who remained and contributed to the constructive conversations at the Congregational Meeting after the 10am service at Holy Trinity. We have much to be thankful for and much to grow.

Parish Council Reports are due this coming Tuesday to enable preparation for the meeting of Parish Council next Tuesday 27 July via Zoom – thank you.

Don't forget to 'book your spot'!! Contact Dave by text, email or phone.

Could all parishioners please book a spot at one of the 3 'face to face' services each week OR indicate whether you intend to join in worship via stream.
**Streaming will be continued for some time.

If you have booked a spot and then find you are unable to attend one of the 'face to face' services, please let Dave or Denise know.

Please consider taking a turn at attending the 11.30am service at Holy Trinity.

Can COVID-19 be completely eradicated? Many authorities suggest we must not expect this.

Preparedness, containment, and management are the enduring remedies at our disposal. In short, we must learn to live with the virus. That's the kind of lesson offered by the parable of the wheat and the weeds.

Whether early Christians were dismayed by the resistance they met when proclaiming the Gospel abroad or by the shock of moral failure within the community, they found solace in this story.

The parable is no recipe for complacency but an invitation to combine realism about the human condition with renewed determination to testify to the good news. *(Faith and Life)*

MASKS – WE MAY NEED THEM – BUT WE NEED TO USE THEM SAFELY

The parish has purchased a small supply of disposable masks for anyone wishing to utilise them, particularly anyone working at the op shop. They are, however, available to all parishioners in the short term while stocks last.

Maintaining a distance of at least 1.5 meters from others, AND washing hands are still the best defences against COVID-19 (DHHS).

In addition to the above measures, people living with stage 3 restrictions are advised to use facemasks, particularly where they are unable to keep at least 1.5 meters away from others (DHHS).

The main effect of masks is that they protect others from droplets and potential aerosols (infectious) transmitted by the wearer on to other people and surfaces. This occurs **when we/ you speak, cough or sneeze**. In other words, they protect others from our germs.

Masks can also provide a lesser degree of protection for the wearer. In areas where distancing is compromised and or community infection is known, studies have now demonstrated that wearing of masks by everyone significantly decreases infection transmission.

However, to be effective, masks must be used and managed properly and safely, otherwise they become spreaders of infection. Covid-19 can survive on a used mask for many hours and up to days.

If you use, or are thinking about using a mask then the following information is important.

The Federal Government: based on WHO criteria contends:-

There are risks associated with wearing a mask.

- **Touching the mask during use or when removing it can contaminate your hands and infection then spreads to other people or on to surfaces.**
- Masks are less effective if they become damp or damaged
- Many commercially available masks are of low quality

Which masks are most effective - not all masks are created equal.

P2 and N95 masks are medical-grade coverings but they have not been recommended for public use because they are difficult to put on and take off safely.

The WHO has recognised the benefit of fabric face masks in specific situations where physical distancing isn't possible.

Store-bought disposable face masks are beneficial.

Air pollution social enterprise company Smart Air recently found canvas and denim were among the most effective materials for homemade face masks.

How do I use a mask properly?

It's not as simple as having a mask and putting it on.

If you need to wear a face mask, the Federal Government recommends you follow these steps:

1. Wash your hands (and sanitise) before putting on the mask
2. Handle the mask only by the elastic or tapes, including when putting on the mask.
3. Make sure it covers your nose and mouth and fits snugly under your chin, over the bridge of your nose and against the sides of your face.
4. Never pull the mask down beneath your nose, mouth or to beneath your chin etc. This can expose inside aspects of the mask and spread infection.
5. **Do not touch the front of the mask while it is on or when removing it and if you do so accidentally, wash and sanitise your hands immediately.**
6. Remove masks if they become damp.
7. Do not remove a mask if there are people within 1.5 meters of you.
8. Remove the mask by the loops or tapes and pull the mask away from your face without touching it.

9 Handle the mask ONLY by the loops or tapes and discard immediately into a lidded bin.

10 Wash hands and sanitise.

11 Never re apply a used mask. That is don't take your mask off and put the same mask on again.

12 Fabric/cloth masks should be washed after each use in a hot cycle machine wash.

13 If using re-usable cloth mask it's wise to have at least two.

REMEMBER

Do not touch your mask and wash hands and sanitise hands if you do.

Wash and sanitise hands before donning and after dosing a mask.

When removing the mask, ensure you are 1.5 meters away from others.

Dispose of it into a closed bin or sealed plastic bags if it's a cloth mask.



WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH OF AVON

JULY

Retiring Offertory: School Chaplaincy

- Mon 20 10am Open Hall for Yoga 10.30am-12md. 6.30pm-8pm
Tues 21 Parish Council Reports due
Sun 26 Eighth Sunday in Pentecost
Tues 28 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting

AUGUST

Retiring Offertory: CMS

- Sun 2 Ninth Sunday in Pentecost.
All Age Family Worship at Holy Trinity
Mission Planning after the 10am Service.
Tues 4 National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day
Sun 9 Tenth Sunday in Pentecost.
Healing Service
International Day of the World's Indigenous People (2014 UN)
Thurs 13 11am Budget Planning Meeting
Fri 14 6pm - 8.30pm. Safe Church Awareness Workshop. San Remo
Sat 15 Men's Breakfast.
9.30am – 4pm. Safe Church Awareness Workshop. San Remo
Sun 16 Eleventh Sunday in Pentecost
Tues 18 Parish Council Reports Due
Sun 23 Twelfth Sunday in Pentecost.
?Day of Prayer for Refugees (General Synod 2001)
Congregational Meeting at Holy Trinity (3)
Tues 25 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting
Fri 28 ???Kid's Movie Night
Sat 29 ???Op Shop Fashion Parade.
Sun 30 Thirteenth Sunday in Pentecost.
10am Combined Church Centres Worship at Stratford
????7.30pm Ecumenical Worship at Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Roster, 19 July, Eighth Sunday in Pentecost.

Genesis 29.15-28 Ps.105.1-11 or Ps 128 Rom. 8.26-39 Matthew 13.44-58

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