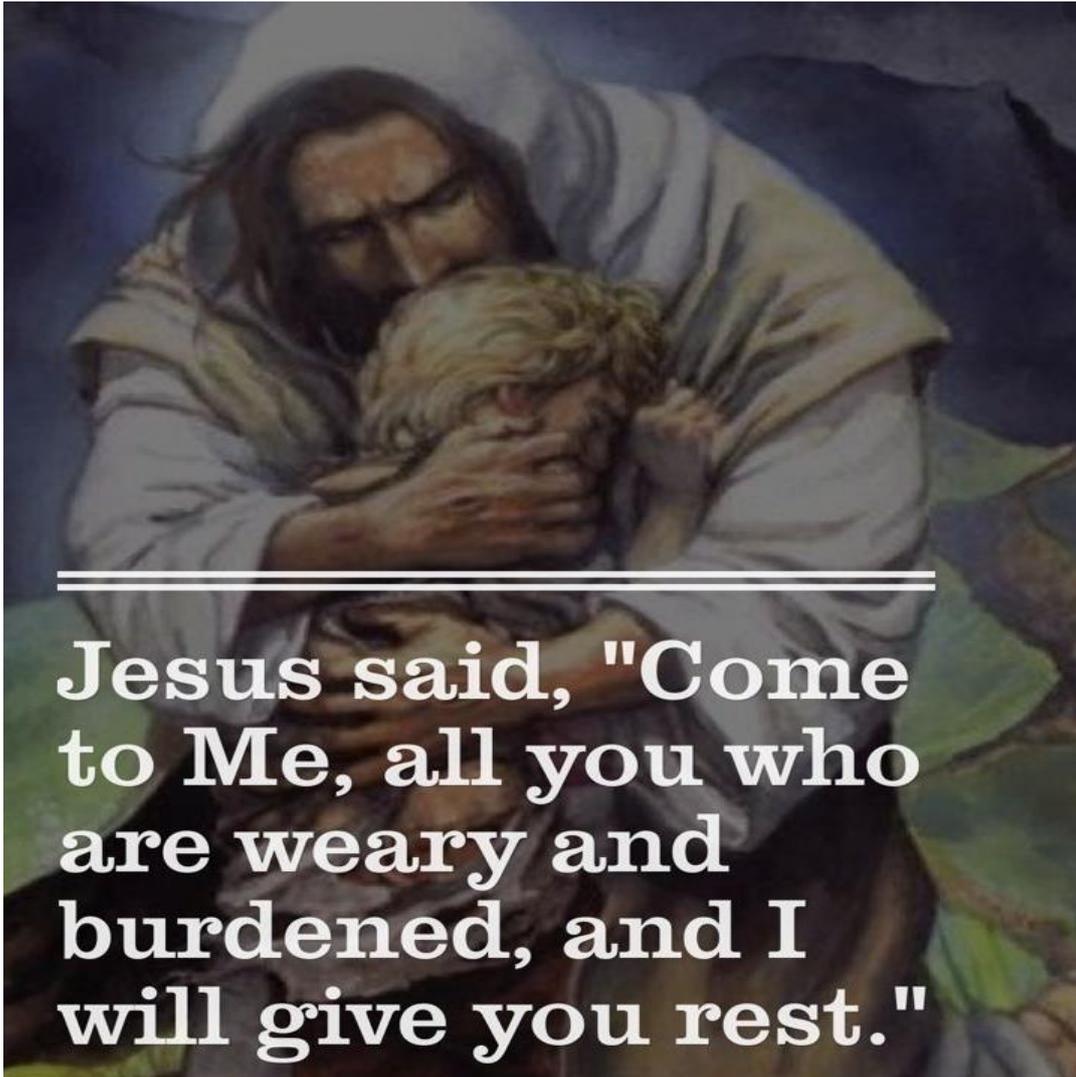


Anglican Parish of Avon

Sunday 5 July, Pentecost 5

Priest in Charge, The Reverend Dave Perryman,



Jesus said, "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Welcome – Wunan Njinda to: -

A Service of Holy Communion

08.30am All Saints Church Briagolong

10am Holy Trinity Church, Stratford, Gathered Worship

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: 'The Lord's my shepherd' – TiS 647

Refrain:

*Comfort, comfort all my people
with the comfort of my word.*

*Speak it tender to my people:
All your sins are taken away.*

1 Though your tears be rivers running,
though your tears be an ocean full,
though you cry with the hurt of living,
comfort, comfort.

Every valley shall be lifted,
every mountain shall be low,
every rough place will be smoother:
comfort, comfort.

Refrain

2 Though we fracture God's creation,
though we stand so far apart,
though we fail to love each other:
comfort, comfort.

Every wall will crack and crumble,
every stranger will be friend,
every one embrace another:
comfort, comfort.

Refrain

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WELCOME

GREETING

God is spirit.

Let us worship him in spirit and truth.

The Lord is with us.

Let us praise his name together.

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

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest,’ says the Lord.

‘Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart.’
(Matthew 11. 28-29)

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

Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against any one; so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.
(Mark 11. 25)

Silence for self-reflection

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.

**Jesus, break these chains holding us.
In serving you we will be free.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.

**Jesus, break these chains holding us.
In serving you we will be free.**

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us.

**Jesus, break these chains holding us.
In serving you we will be free.**

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

Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ has taught us
that what we do for the least of his brothers and sisters
we do also for him:
give us the will to serve others
as he was the servant of all,
who gave up his life and died for us;
yet 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 Zechariah

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the warhorse from Jerusalem;
and the battle-bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double. *Zechariah 9. 9-12*

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

Psalm 145 – *We will say the Psalm together*

**8 The Lord is gracious and compassionate:
slow to anger and of great goodness.**

**9 The Lord is loving to every one of us:
and his mercy is over all his works.**

**10 All creation praises you, O Lord:
and your faithful servants bless your name.**

**11 They speak of the glory of your kingdom:
and tell of your great might,**

**12 That the whole earth may know your mighty acts:
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.**

**13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom:
and your dominion endures through all generations.**

**14 The Lord upholds all those who stumble:
and raises up those that are bowed down.**

EARLY TALK

GOSPEL READING

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

¹⁵Let anyone with ears listen!

¹⁶ ‘But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

¹⁷ “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look,

a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'

25 At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

28 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Matthew 11. 15-19, 25-30

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON

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 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

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.

Honour and worship are indeed your due,
our Lord and our God, through Jesus Christ,
for you created all things;
by your will they were created,
and for your glory they have their being.
In your loving purpose you chose us
before the foundation of the world
to be your people;

Therefore with people of every nation, tribe and language,
with the whole Church on earth and in heaven,
joyfully we give you thanks and say:
**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.**

All glory and honour to you, God of grace,
for you gave your only Son Jesus Christ
once for all on the cross
to be the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

The night before he died,
he took bread,
and when he had given you thanks,

he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat, this is my body
which is given for you;
do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup,
and when he had given you thanks,
he gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins;
do this as often as you drink it,
to remember me.

Therefore heavenly Father,
in this sacrament of the suffering and death of your Son,
we now celebrate the wonder of your grace.

And proclaim the mystery of our faith:
Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come in glory.

Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness,
we were far off until you brought us near
and our hands are empty until you fill them.
As we eat this bread and drink this wine,
through the power of your Holy Spirit
feed us with your heavenly food,
renew us in your service,
unite us in Christ,
as we offer you our songs of everlasting praise.

Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere,
now and forever. 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

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: 'Have faith in God' – MP 1214

1 O Lord, You lead me
by the still waters,
quietly restoring my soul.
You speak words of wisdom,
the promise of glory,
the power of the presence of God.

Refrain:

*Have faith in God,
let your hope rest on the faith
He has placed in your heart.
Never give up,
never let go of the faith
He has placed in your heart.*

2 O Lord, You guide me
through all the darkness,
turning my night into day;
You'll never leave me,
never forsake me,
the power of the presence of God.

Refrain

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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

We pray for:-

- Our world suffering through this pandemic. For all countries and leaders as they guide their peoples. For wisdom and discernment for each country on the journey ahead.
- All areas of conflict in the world. For an end to all political persecution, violence, and war. For justice for all refugees and asylum seekers fleeing war-torn lands.
- All medical staff and frontline workers during the COVID pandemic.
- All suffering isolation, exclusion and loneliness in social isolation. For greater compassion and neighbourly care.
- All those suffering economic burden. For all businesses and those who have lost jobs.
- 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.
- Your global church. For each church that seeks to minister and proclaim the Gospel of grace and hope.
- The Anglican Communion. For Archbishop Justin Welby.
- Bishop Richard as he leads us in these challenging times. For energy and wisdom.
- The Parish of Wonthaggi/Inverloch: Anne Perryman, Lance.
The Defence Force Chaplaincy: Bishop Ian Lambert.
- For Minister Dave, for his ministry and leadership. For wisdom, encouragement and discernment for all our parish leadership.
 - For each member of our parish. For connection with God and with each other even as we are dispersed.
- For our Retiring Offertory – School Chaplaincy.

We pray for those who are suffering in mind, body or spirit. For those struggling with mental health issues, substance abuse and addiction and for those suffering depression and loneliness.

We pray for those experiencing homelessness, starvation and lack of medical aid. For those in our hospitals, nursing homes and prisons. For all 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.

Loving God, we offer ourselves to you in faith and confidence. Show us as we go out into the world this week, how we can best prepare ourselves to be part of your response to our prayers. Fill us with the Spirit of life which was in Christ Jesus, your Son and our Saviour, **Amen**.

NEWS & NOTES

How delightful it was/is to see parishioners in our parish church centres after so many weeks.

Delightful also is the fact that we can continue streaming our services for those who are not yet ready to come to gathered worship. Whilst technology can be incredibly frustrating, it is an amazing resource that is almost an essential part of our daily lives.

Due to the current pandemic circumstances, NAIDOC week observances have been postponed till November.

The op shop has completed two good weeks of trading.

Some customers actually expressed “how relieved” they were that the shop is open again. Others said how pleased they were/are to see the op shop open at last. Several (from other towns) said “this is our favourite op shop”.

Adjusting to the many changes necessary to ensure a COVID-SAFE environment at the op shop is a challenge. However, with prayer, concentration, and patient attention to detail, we will succeed. During this time of school holidays and travellers calling in to the shop, we need to be especially vigilant . . . your prayers would be appreciated – thank you.

Next Sunday at Holy Trinity, a Congregational Meeting will convene after the 10am service and there will be a Healing Service at 4pm.

We are continuing to seek applications from parishioners indicating their preferred time to attend a congregated worship at church and an indication of how many parishioners wish to continue joining in worship via Zoom and Facebook. **Please advise Dave of your preference.**

Services next Sunday 12 July will be: -

- **8.30am: St Mary's Munro**
- **10am: Gathered worship at Holy Trinity AND streaming from Holy Trinity, both at the same time. To be followed by a Congregational Meeting**
- **11.30am: Gathered worship at Holy Trinity, if required due to numbers.**

COVID-Safe wardens will continue to be in attendance to assist with COVID-Safe practices.

Anybody who has a cold or not feeling well, please do not come to church that day.

Parishioners are asked to enter through the original old entrance and to leave via the Link.

Please sanitise your hands on arrival at church and then sign in with first name and telephone number in the Logbook.

Holy Trinity is set up in respect of the one person per 4 square meters rule.

After hand sanitising, please avoid touching your face.

If coughing or sneezing please use tissues, discard them in the bin supplied and sanitise hands.

Please sanitise your hands again as you leave the church.

Whilst our COVIDSAFE practices may appear excessive compared to some other venues, we embrace and are committed to the Parish of Avon / Anglican Diocese of Gippsland Safe Church Ministry Policies, The State and Federal Government policies and The Anglican Insurance & Risk Services; and as such are critically concerned for the safety and well-being of all people of all ages.

WITH OUR HUMBLE THANKS AND BLESSINGS - DENISE

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH OF AVON

JULY

Thursdays. mainly music. 9.30am Parish Hall when re-commenced
School Holidays Sat. 27 June to Sunday 12 July.

Retiring Offertory: School Chaplaincy

- Sun 12 Sixth Sunday in Pentecost. Sea Sunday.
4pm Healing Service.
Rev Dave preaching at the Cathedral, pre-recorded.
- Sun 19 Seventh Sunday of Pentecost
- Mon 20 Monday 5pm to Friday morning 24th. Abbey Retreat.
- 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)

Holy Trinity Roster, 12 July, Sixth Sunday in Pentecost. Sea Sunday

Genesis 25.19-34. Ps. 119.105-112. Rom. 8.1-11. Matthew 13.1-9 (10-17) 18-23

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