

Anglican Parish of

Sunday 26 July, Pentecost 8.

Priest in Charge

The Reverend Dave Perryman,



**Welcome – Wunan Njinda to: -
Gathered Worship: 08.30am St Mary's
Church Munro,**

10am & 11.30am Holy Trinity Church, Stratford, And also, via Zoom, Online, 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 great love of God' – TiS 164

1 The great love of God
is revealed in the Son,
who came to the earth
to redeem everyone.

2 That love, like a stream
flowing clear to the sea,
makes clean every heart
that from sin would be free.

3 It binds the whole world,
every barrier it breaks,
the hills it lays low,
and the mountains it shakes.

4 It's yours, it is ours,
O how lavishly given!
the pearl of great price,
and the treasure of heaven.

WELCOME

GREETING

Sing to him, O sing praises:
Let us tell of all his marvellous works.

Exult in his holy name:
and let those that seek the Lord be joyful in heart.

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

“Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

(Romans 8.38–39)

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

“As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our sins from us.”

(Psalm 103. 12)

Silence for self-reflection

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

**O Lord our God,
you know us better than we know ourselves.
As we come before you now,
we all share a deep need,
for we are all lost without your grace.
Search us, O God, and know our hearts,
test us and know our troubled thoughts.
Give us true repentance.
Forgive us all our wrongs.
Transform us by your Spirit to live for you each day,
to learn to serve each other
and, through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord,
to come at last to heaven. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, the fount of wisdom,
you have revealed to us in Christ
the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price:
grant us your Spirit's gift of discernment,
that, in the midst of the things of this world,

we may learn to value the priceless worth of your kingdom,
and be ready to renounce all else
for the sake of the precious gift you offer.
We ask this 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 Genesis,

15 Then Laban said to Jacob, ‘Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?’¹⁶ Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel.¹⁷ Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful.¹⁸ Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, ‘I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.’¹⁹ Laban said, ‘It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.’²⁰ So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

21 Then Jacob said to Laban, ‘Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.’²² So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast.²³ But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her.²⁴ (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.)²⁵ When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, ‘What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?’²⁶ Laban said, ‘This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn.²⁷ Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me for another seven years.’²⁸ Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife. *Genesis 29. 15-28*

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

PSALM 105 – *We will say the Psalm together*

**1 O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name:
tell among the peoples what things he has done.**

**2 Sing to him, O sing praises:
and be telling of all his marvellous works.**

**3 Exult in his holy name:
and let those that seek the Lord be joyful in heart.**

**4 Seek the Lord and his strength:
O seek his face continually.**

**5 Call to mind what wonders he has done:
his marvellous acts, and the judgements of his mouth,**

**6 O seed of Abraham his servant:
O children of Jacob his chosen one.**

**7 For he is the Lord our God:
and his judgements are in all the earth.**

**8 He has remembered his covenant for ever:
the word that he ordained for a thousand generations,**

**9 The covenant that he made with Abraham:
the oath that he swore to Isaac,**

**10 And confirmed it to Jacob as a statute:
to Israel as an everlasting covenant,**

**11 Saying 'I will give you the land of Canaan:
to be the portion of your inheritance',**

EARLY TALK

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

‘The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

‘Have you understood all this?’ They answered, ‘Yes.’ And he said to them, ‘Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.’ When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place.

He came to his home town and began to teach the people* in their synagogue, so that they were astounded and said, ‘Where did this man get this wisdom and these deeds of power? Is not this the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?’ And they took offence at him. But Jesus said to them, ‘Prophets are not without honour except in their own country and in their own house.’ And he did not do many deeds of power there, because of their unbelief. *Matthew 13. 44-58*

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.

Lord of all life,

you created the universe,

where all living things reflect your glory.

You give us this great and beautiful earth,

to discover and to cherish.

You give us sun and moon and star-lit sky,

everything that gives us light,

light for our eyes, our hearts, our minds.

You give us your love,

even when things go wrong.
Jesus knew hurt and pain.
Through him you wipe away our tears,
and fill us with your peace.

You made us all,
each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels
and sing your praise:

**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.**

We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.
Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'

**So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.**

**Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.
And now with all your saints
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for 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 our 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

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.

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: 'Build your kingdom' MP 1265

1 Come, set Your rule and reign
in our hearts again,
increase in us, we pray,
unveil why we're made.
Come, set our hearts ablaze with hope
like wildfire in our very souls.
Holy Spirit, come invade us now.
We are Your church,
we need Your power in us.

2 We seek Your kingdom first,
we hunger and we thirst,
refuse to waste our lives,
for You're our joy and prize.

To see the captive hearts released,
the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace;
we lay down our lives for heaven's cause.
We are Your church,
we pray: 'Revive this earth'.

*Build Your kingdom here,
let the darkness fear;
show Your mighty hand,
heal our streets and land.
Set Your church on fire,
win this nation back;
change the atmosphere,
build Your kingdom here, we pray.*

3 Unleash Your kingdom's power,
reaching the near and far,
no force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this,
awake the kingdom seed in us,
fill us with the strength and love of Christ,
we are Your church,
we are the hope on earth.
Build Your kingdom here . . .

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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.

Almighty God, as a church we daily pray that “Your Kingdom Come” but most of the time we so often live in ways that prevent its coming. We spend too much of our time trying to build our own human kingdom, putting ourselves, rather than you, the centre our lives. Send your spirit to remind us that you are “First” and others are “Second” and we are “Third”.

We pray for the world and God’s people.

- For an end to hostilities all over the world, 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. That they will be shielded from loneliness and depression. That we can reach out to them and assistance for those who are lonely
- For front-line health care personnel and their support staff, that they stay safe and well.
- 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 our own nation and state. For our Governments struggling with the pressures of great recession, that we can walk the journey of pulling through this, assisting those less fortunate than ourselves along the way.
- For all those at increased risk of domestic violence because of coronavirus restrictions as well as many 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

- For each and every 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.
- For Priest Dave, for his ministry and leadership among us.
- For Emma and their children.
- For wisdom, encouragement and discernment for all our parish leadership. For reaching across the generations where all ages can feel embraced - 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.

Almighty God, we thank you for your love and compassion for all who suffer in body, mind and spirit. We pray that your healing presence will calm their fears, ease their pain and bring light into the darkness of all who are sick

We pray especially for Julie, Liliias, Marj, Brenda, Keith, Marion, Phillip, Peter, Ruth, Aileen, Peter T, Mark, Alice, Scarlet, Boyd, Brian, Emma, Crystal, Pete, Bruce, Geoff, Daryl, Jan, Richard, Gail, Karen, Julie and Mick. We ask that you will be with all who need your loving care. For all grieving the loss of loved ones and those remembering anniversaries.

Father God, we worship you as the one who has given us this life and we ask that you will help us to live it to the full. At home may we be the friends and neighbours that we really want to be. Help us to spread the warmth of your love to everyone we meet.

NEWS AND NOTES

Greetings all, due to the times in which we live, there is very little news and just a few updates.

Parish Council will meet this Tuesday 7.30pm via Zoom.

Next Sunday we will celebrate All Age Family Worship (Family Service) at Holy Trinity but in a slightly altered form.

The Mission Planning Meeting will convene in the Parish Hall at a time to be advised . . . either 11am or 12.45pm.

The Budget Planning Meeting will convene on Thursday 13 August, 11am



Planting Challenge SUCCESS!!!



All seedlings planted

**Financial target
achieved**

*Solar Panels to be
installed on
Ena Sheumack House
— the residence at
The Abbey*

THANKS TEAM!!

*To celebrate the successful completion of
The Planting Challenge and to give thanks there will be a*

**EUCHARIST MONDAY 27 JULY
IN MEMORY OF ENA SHEUMACK**

The Chapel of St Barnabas at The Abbey, at 10.30am.

Please phone/email Anna if you would like to attend.

Alternatively, you might like to email a small memory of Ena that could be shared during the service on your behalf.

email: info@theabbey.org.au; phone (03) 51566580. (8.30-11.30am)

You can leave a message at all hours

MANAGE MASKS SAFELY!!



ALWAYS wash hands
before donning and
after removing a mask

**Do not touch the front
of the mask at any stage**
Sanitise hands if you do.



WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH OF AVON

JULY

Retiring Offertory: School Chaplaincy

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 morning services in the Parish Hall.

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 in the Meeting Room.

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

Sun 30 Thirteenth Sunday in Pentecost.

SEPTEMBER

Wed 2 Holy Trinity Anniversary. Licensed 2/9/1868
**7.30pm Webinar with Bishop Jeff.

Sun 6 Fourteenth Sunday in Pentecost.
All Age Family Worship at Holy Trinity - Father's Day

Sat 12 Anam Cara Quiet Day at Holy Trinity.

Sun 13 Fifteenth Sunday in Pentecost
Healing Service

Thurs 17 11am Parish Dairy Planning Meeting.

Holy Trinity Roster, 2 August, Ninth Sunday in Pentecost.

Genesis 32.22-31 Ps.17.1-7,16 Rom. 9.1-8 (9-16) Matthew 14.13-21

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