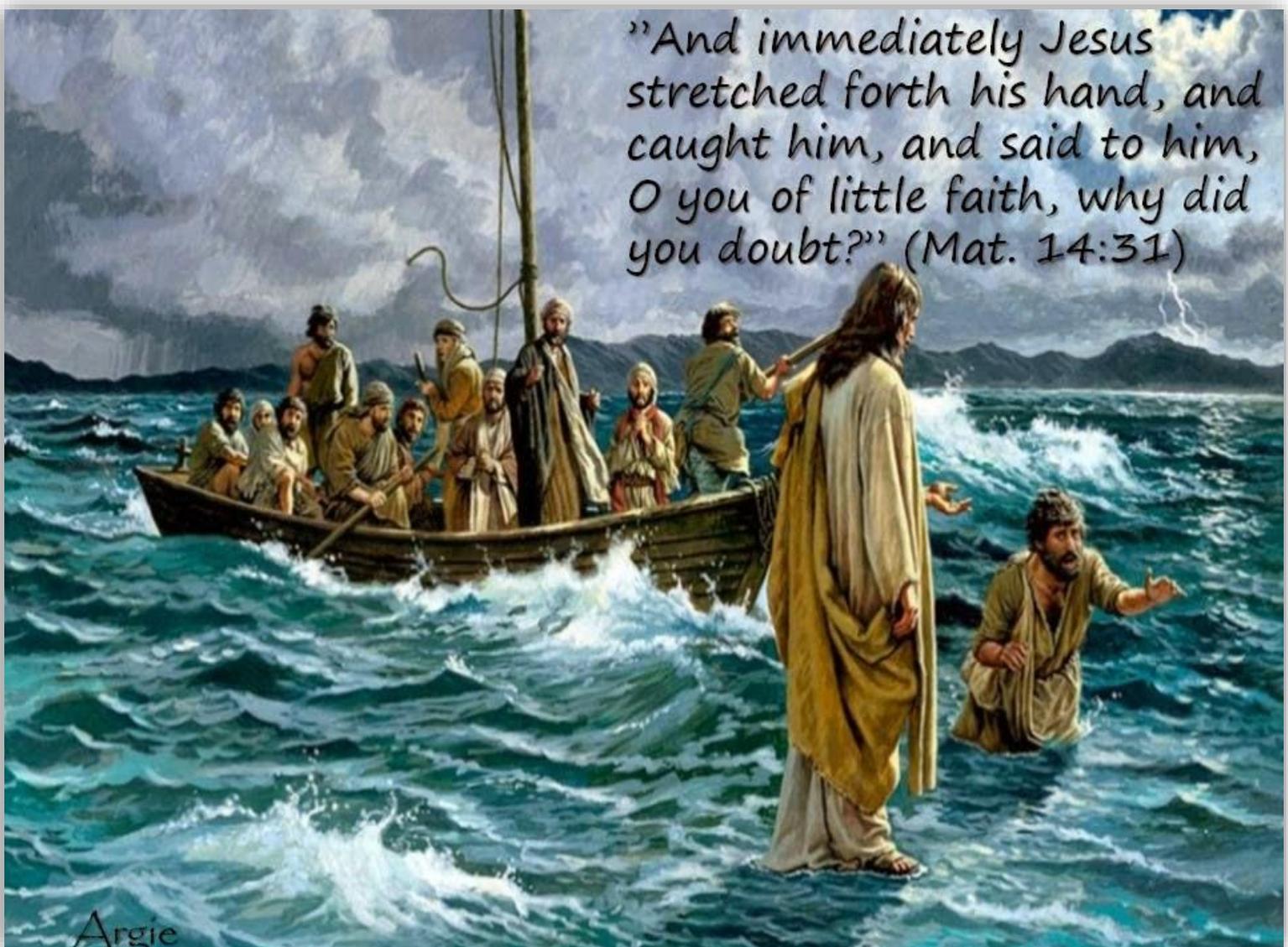


# Anglican Parish of Avon

*Sunday 9 August, Pentecost 10 .*

**Priest in Charge**

**The Reverend Dave Perryman,**



**Welcome – Wunan Njinda to: -  
10am Worship at Holy Trinity Church, Stratford,  
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: 'My hope is built' – MP 473**

1 My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
no merit of my own I claim,  
but wholly trust in Jesus' name.

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand –  
all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.*

2 When weary in this earthly race,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
in every wild and stormy gale  
my anchor holds and will not fail.

*On Christ, the solid rock...*

3 His vow, His covenant and blood  
are my defence against the flood;  
when earthly hopes are swept away  
He will uphold me on that day.

*On Christ, the solid rock...*

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### **WELCOME**

### **GREETING**

**"When the storms of life are raging, stand by us"  
Lord, hear my cry and rescue us!**

“When the world is tossing us like a ship upon the sea”

**God who rules wind and water, stand by us.**

God stands with us in bright sunshine and deepest storm.

**God gently guides us to safety and peace. Thanks be to God.**

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**

“They cried out in fear, but Jesus spoke to them and said, ‘Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.’”

*(Matthew 14.26–27)*

## **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**

Mighty God and ruler of all creation,  
give new strength to our faith,  
that we may recognise your presence  
even when all hope seems lost.  
Help us to face all trials with serenity  
as we walk with Christ through the stormy seas of life  
and come at the last to your eternal peace.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

#### **THE FIRST READING**

**A Reading from Genesis,**

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves.\* But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, 'Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.' He answered, 'Here I am.' So he said to him, 'Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.' So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, 'What are you seeking?' 'I am seeking my brothers,' he said; 'tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.' The man said, 'They have gone away, for I heard them say, "Let us go to Dothan." ' So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, 'Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.' But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, 'Let us not take his life.' Reuben said to them, 'Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him'—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves\* that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, 'What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on

him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.' And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt. *Genesis 37.1-4,12-28*

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.**

**16 Then he called down a famine on the land:  
and destroyed the bread that was their stay.**

**17 But he had sent a man ahead of them:  
Joseph who was sold into slavery,**

**18 Whose feet they fastened with fetters:  
and thrust his neck into a hoop of iron.**

**19 Till the time that his words proved true:**

**he was tested by the Lord's command.**

**20 Then the king sent and loosed him:  
the ruler of nations set him free;**

**21 He made him master of his household:  
and ruler over all his possessions,**

**22 To rebuke his officers at will:  
and to teach his counsellors wisdom.**

## **EARLY TALK**

## **GOSPEL READING**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

22 Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

28 Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' <sup>29</sup>He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

34 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. <sup>35</sup>After the people of that place recognized him, they sent word throughout the region and brought all who were sick to him, <sup>36</sup>and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed. *Matthew 14.22-36*

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 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.

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.

With thanksgiving and hope we say:

**Glory to you, Lord Christ;  
your death we show forth;  
your resurrection we proclaim;  
your coming we await;  
Amen! Come Lord Jesus.**

**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 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**

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have willed that the gate of mercy  
should stand open for those who trust in you:  
look upon us with your favour  
that we who follow the path of your will  
may never wander from the way of life;  
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: 'Oceans'**

1 You call me out upon the waters,  
The great unknown where feet may fail,  
And there I find You in the mystery,  
In oceans deep my faith will stand.  
*And I will call upon Your name,  
And keep my eyes above the waves,  
When oceans rise,  
My soul will rest in Your embrace,  
For I am Yours and You are mine.*

2 Your grace abounds in deepest waters,

Your sov'reign hand will be my guide,  
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me,  
You've never failed and You won't start now.  
*And I will call upon Your name...*

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders,  
Let me walk upon the waters,  
Wherever You would call me.  
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander,  
And my faith will be made stronger,  
In the presence of my Saviour.

*I will call upon Your name,  
Keep my eyes above the waves,  
My soul will rest in Your embrace,  
I am Yours and You are mine.*

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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 the world and God's people.**

#### **We pray for:-**

- Your beautiful creation, that we will be better stewards of the world you have created for us.
- Your people, those suffering war and persecution based on race, culture or beliefs. 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.
- All who live in poverty, the homeless, for refugees and asylum seekers.
- The thousands of people suffering the effects of the Covid-19 virus and for those mourning the death of loved ones
- The front-line health care personnel and their support staff, for those swabbing thousands of people for Covid-19 that they take care of themselves, stay safe and well.
- Governments planning for post-pandemic economic recovery that they will be caring of all people. Business will re-emerge, jobs will be available for all and there will adequate support for those who cannot work.

**For our state of Victoria struggling to control a second wave of the Covid-19 virus. For Melburnians living in the toughest lock down conditions in the history of our country. For support and care of the lonely and those living with depression or anxiety. For all who live in retirement villages and aged care facilities. May an out-come of this pandemic be that standards in certain aged care facilities will be lifted and training of staff more comprehensive. That the culture of management money-saving will be eliminated.**

#### **God's 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.
- The Eastern Region: Avon, Croajingalong, Heyfield, Lakes Entrance, and Metung, Maffra, Omeo, Orbost, Paynesville, Rosedale, Dale and Tambo.
- Priest Dave, for his ministry and leadership among us. For energy and wisdom.

- Emma and their four children.
- Wisdom, encouragement and discernment for all our parish leadership.
- For reaching across the generations where parishioners of all ages feel welcome and loved. For connection with God and with each other especially these challenging times.
- We especially pray for our Corona Virus situation and the procedures that have been put into force to try to halt its spread. Help us all to be responsible in the things that we do in our lives to prevent the spread of the virus by taking heed of the recommended precautions and avoiding situations which may make things worse.
- For engagement and guidance of all volunteers as we work to provide a COVID-Safe environment at the op shop.
- For timely, safe and successful resumption of mainly music.
- For our Retiring Offertory – CMS

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, Keith, Marion, Mark, Ruth, Alice, Emma, Crystal, Daryl, Jan 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.

Gracious God, we thank you for this time together in prayer and as we look forward to the week to come, we pray for an awareness of your love and support in all we do. **Amen**

## NEWS AND NOTES

### Greetings friends,

Once again we are sharing worship through direct streaming on Zoom, Facebook, our website or by phone. It is never easy to take a 'backward' step. We pray this will be the last time we need to 'lockdown' and that this time the outcome will be more successful . . . and that the suppression will be sustained.

Please contact Dave if he or we can help you in any way, or if you feel the need to just connect and have a 'chat'. Dave's contact details can always be seen at the end of the Diary / Roster page on the weekly Bulletin.

We humans are a social species and we need to connect with each other. Dave is currently working on ideas about how we might further our connection with each other during this time of lockdown.

During this time of 'lockdown' we will not require readers or sides-persons. However, fresh flowers or greenery arranged at the altar in Holy Trinity each week gives evidence of love and care as seen by those who join in worship via streaming.

Paul (0457 329 919) welcomes your offertory being left in his street mailbox OR he will collect it from your address if preferred. Direct payment to the parish account is always welcome.

As advised via Thursday's email, the op shop can legally remain open, so, as a result of consultation with our volunteers and some enquiries from the community, together with the feedback received during the time of waiting for the op shop to re-open and when we did re-open after the last lock down, we will trial opening the op shop on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays each week, commencing this Monday.

Close observation of Gippsland regional 'new cases' of Covid-19 is assured and any significant increase in numbers, particularly in Wellington Shire, will result in immediate closure of the op shop. At the time of this writing (Thursday), the case numbers in Wellington Shire is 0.

The Budget Planning Meeting will convene this Thursday 13 August, 11.30am in the Meeting Room or the hall if necessary for social distancing. Dave will announce any changes to this arrangement.

The mainly music 'photoshoot' will precede the meeting, commencing at 10am.

**We all need to be continually conscience that we're living in a time of airborne Covid-19 transmission. It is about 'what I can do to help, not what I can get away with'. Strangely, some folk seem not to understand this as we do!**

**Masks:- unless they are worn and managed hygienically according to advice in the media from the DHHS or WHO, masks can be very unhygienic. Please be aware!! Follow instructions.**

**Hand hygiene, distancing, hygienically managed masks and sneezing and coughing into a tissue followed by hand sanitising are all just so critically important.**



## MANAGING MASKS SAFELY!!

**ALWAYS wash hands before donning and after removing a mask**

**During wearing, do not touch the central front of the mask at any stage.**

**Sanitise hands if you do.**

**Masks should be adjusted from the top seam or the bottom seam only**

**Once removed, a cloth mask should be replaced with a fresh mask and the used mask placed in a bag until hot cycle washed.**



## WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH OF AVON

### AUGUST

#### **Retiring Offertory: CMS**

- Thurs 13            10am mainly music photoshoot.  
                         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

#### **Retiring Offertory: Bible Society Australia**

- 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
- Sun 13                Fifteenth Sunday in Pentecost  
                         Healing Service
- Tues 15              Parish Council Reports Due.
- Thurs 17             11am Parish Diary Planning Meeting.
- Sat 19                ????Men's Breakfast.
- Sun 20                Sixteenth Sunday in Pentecost. ?Vocations Melbourne.  
                         Child Protection Sunday
- Tues 22              Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm via Zoom.
- Fri 25                Spring Parish Dinner, Stratford Hotel – Raffle
- Sun 27                Seventeenth Day in Pentecost. Speaker, Bible Soc. via David  
Lepore

#### **Holy Trinity Roster, 16 August, Eleventh Sunday in Pentecost.**

Genesis 45.1-15 Ps.133 Rom.11.13-32 (33-36) Matthew 15 (10-20)21-28.

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