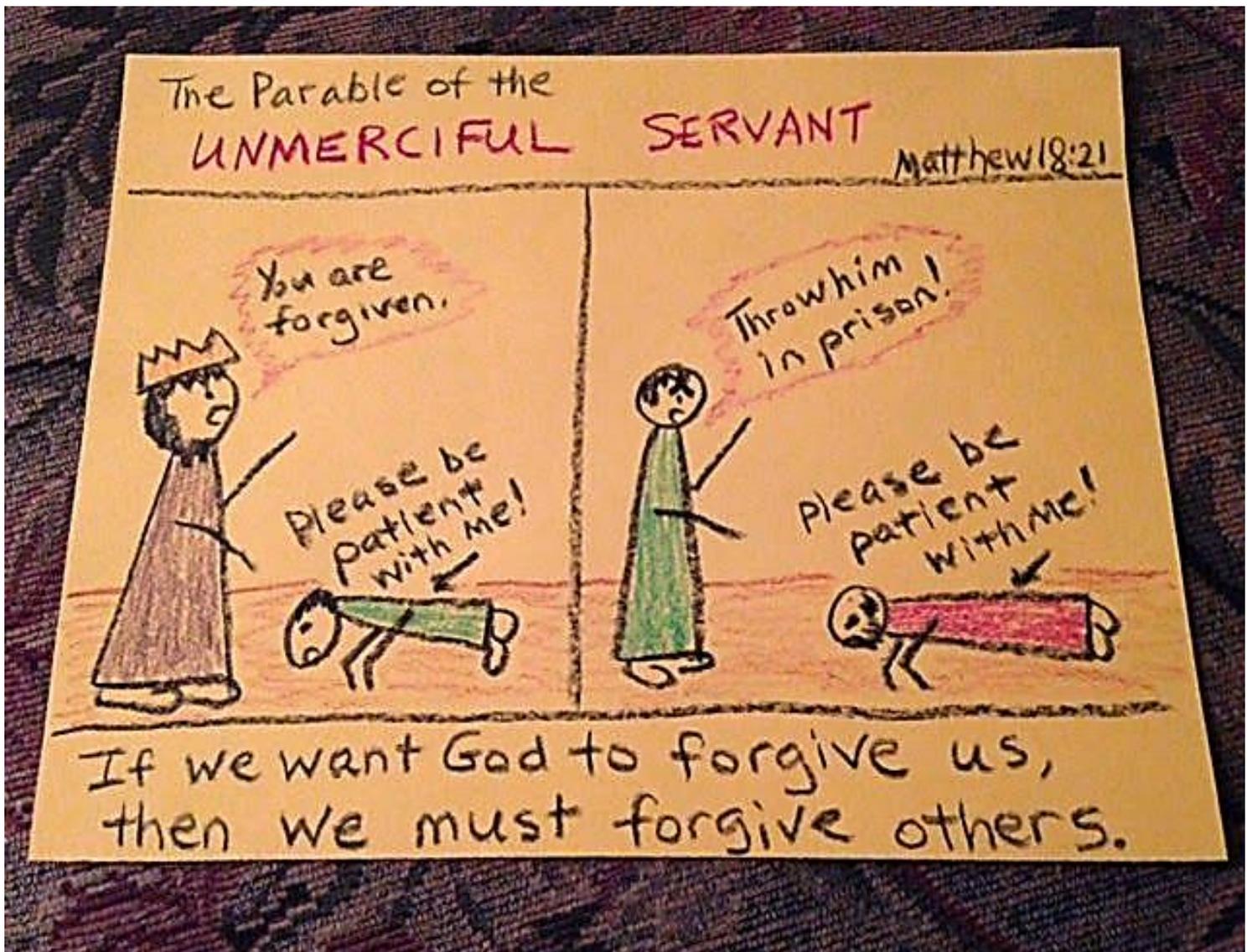


Anglican Parish of Avon

Sunday 13 September, Pentecost 15.

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: 'Father I place into your hands' – MP 133

1 Father, I place into Your hands
the things that I can't do.
Father, I place into Your hands
the times that I've been through.
Father, I place into Your hands
the way that I should go,
for I know I always can trust You.

2 Father, we love to seek Your face,
we love to hear Your voice.
Father, we love to sing Your praise,
and in Your name rejoice.
Father, we love to walk with You
and in Your presence rest,
for we know we always can trust You.

3 Father, I want to be with You
and do the things You do.
Father, I want to speak the words
that You are speaking too.
Father, I want to love the ones
that You will draw to You,
for I know that I am one with You.

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Welcome

Greeting

Sing songs of hope and peace.

God's love and power have lifted us.

Sing songs of mercy and grace.

God's mercy and forgiveness frame our lives.

Thanks be to God for all God's love and mercy.

Praise be to God for the healing power God extends to each one of us.

Amen.

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

"If you, O Lord, should note what we do wrong, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered." *(Psalm 130. 3-4)*

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 he removed our transgressions from us." *(Psalm 103. 12)*

Silence for self-reflection

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

**Holy Lord,
your grace and mercy are ever-present in our lives,
your forgiveness is boundless in mercy
when we fail to live in Christlike ways.
And yet, we are quick to carry a grudge—
quick to find fault,
quick to assign blame,
quick to harden our hearts toward others.
Set us apart, loving God,
to extend and model the grace you have shown us
by offering grace to others.
We pray in the name of the One who died
so that we might fully live. 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

O God,
you call your Church to witness that in Christ
we are reconciled to you:
help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may turn to you;

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

A Reading from Exodus

19 The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²²The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵He clogged* their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.'

26 Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' ²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

30 Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹Israel saw the great work that the LORD did

against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses. *Exodus 14. 19-31*

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

Psalm 114 – *We will say the Psalm together*

1 When Israel came out of Egypt:
and the house of Jacob from among a people
of an alien tongue,

2 Judah became his sanctuary:
and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea saw that, and fled:
Jordan was driven back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams:
and the little hills like young sheep.

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled:
O Jordan, that you were driven back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams:
and you little hills like young sheep?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord:
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

8 Who turned the rock into a pool of water:
and the flint-stone into a welling spring.

Early Talk

The Gospel Reading

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

21 Then Peter came and said to him, ‘Lord, if another member of the church* sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ 22 Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven* times.

23 ‘For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. 24 When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents* was brought to him; 25 and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. 26 So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” 27 And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. 28 But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii;* and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.” 29 Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” 30 But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. 31 When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. 32 Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33 Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” 34 And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. 35 So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister* from your heart.’ *Matthew 18.21-35*

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

Giving God,
all we are and all we have come from you.
We offer back to you what has always been yours.
As you have entrusted your gifts to us, so we return these gifts to you,
trusting that you will multiply them to the great glory of your kingdom
on earth.
We pray through Jesus who gave the totality of his life for us. **Amen.**

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.
When we sinned and turned away
you called us back to yourself
and gave your Son to share our human nature.
He made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world.
In him you have made us a holy people

by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him,
with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
forever praising you and saying:

**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 thanksgiving to you, holy Father;
on the night before he died your Son,
Jesus Christ, took bread;
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;
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 loving God,
recalling your great goodness to us in Christ,
his suffering and death,
his resurrection and ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life
and this cup of salvation.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

**Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
which we offer through Christ our great high priest.**

**Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive
may be to us the body and blood of Christ,
and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power,
may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.**

**United in Christ with all who stand before you
in earth and heaven,
we worship you, O God,
in 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

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
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: 'Amazing Grace' – MP 1151

1 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Chorus:

*My chains are gone, I've been set free,
my God, my Saviour has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
unending love, amazing grace.*

3 The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.
My chains are gone...

4 The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below
will be forever mine.
My chains are gone...

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The Blessing

As you have been forgiven, now go into a world that needs your forgiving, healing touch.
Bring peace and hope to others, sharing God's love with them,
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. Giving thanks for the beautiful season of Spring and the new life bursting out around us.

- The end of hatred, intolerance and discrimination in the world and that all people, irrespective of race, colour or creed, be recognised as being equal - just as they are in Your eyes. For an end to the violence and unrest in America and an end to the racial and social injustices in our own country.
- We particularly reflect on how the COVID-19 pandemic is impacting on those living within house-binding restrictions, with illness, grief, loneliness, decline in mental health and loss of employment. Lord, guide them through these deeply troubled times, to see and reach out to you.
- All front-line health carers, for their energy and safety.
- Governments struggling to lead our country through huge health and recessional challenges. May those with least not be forgotten, that their needs will be met.

God's Church and Avon Parish

- Give thanks and pray for our church leaders throughout the Anglican Communion, for Bishop Richard and Registrar Richard leading the Diocese in these difficult times and for our own Parish. For the Episcopal District of Bunyip, clergy and people.
- Dave as he leads the parish through this pandemic and into an inspirational, intergenerational post pandemic parish.
- For Emma and their 4 children
- All who preach and share your word. Inspire, lead and grow us as disciples to reach out to those in need in our community.
- Grant us your guidance and wisdom as we strive to provide a safe environment for volunteers and shoppers at the op shop.
 - For our mainly music families, that we can continue to connect with them.
- For our Retiring Offertory – The Bible Society
- Gracious God, we raise before you those from our community who are ill, hospitalised or recuperating and for those we know within our families and circle of friends especially . . . *We pray especially for Julie, Lillas, Marj, Keith, Ruth, Alice, Emma, Crystal, Daryl, Jan and Mick.*

God of all kindness, your Son taught us to forgive each other without limit, just as you forgive us. In your mercy, help us to be channels of your peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEWS AND NOTES

Greetings friends,

Welcome to our 15th Sunday in Pentecost Worship on Zoom, Facebook, and the Avon Parish Website. Today, Dave commences his 1-week Ration Challenge!! He will certainly need our support!!

Following Premier Dan Andrews Covid-19 Restrictions update, we will continue direct streaming of all services for some time.

With our Bishop's approval, the op shop will continue to trade.

Sharing Dave's well said acknowledgement to Bishop Richard in answer to his second approval forwarded this week . . .

"Thank you as always for your firm and steady leadership in these challenging times" . . . how true!

Parish Council reports are due on Tuesday . . . thank you.

The new series of Bible studies will commence via Zoom at 7.30pm on Wednesday. Over recent months the Bible Study sessions have been intensely thought-provoking with pre-reading from Tom Wright's Study Guides adding a new dimension to the studies. Dave skilfully leads the group which comprises members from 3 different parishes. If you would like to join the group for a time to see if it suits you, please speak to Dave. We will be studying the "Acts of the Apostles".

This Thursday 17th at 11am, the Parish Diary Planning Meeting will convene via Zoom. This is an open parish meeting and parishioners are encouraged to join in with their ideas for 'fun and fundraising' activities in 2021. Due to the uncertainty of these times we will not be factoring the activities in to the 2020 / 21 parish budget. We will however, plan for a year of reaching out to community. Hopefully, we will not be subjected to the need for 'lock-downs'. Let us pray that the virus can be held under control and that an effective and safe vaccine will eventually be developed.

To join the meeting, just click on the same link as you do when joining into Sunday worship.

Is the Holy Spirit asking questions?

All those baptised are called to all kinds of ministry. May be arranging flowers, reading scripture, membership of Parish Council, volunteering at the op shop or for mainly music, joining a Prayer Circle Group or Bible Studies, being a Sacristan, Liturgical Assistant, Lay Reading or to the Clergy.

Ministry includes many roles in our churches. Speak to Dave if you feel the urge to talk about any form of ministry. Next Sunday 20 September is Vocations Sunday but you are welcome to speak to Dave at any time.

****To join our morning tea/fellowship time simply join via Zoom at 11.30am as you usually would. Make sure you are connected to both video and sound.**



<https://actforpeace.rationchallenge.org.au/david-perryman>

Dave says:-

Today, "I will once again be taking part in the Ration Challenge to raise money to provide emergency food, hygiene kits and life-saving support to the people hit hardest by the coronavirus pandemic.

For one week **(Today - to 11am Sun. 20 Sept.)** I'll be eating the exact same food rations as a Syrian refugee for one week - just a small amount of rice, flour, lentils, chickpeas, beans, fish and oil!

If you find it a possibility, I'd greatly appreciate your support!"

Donations can be given via the above website or drop in Paul Wager's street mailbox

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH OF AVON

SEPTEMBER

Retiring Offertory: Bible Society Australia

- Sun 13 Fifteenth Sunday in Pentecost
Tues 15 Parish Council Reports Due.
Thurs 17 11am Parish Diary Planning Meeting.
Sun 20 Sixteenth Sunday in Pentecost. Vocations Sunday.
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.
David Lepor

OCTOBER

Dave: - Clergy Retreat – Via Zoom

School resumes 4 October

Retiring Offertory: Act for Peace

- Sun 4 October Eighteenth Day in Pentecost. Feast of St Francis of Assisi
10am All Age Family Worship at Holy Trinity
Blessing of the Animals. Day light Saving begins
Mon 5 3pm Meeting of the Op Shop Volunteers – *Tentative.*
Wed 7 AGM Reports to the Secretary Please!!
Sun 11 Nineteenth Day in Pentecost
4pm Healing Service at Holy Trinity.
Wed 14 Monthly Parish Council Reports Due
Fri 16 6pm- 8.30pm Safe Church Awareness Workshop. St Paul's, Sale
Sat 17 9.30am-4pm Safe Church Awareness Workshop. St Paul's Sale.
Sat 17 ??Men's Breakfast
Sun 18 Twentieth Day in Pentecost
Tues 13 Monthly Parish Council Reports Due

Holy Trinity Roster, 20 September, 16th Sunday in Pentecost.

Exodus 16.2-15, Ps 105.1-6,37-45. Phil 1or 1.21-30 Matthew 20.1-16

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