

# Anglican Parish of Avon

***Sunday 11 October, Pentecost 19.***

**Priest in Charge, The Reverend Dave Perryman**

A sunset over the ocean with two boats on the water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow. The water is dark with some ripples. Two boats are visible on the horizon line.

***Stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends...***

**Philippians 4:1**

**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: 'Rejoice in the Lord always' – MP 577**

//Rejoice in the Lord always,  
and again I say rejoice!  
Rejoice in the Lord always,  
and again I say rejoice!  
Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice!  
Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice!//

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### **Welcome**

### **Call to Worship & Greeting**

Praise the Lord.  
Give thanks for God's goodness.  
**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Happy are those who observe justice,  
who do righteousness at all times.  
**Save us, O Lord,  
and gather us from among the nations,  
that we may give thanks to your holy name,  
and glory in your praise.**

Let us worship 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**

“Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”

*(Matthew 22. 21)*

## **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*

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

**Loving Father,  
we thank you that you forgive us when we repent.  
We come to you now to admit that our attitudes are not always right.  
We come to you now to admit that our words are not always helpful.  
We come to you now to admit that we don't always do what you would do.**

**Hear us as we pray, Lord, and bring us freedom from our past.  
Help us to live in the future in your strength and might. 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

Almighty and everlasting God,  
in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations:  
grant that your Church throughout the world  
may persevere with steadfast faith  
in proclaiming the cross to be the way that leads to life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Ministry of the Word

### The First Reading

#### A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians

<sup>4</sup><sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters,<sup>\*</sup> whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

<sup>2</sup> I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion,<sup>\*</sup> help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice<sup>\*</sup> in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.<sup>\*</sup> <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but

in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.<sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, beloved,<sup>\*</sup> whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about<sup>\*</sup> these things. <sup>9</sup>Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

*Philippians 4. 1-9*

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

**Psalm 106. 1-6, 20-24.** – *We will say the Psalm together*

**1 Praise the Lord;  
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:  
and his mercy endures for ever.**

**2 Who can express the mighty acts of the Lord:  
or fully voice his praise?**

**3 Blessed are those who act according to justice:  
who at all times do the right.**

**4 Remember me, O Lord,  
when you visit your people with your favour:  
and come to me also with your salvation,**

**5 That I may see the prosperity of your chosen:  
that I may rejoice with the rejoicing of your people,  
and exult with those who are your own.**

**6 We have sinned like our ancestors:  
we have acted perversely and done wrong.**

**20 At Horeb they made themselves a calf:  
and bowed down in worship to an image.**

**21 And so they exchanged the glory of God:  
for the likeness of an ox that eats hay.**

**22 They forgot God who was their saviour:  
that had done such great things in Egypt,**

**23 Who had worked his wonders in the land of Ham:  
and his terrible deeds at the Red Sea.**

**24 Therefore he thought to destroy them:  
had not Moses his servant stood before him in the breach,  
to turn away his wrath from destroying them.**

## **Early Talk**

### **Gospel Reading**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

#### **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

22Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup>The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." <sup>5</sup>But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." <sup>10</sup>Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

11 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup>and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen.'

*Matthew 22. 1-14*

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.**

You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honour and power,  
for you created all things,  
making us in your own image.

We praise you for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by his death on the cross  
and rising to new life  
offered the one true sacrifice for sin  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore, we lift our voices to praise you, saying,  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

And now, gracious God, we thank you  
for these gifts of bread and wine,  
and pray that we who receive them,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
according to our Saviour's word,  
in remembrance of his suffering and death,  
may share his body and blood.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread,  
and when he had given you thanks  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take and eat. This is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,  
and again giving you thanks  
he gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Drink from this, all of you.  
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, in remembrance of me.'

We eat this bread and drink this cup  
**to proclaim the death of the Lord.**

We do this until he returns.  
**Come, Lord Jesus!**

**Father, as we recall his saving death and glorious resurrection,  
may we who share these gifts  
be renewed by your Holy Spirit  
and united in the body of your Son.  
Bring us with all your people  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom,  
there to feast at your table and  
join in your eternal praise:**

**Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,  
to receive praise and honour  
and glory and power  
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 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**

Holy and blessed God,  
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son  
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:  
may we honour you,  
not only with our lips  
but in lives dedicated to the service  
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.**

## **Commissioning of a Lay Reader – Victor Ferguson**

My brothers and sisters, God has gathered us into the fellowship of the universal Church. As members together of his body, Christ calls us to minister in his name and, according to our gifts, to be instruments of his love in the world. Within this ministry, Lay Readers are called to serve the Church of God and to work together with clergy and other ministers.

They are to lead public worship, to preach and teach the word of God, to assist at the eucharist and to share in pastoral and evangelistic work. As

authorized lay ministers, they are to encourage the ministries of God's people, as the Spirit distributes gifts among us all. They are called to help the whole Church to participate in God's mission to the world.

Will you be faithful in leading the people of God in worship, and in preaching the word to them?

**Vic - By the grace of God, I will.**

Will you be diligent in prayer, in reading Holy Scripture, and in all studies that will deepen your faith and fit you to bear witness to the truth of the gospel?

**Vic - By the grace of God, I will.**

Will you promote unity, peace and love in the Church and in the world, and especially among those whom you serve?

**Vic - By the grace of God, I will.**

Will you work closely with your colleagues in ministry and encourage the gifts of others?

**Vic - By the grace of God, I will.**

Brothers and sisters, Vic, our brother in Christ has been chosen for the office of Lay Reader. Will you uphold and encourage him in his ministry?

**We will.**

Vic, we admit you as a Lay Reader in the Church, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Receive authority to exercise the office of Lay Reader in this Diocese.

May the Lord be with you in all your work and ministry from this day onwards. **Amen.**

## **Announcements**

## Final Hymn: 'Ancient of Days' – MP 976

Blessing and honour, glory and power  
be unto the Ancient of Days;  
from every nation, all of creation  
bow before the Ancient of Days.

*Chorus:*

*Every tongue in heaven and earth  
shall declare Your glory,  
every knee shall bow at Your throne in worship;  
You will be exalted, O God,  
and Your kingdom will not pass away.  
O Ancient of Days.*

*Bridge:*

*Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth:  
sing unto the Ancient of Days.  
For none shall compare to Your matchless worth:  
sing unto the Ancient of Days.  
Every tongue in heaven and earth...*

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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 peace in places of conflict and violence. Provision of safe-haven for refugees. Inspiration of world leaders with creativity and wisdom.

Bless the work of negotiators, peacekeepers, aid providers and development workers.

For an end to the racial and social injustices in our own country.

\*For those all over the world who are struggling in the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic . . . with illness, grief, loneliness and depression, those without work. We pray for the work of world medical scientists as they trial vaccines and other treatments.

For all front-line health carers, for their energy and safety.

For nations' governments grappling to restore their struggling economies.

May those with least not be forgotten, may their needs be adequately met.

'For our own government. May the new Federal Budget underpin progress out of this recession.

We give thanks for the declining numbers of new cases of Covid-19 in Victoria.

\*For the worldwide church, our Diocese, and the churches in our local community. For guidance and inspiring energy for Dave as he leads the parish through this pandemic and into an intergenerational post pandemic parish.

For Emma and their 4 children.

\*God of grace, you have called our colleague Vic to be a servant of Jesus Christ, and to share in his ministry of love to all people. Renew his zeal, give him joy in your service. Direct him by your spirit of wisdom and fill him with the gifts of your grace, that he may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*For all who preach and share your word. Inspire, lead and grow us as disciples to reach out to those in need in our community.

\*For our mainly music families, that we can continue to connect with them.

\*For our Retiring Offertory – Act for Peace

\*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 Aubrey, David, Julie, Brenda, Lillas, Marj, Keith, Ruth, Alice, Emma, Crystal, Daryl, Jan and Mick.*

Faithful God, at the start of this new week and recognising your trust in us to live and preach the Gospel make us always more ready to please you rather than to seek the praise of the secular world.

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## **NEWS AND NOTES**

**Greetings friends,**

**Logging in to Zoom today:- Please include:**

**Passcode: 1**

**It's the same login or clicking on the link etc. When you're prompted for a password you just need to enter 1.**

**Our thanks to The Reverend Dave Duck** for his energetic and imaginative ministry in streaming the Celebration of St Francis Sunday into our homes last Sunday. Dr. Steve's insightful address portrayed his deep understanding of God's love and his own love and knowledge of animals.

The beauty of God's creation embraces us in wondrous ways, and our pets are a blessed part of that.

Many friends who joined in the social chat at 11.30am after the service introduced their pets via zoom.

**Congratulations to Vic** who has responded to God's call and is being commissioned to the ministry of Lay Reading by Dave today. We thank God for Vic and know that the Holy Spirit will inspire and guide him as he shows and shares the love of Christ with many others in many and different ways . . . such is the ministry of Lay Readers.

**Thank you to everyone** who punctually forwarded their reports for the AGM of the parish this week, your assistance is very much appreciated.

- The monthly reports will be due on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

**The AGM is scheduled for Sunday 8 November.** This year we will hear about the performance of our parish, accept reports, and discuss the future on Zoom.

**We will join for a time of social fellowship at 11.30am after the service today.**

**We have received quite an intriguing letter from Robert Fordham** on behalf of The Abbey Chapter. The following event is less than 3 weeks hence and as there is some preparation to be done, we have included the information today. Mr Fordham writes . . .

*Dear friends*

*The annual Abbey Feast has for many years been a significant event in the diocesan calendar, providing an opportunity for Anglicans to socialize together and as a means of raising much needed funds in support of the ministry of The Abbey.*

*Your support for The Abbey is highly valued and we hope that you will be able to join Bishop Richard and other members of the Abbey family at this year's Feast to be held on Saturday 31 October, albeit in a somewhat different format due to restrictions arising from the Coronavirus.*

*The Parish of Sale had earlier taken on the task of cooking for what was planned as an assembled gathering but as that is now not possible, the parish has adapted magnificently to provide **The Abbey Virtual Feast**. The sumptuous menu selected by the parish is attached and on receipt of your acceptance and menu choices we will forward to you the specially developed recipes and instructions on preparing your chosen meal.*

*On October 31<sup>st</sup> at noon we will all join together in a virtual meal on the Zoom conference platform having prepared our own meals at home. Further details of the planned proceedings on the day will be forwarded to you. If you need help with the technical aspects of joining a Zoom meeting this will be made available.*

*The charge for this event is \$30 per person and all funds raised will be committed to the work of The Abbey in its service to the Diocese and*

*outreach to the wider community. For further information and your booking please contact Anna at The Abbey on 5156 6580 or [info@theabbey.org.au](mailto:info@theabbey.org.au).*

*Yours sincerely*

*Robert Fordham*

## **ABBAY VIRTUAL FEAST 2020 - MENU**

### **Soups**

Potage Bonne Femme -A rich French inspired slow cooked vegetable soup

Roasted Cauliflower -A silky gently spiced treat

Mulligatawny-A robust spicy lentil and vegetable soup

### **Mains**

Osso Buco with creamy mashed potatoes and green beans Fish Millee with

Basmati rice and trimmings - gently spiced

Spinach tart with pine nuts and parmesan. Salads of tomato, red onion, cucumber . Leaves, herbs and edible flowers.

### **Dessert**

Vanilla Panacotta and Berry Compote Dark Chocolate and Prune Mousse

Apple Crumble with a twist

All Gluten Free with optional vegetarian/vegan versions

**PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR OPTION FOR EACH OF THE THREE COURSES WHEN  
REPLYING**

## **WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH OF AVON**

### **OCTOBER**

#### **Retiring Offertory: Act for Peace**

- Sun 18 Twentieth Day in Pentecost  
Tues 20 Monthly Parish Council Reports Due  
Thurs 22 7.30-9pm Are (protest) atheists excluded from the table of God? Nikolai Blascow.  
Sun 25 Twenty-first Sunday in Pentecost  
Tues 27 Monthly Parish Council Meeting  
Sat 31 1.30pm 'Breaking New Ground: Growing the Church', Trinity College.

### **NOVEMBER**

#### **OP Shop / Parish Raffle. Retiring Offertory: Rwanda**

- Sun 1 Twenty-second Sunday in Pentecost. All Saints Day.  
Sale Show weekend  
10am All Age Family Worship at Holy Trinity  
Australian Anglicans & Roman Catholics pray for each other (General Synod 2001)  
2-4pm, A quiet afternoon of prayer for All Saints' Day via Zoom. Dean Susanna  
Tues 3 Melbourne Cup Day.  
Sun 8 Twenty-third Sunday in Pentecost Prayer for the Defences Forces Aust. **AGM** 4pm Healing Service at Holy Trinity  
Wed 11 Remembrance Day.  
Fri 13 Parish Movie Night. **Tentative date for commencement Synod.**  
Sat 14 Synod: full day of business.  
Sun 15 Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Pentecost.  
Commissioning of the New Parish Council.

#### **Holy Trinity Roster, 18 October, 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Pentecost.**

Exodus 33.12-23 Ps 99. 1 Thess. 1.1-10 Matthew 22.15-33

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