

# Anglican Parish of Avon

**Sunday 22 November, 'Christ the King' Sunday**

**Last Sunday of Pentecost**

**Final Sunday of the Liturgical Year**

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



**Welcome – Wunan Njinda to: -  
8.30am at St Mary's Munro and  
10am Worship at Holy Trinity Church, Stratford,  
ALSO Via Zoom, 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: 'When I needed a neighbour' – TiS 629**

1 When I needed a neighbour, were you there, were you there?  
When I needed a neighbour, were you there?

*Refrain:*

*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,  
were you there?*

2 I was hungry and thirsty, were you there, were you there?  
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?

*Refrain*

3 When I needed a shelter, were you there, were you there?  
When I needed a shelter, were you there?

*Refrain*

4 When they put me in prison, were you there, were you there?  
When they put me in prison, were you there?

*Refrain*

5 Wherever you travel I'll be there, I'll be there,  
wherever you travel I'll be there.

*Refrain*

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## **Greeting**

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.**

## **Welcome/Acknowledgement of Country**

### **Call to Worship**

Make a joyful noise, a noise of love and care!  
**Praise God with generosity and compassion!**

Sing to the Lord with acts of kindness!  
**Give God glory with missions of mercy!**

Make a joyful noise, a noise of love and care!  
**Praise God with justice and righteousness!**

### **The Sentence**

“O shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his face with songs of joy.”

*(Psalm 100. 1)*

### **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**

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

*Silence for self-reflection*

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

**God of glory, we do not always see your glory  
in the world around us.  
When we see a person in need,  
it is not easy to look them in the eye.  
When we hear a cry for help,  
it is not easy to offer them quick assurance.  
When we know of a lonely prisoner,  
it is not easy to make that unannounced visit.  
Forgive us when we fail to see you  
in our everyday lives.  
Forgive us when we are afraid to act,  
afraid to care.  
Encourage us, God of glory.  
Help us to see others with the eyes of compassion,  
that we might be your loving presence  
in the world. Amen.**

## **Absolution**

May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour  
forgive us our sins  
and make us holy to serve him in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **The Prayer of the Day**

God of power and love,  
who raised your Son Jesus from death to life,  
resplendent in glory to rule over all creation:  
free the world to rejoice in his peace,  
to glory in his justice, and to live in his love.  
Unite the human race in Jesus Christ your Son,  
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 Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Ephesians 1.15-23

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

### **Psalm 100** – *We will say the Psalm together*

**1 O shout to the Lord in triumph, all the earth:  
serve the Lord with gladness,  
and come before his face with songs of joy.**

**2 Know that the Lord he is God:  
it is he who has made us and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**3 Come into his gates with thanksgiving,  
and into his courts with praise:  
give thanks to him, and bless his holy name.**

**4 For the Lord is good, his loving mercy is for ever:  
his faithfulness throughout all generations.**

## **Early Talk**

### **Gospel Reading**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

31 ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” <sup>41</sup>Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

*Matthew 25.31-46*

For the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **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.**

## 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.**

Father, you made the world and love your creation.  
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.  
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.

And so we gladly thank you,  
with saints and angels 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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
Drink 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:  
**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

**Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.**

**Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.**

**Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
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**

God the Father,  
help us to hear the call of Christ the King  
and to follow in his service,  
whose kingdom has no end;  
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, one glory.

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: 'Compassion hymn' - MP 1359**

1 There is an everlasting kindness  
You lavished on us,  
when the radiance of heaven came to rescue the lost.  
You called the sheep without a shepherd  
to leave their distress,

for Your streams of forgiveness  
and the shade of Your rest.

2 And with compassion for the hurting  
You reached out Your hand,  
as the lame ran to meet You  
and the dead breathed again.  
You saw behind the eyes of sorrow  
and shared in our tears;  
heard the sigh of the weary, let the children draw near.

*Refrain:*  
*What boundless love, what fathomless grace*  
*You have shown us, O God of compassion.*  
*Each day we live an offering of praise*  
*as we show to the world Your compassion.*

3 We stood beneath the cross of Calvary  
and gazed on Your face,  
at the thorns of oppression and wounds of disgrace;  
for surely You have borne our suffering  
and carried our grief,  
as You pardoned the scoffer  
and showed grace to the thief.

*Refrain:*  
*What boundless love...*

4 How beautiful the feet that carry this gospel of peace  
to the fields of injustice and the valleys of need;  
to be a voice of hope and healing, to answer the cries  
of the hungry and helpless with the mercy of Christ.

*Refrain:*  
*What boundless love...*

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# The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace;  
be of good courage;  
hold fast that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak;  
help the afflicted;  
give honour to all; love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;  
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 to our Everlasting God, through our Saviour Jesus who is both Christ the King and the Son of Man and who understands our needs and the needs of this world.

### **We pray:-**

\*For our greater care and preservation of our environment.

\*For peace in places of conflict and violence. Provision of safe-haven and new beginnings for refugees.

For an end to domestic violence and care for those subjected to violence

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

For those living through ill health, social unrest and economic hardship viewed through the lens of a world-wide pandemic. We pray for people in

the Northern Hemisphere and in America where there is 11.6 million cases and ¼ million people have died. 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 safe management of infection control in our own country, community, our op shop, all businesses and in our churches.

\*Give thanks for the long-awaited control of the virus in Victoria and pray for the communities of South Australia.

\*For the worldwide church, our Diocese, and the churches in our local community.

For Bishop Richard and his family as our Bishop leads the Diocese through yet another great tragedy. We pray for our Archdeacon of the Eastern Region, the Venerable Brenda Burney, her family, friends, the parishioners of Bairnsdale and beyond, our Bishop, all Clergy and Registry Staff as they mourn the death of Rod Burney, a beloved husband, father, family member, friend and parishioner.

For Dave as he supports Bishop Richard in his role as Chaplain.

For your guidance, inspiration, and energy for Dave as he leads the parish through our emergence from lockdown and into an intergenerational post pandemic parish. For Emma and their 4 children.

\*Help us in our discipleship here in Avon, to take your message of love and concern for everyone into our community.

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

\*For our Retiring Offertory – The Diocese of Gahini, Rwanda

\*Healing God, we lift to you those who are suffering in our parish. Those with physical, mental or emotional illness, those who are losing life and those who are mourning.

*We pray especially for Marion, Aubrey, Julie, Brenda, Lillas, Marj, Keith, Ruth, Alice, Emma, Crystal, Daryl, Jan and Mick.*

Faithful God, we give thanks to you for all that you do in our lives. As the church year comes to an end we commend to you all those for whom we have prayed throughout the year and ask that you continue to use us and our prayers to make a difference in their lives.

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## NEWS AND NOTES

**Greetings friends,**

**This afternoon at 2pm, we will gather with Brenda Vice** to reflect on many happy times and some sad times that we have shared in the 27 very special years that Brenda has been a parishioner here at Holy Trinity.

We do hope that EVERYONE will come and share this time with Brenda and her daughter Christine

Just a reminder, that our contributions of food needs to be already arranged on a self-serve finger-food plate which we then will take home with us.

**Please hold in deep prayer, our Archdeacon, the Venerable Brenda Burney,** her family, friends, the parishioners of Bairnsdale and beyond, our Bishop, all Clergy and Registry Staff as they and we mourn the death of Rod Burney, a beloved husband, father, family member, friend and parishioner.

*Lord Jesus, we know that You are close to those that are broken-hearted and grieving in their soul and that You rescue those that are crushed in spirit. Draw near to Your many children who are facing times of great sadness and loss and draw each one ever closer into Your precious arms of love and support.*

**Church Chairs fabric samples** are available for those who wish to look at them again today. They will be returned to Alloyfold this week.

**We will join together on Zoom for a time of social fellowship at 11.30am today, after the service at Holy Trinity.**

**The Parish Christmas Hamper stationed at the op shop.** We are asking for donations of Christmassy fare to be left in the basket at the back of Holy Trinity or at the op shop please – thank you.

**Raffle prizes include a \$100 Petrol Voucher and a great Christmas Hamper.**

Tickets are \$1 each or 3 for \$2. This is our annual raffle for the parish and parishioners will be asked to please assist with selling tickets – thank you.

**Please remember that when intending to come to church,** contact Dave early in the week. If for some reason you have a change of plans, please then cancel your booking ASAP so that Dave knows exactly how many folks to expect.

## CHANGES TO THE PARISH DAIRY

1. Fri 27 Nov. The Family Movie Night has **been postponed.**
2. Sun 29 Nov The 10am Combined Church Centres Worship will be at All Saints **ONLY if we're in Covid-normal**
3. The Christmas Afternoon Tea for the op shop volunteers has been put **back 1 week till 7<sup>th</sup> December.** The afternoon tea will probably be held at Wa- de- lock commencing at 3pm.
4. Tues 1 Dec. **Delivery (only)** of Christmas Treats to the Community.
5. Fri 4 Dec. On site Parish Christmas Party changed. See Saturday 12 December.
6. Sun 6 Dec. Will be a usual Sunday service **no** Family Service this Sunday.
7. Sat 12 Dec. **A Parish Dinner** in lieu of the Parish Christmas Party. Venue to be arranged – watch this space.
8. Sun 20 The Ecumenical Carolling Street Walk **has been cancelled.**

**\*\*There may be a VIRTUAL Community Christmas Carols – watch this space!!**

### **The Bishop's request**

*Following the experience of the recent months of 'shutdowns' and eventual return to gathered worship etc. Please think about:-*

**What is something we want to START?**

**What is something we may need to STOP?**

**What is something we need to KEEP? (keep doing)**

**We look forward to your thoughts!!**

## **WHATS ON IN THE PARISH**

### **NOVEMBER**

**OP Shop / Parish Raffle.**

**Retiring Offertory: Rwanda**

- Tues 24** First Meeting of the New Parish Council  
**Fri 27** Family Movie Night – **has been postponed**  
**Sun 29** First Sunday of Advent  
10am Combined Church Centres Worship at All Saints.  
**Only if in Covid-normal**  
**Mon 30** Christmas Afternoon Tea for volunteers, probably at Wa-  
de-lock. **Postponed till next week.**

### **DECEMBER**

*School Holidays: Saturday 19 December to Wednesday 27 January 2020.*

**Retiring Offertory: Christmas Bowl**

- Tues 1** Delivery of Christmas Treats to the Community.  
**Sun 6** Adv. 2 Usual Sunday Service at All Saints and Holy Trinity.  
**Mon 7** 3pm. Christmas Afternoon Tea for Op Shop Volunteers.  
**Sat 12** Parish Dinner. Venue to be confirmed.  
**Sun 13** Advent 3  
Healing Service  
**Sun 20** Advent 4.  
**Thurs 24** 6pm Family Christmas Service at Holy Trinity  
**Thurs 24** 8pm Christmas Eve, Holy Communion at \*\*St Mary's  
**Thurs 24** 11pm. Candle-lite Holy Communion at Holy Trinity  
**Fri 25** 8.30am & 10am Christmas Day HC at \*\*All Saints & Holy  
Trinity.  
**Sun 27** First Sunday after Christmas

**Sunday 29 November. First Sunday of Advent**

**Holy Trinity Ministry Roster**

Isaiah 64. 1-9. Ps 80.1-7, 17-19. 1 Corinthians 1.1-9

Mark 13.24-37

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