

Anglican Parish of Avon

Priest in Charge The Rev'd Dave Perryman

All Age Family

Worship

Music & Fun

10am Sunday 7 February

Holy Trinity Church Stratford

We hope to see you there!

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: 'What the Lord has done' – MP 1085

//1 Let the weak say, 'I am strong',
let the poor say, 'I am rich',
let the blind say, 'I can see,
it's what the Lord has done in me'.

Refrain:

*//Hosanna, hosanna
to the Lamb that was slain!
Hosanna, hosanna,
Jesus died and rose again.*

2 Into the river I will wade;
there my sins are washed away.
From the heavens mercy streams
of the Saviour's love for me.
Hosanna, hosanna...

3 I will rise from waters deep
into the saving arms of God.
I will sing salvation songs:
Jesus Christ has set me free.
Hosanna, hosanna...

Let the weak say, 'I am strong',
let the poor say, 'I am rich',
let the blind say, 'I can see,
it's what the Lord has done in me'.

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

Praise God who has showered us with love.

Even in the dark times, God protests and guides us.

God has blessed us with a magnificent world

If strife should assail, God calls us to be people of healing and action to help others.

Come! Let us worship God who is always with us.

Let us praise God that through all our trials and triumphs, God's love brings us hope.

The Sentence

“Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles.”

(Isaiah 40. 31)

Time of thanks

Prayer of thanks

Let us pray,

**Gracious God, we humbly thank you
for life and health and safety,
for freedom to work, leisure to rest,
and for all that is beautiful in creation and human life.
But, above all, we praise you for our Saviour,
Jesus Christ,
for his death and resurrection;**

**for the gift of your Spirit;
and for the hope of sharing in your glory.
Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Confession

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

Silence for self-reflection

Therefore, in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

**Our heavenly Father
thank you that you love us and care for us all the time.
We know that this week we have not always lived
the way you tell us.
We have done wrong things
and not done all the good things we should have done.
Only you can save us,
so please forgive us
and help us to live as your friends.
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Absolution

May the God of love
bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins,
and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Prayer of the Day

**Saving God,
whose Son, Jesus Christ, healed the sick
and brought them wholeness of body and mind:
inspire us, his disciples,
so that we may constantly proclaim his gospel
by our words**

**and by the dedication and integrity of our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

The Gospel Reading

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

²⁹ Jesus and his followers left the synagogue. They all went at once with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰ Simon's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a fever. The people there told Jesus about her. ³¹ So Jesus went to her bed, took her hand, and helped her up. Immediately the fever left her, and she was healed. Then she began serving them.

³² That night, after the sun went down, the people brought to Jesus all who were sick. They also brought those who had demons in them. ³³ The whole town gathered at the door of the house. ³⁴ Jesus healed many who had different kinds of sicknesses. He also forced many demons to leave people. But he would not allow the demons to speak, because they knew who he was.

³⁵ Early the next morning, Jesus woke and left the house while it was still dark. He went to a place to be alone and pray. ³⁶ Later, Simon and his friends went to look for Jesus. ³⁷ They found him and said, "Everyone is looking for you!"

³⁸ Jesus answered, "We should go somewhere else, to other towns around here. Then I can preach there too. That is the reason I came." ³⁹ So he travelled everywhere in Galilee. He preached in the synagogues and forced demons to leave people.

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

Early Talk

Gradual Hymn: 'People of power' – MP 151

For I'm building a people of power
and I'm making a people of praise,
that will move through this land by My Spirit,
and will glorify My precious name.

Build Your Church, Lord,
make us strong, Lord,
join our hearts, Lord, through Your Son;
make us one, Lord, in Your body,
in the kingdom of Your Son.

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Homily

Time of discussion

The Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power
from on high.**

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.

God, you made us, and the world and everything in it.
All the good we see comes from you.
You have always loved us
but people have not always loved you.
You sent Jesus to show us how to live
and to bring us back to you again.
Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

He died for us on the cross
so that through your Spirit
we can all be your people.
And so with thanks we praise you.
Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

We are here because on the night before he died

Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
There he took some bread
and gave thanks to you, God.
He broke it into pieces, and gave it to them.
“This is my body,” he said.
“Do this, and know that I am with you.”
Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

Later, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to you.
He shared it with them, and said
“This is my blood, which brings new life.
Do this, and know that I am with you.”
Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

**And so, remembering Jesus, who died,
was raised to new life by you,
and is alive forever,
we are glad to share that life and live in him.**

**Send your Holy Spirit
so that this bread and wine
can be for us the body and blood of Jesus,
and through this food
give us strength to live as your people.**

**Help us care for your world and for each other
in the way that
Jesus showed us.
Until he comes again,
with all your people
in every time and every land
we worship you and say:
We praise you.
We thank you.
We bless you.
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 truth,
we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands the bread of life:
strengthen our faith
that we may grow in love for you and for each other;
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: 'I will offer up my life' – MP 1094

1 Men of faith, rise up and sing
of the great and glorious King;
you are strong when you feel weak,
in your brokenness complete.

Refrain:

*Shout to the north and the south,
sing to the east and the west:
Jesus is Saviour to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.*

2 Rise up women of the truth,
stand and sing to broken hearts,
who can know the healing power
of our glorious King of love.
Shout to the north...

Bridge:

We've been through fire,
we've been through rain;
we've been refined
by the power of His name.
We've fallen deeper in love with You,
You've burned the truth on our lips.
Shout to the north...

3 Rise up church with broken wings;
fill this place with songs again,
of our God who reigns on high:
by His grace again we'll fly.

*//Shout to the north and the south,
sing to the east and the west:
Jesus is Saviour to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.//
//Lord of heaven and earth.//*

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The Blessing

We are being sent into a world in need of healing.
We have been given all that we need to be God's messengers of peace.
Go now into the world, rejoicing in God's presence with you.
Bring the news of peace and hope to all you meet,

and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life 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

Everliving God, our creator and redeemer, you love us and know us better than we know ourselves. With a word you created all things and so we pray that you will hear the words of your children as we pray; giving thanks to you for your church, the world and its peoples.

We pray:-

*For safety and protection of our beautiful world. Effective and safe management of climate change.

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

*For an end to the racial, social and domestic violence and social injustices around the world and particularly in our own country.

*For uniting and healing of the American people.

*For those living with ill health, grief, social unrest and economic hardship especially in the wake of the world-wide pandemic, particularly those nations where Covid-19 is raging, the USA and England.

*We give thanks for your miracle work through our world scientists who have developed vaccines against Covid-19. May they be safe and save millions of lives. May all nations and people have equal access to this blessing.

For all students and teacher settling back into primary, secondary and tertiary education.

For all the little ones who recently commenced their new school.
May they settle in well, find new friends and feel accepted. Enfold
them in your care Lord!

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

*For Bishop Richard and his family as he leads the faith-life of the Diocese.

*For Dave as he supports Bishop Richard from his role as Chaplain.

*For guidance, inspiration, and energy for Dave as he leads the ministry,
discipleship and pastoral caring in our parish and community.

*For Emma and their 4 children.

*We ask you to walk closely with Dave, Emma and children Lord in this
new, very busy and at times challenging year.

For Timmy in his first year of school and Eli in 4-year-old's kindergarten

- For the people of Wonthaggi / Inverloch and The Rev'd Graeme Liersch
and Susan as they travel their great journey in faith together.
- For the Reverend Kate Campbell ordained to the permanent Diaconate
yesterday. A wonderful calling to the ministry of love and care for
humanity and the church.

*For all who support the op shop. Coordinator Bev, volunteers, and all who
donate to our ministry and mission.

*For the mainly music team as we prepare for the commencement of
mainly music on Thursday 18 February.

*For our Retiring Offertory – **MAF, commencing this week.**

*Healing God, we lift to you those who are suffering in our parish. Those
with physical, mental, or emotional illness, and those recovering from
surgery; all carers and for those who are lonely, sad, or mourning.

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

*God of compassion, enfold parents Mathew and Kaitlan in your loving
peace and comfort as they mourn the stillbirth of their baby daughter..*

Lord God we pray for ourselves; as we start the week ahead. We ask that in all
we do, we may walk more closely with you at our side, safe in the knowledge
that your Fatherly love and care knows no bounds.

NEWS AND NOTES

Greetings friends,

Dave's day off this coming week will be tomorrow, Monday. Please avoid calling Dave and Emma tomorrow. Their family day off together is very precious to them.

Dave attended the first of a series of inductions on Tuesday evening last. His home Parish of Wonthaggi joyfully hosted the induction of the new incumbent of Wonthaggi and Inverloch, The Reverend Graeme Liersch. The Reverend Graeme has a great breadth of personal and professional experience.

He is married to The Reverend Susan Liersch (a Deacon), an Occupational Therapist, a trained counsellor and Adolescent and Mental Health Worker. Together they hold a treasure trove of skills and experience.

We extend our warmest congratulations and best wishes to the people of Wonthaggi / Inverloch, The Reverend Graeme and The Reverend Susan as together they walk this next part of their faith journey. May it be long and happy.

Dave will speak about the Lenten Study book in Announcements today. Lenten Studies will be on Zoom this year, commencing on Wednesday 24 February, at 7.30pm. Please indicate your interest in attending.

The Holy Trinity Ministry Roster is in circulation today, thank you Sandra. Please take a copy, arrange swaps where necessary and give Denise a copy of your changes to be included in the weekly Bulletin

mainly music will not now commence till Thursday 18 May. All currently prescribed Covid-19 restrictions and procedures will be in place.

Linda Tatterson has requested that all who have a hint of green fingers to please commence striking and potting up plants in readiness for the plant stall.

Congratulations to The Reverend Kate Campbell who yesterday, in a beautifully symbolic ceremony was ordained a Deacon in the Church Of God.

As we know, all clergy are ordained deacons and from there may progress to become a priest and for some, eventually a bishop. Kate has chosen the permanent Diaconate.

This is a very special calling on the heart of the individual to serve the church in a specific way. A vocational deacon (i.e. a deacon who is not seeking ordination to the priesthood) must have a heart for service. It is their role to bring the concerns of the world into the church and the Gospel of the church into the world, essentially standing with one foot in the church and the other in the world in their deep care for humanity. For this reason, deacons typically serve without monetary compensation.

We continue to hold Kate in our hearts and prayers as she serves the people of God, works at the Registry and continues her tertiary studies.

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The Retiring Offertory for this month of February is in Support of MAF

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) is a Christian organisation that provides aviation services for people living in remote areas around the world.



For 75 years, MAF has been serving isolated people by using aircraft to bring in the essentials of life as well as medical care, emergency food, and Christian hope.

Our purpose is to deliver practical and spiritual care to people in places of deepest human need. Every five minutes, a MAF plane takes off or lands somewhere in the world. These flights enable crucial work by many aid and development agencies, missions, local churches and other national groups.

MAF is serving the Church and communities in remote areas where flying is not a luxury, but a lifeline.



FEBRUARY

Op shop Easter raffle commences.

*Thursdays 9.30am, mainly music, during school term, in the Parish Hall
**mainly music term commences 18 February.*

Fridays ??9.30am Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity

Retiring Offertory: MAF

Sun 14 Last Sunday after The Epiphany

Healing Service

Tues 16 Shrove Tuesday. Sharing of Pancakes with those in the Business Houses in the Community and Parish Supporters. Prepared in the Parish Hall.

****Parish Council Reports due**

Wed 17 Ash Wednesday.

7pm Service in Holy Trinity

Thurs 18 9.30am, mainly music commences.

Sat 20 UN World Day of Social Justice

Men's Breakfast

Sun 21 Lent 1

Mon 22 Scout Founders Day

Tues 23 Parish Council Meeting

Wed 24 Lenten Studies, 7.30pm on Zoom.

Fri 26 Family Movie Night – If Covid-19 restrictions permit.

Sat 27 10am to 3.30pm Women's Craft Group

Sun 28 Lent 2

Holy Trinity Congregational Meeting (1)

MARCH

Thursdays 9.30am mainly music. Parish Hall during School Term

*Fridays 9.30am Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity **Mission: Eye Care Vanuatu***

Fri 5 Ecumenical World Day of Prayer ?UCA

Sun 7 Lent 3 Harvest Festival at All Saints.

All Age Family Worship at Holy Trinity

Mon 8 Labour Day

Wed 10 7.30p Induction of the Ven. Sue Jacka as Rector of Morwell.

Sat 13 2pm Linen Party in Parish Hall

Sunday 14 February, Last Sunday After Epiphany.

2Kings 2.1-12. Ps 50.1-6. 2Cor. 4.3-12. Mark 9.2-9

Priest: Dave, Lit Assist: May. 1st Read Wendy.

2nd Read Nola. Intercess: May. Org: Vic. Sides: Bev T.

Camera/ PPT: Paul / Judy K. Flowers: Nola.

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