



Anglican Parish of Avon

Sun. 14 Feb. The Transfiguration

P. J. C The Rev'd Dave Perryman

Welcome to services of Holy Communion at:

8.30am St Mary's Munro

10am Holy Trinity Church Stratford

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: 'Here in this place' – TiS 474

1 Here in this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away,
see in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2 We are the young, our lives are a mystery;
we are the old, who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

3 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven light years away,
but here in this space, the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in, and hold us forever;
gather us in, and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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

The light of God is shining.
shining around and within.

The voice of God is calling.
**calling not just from ancient texts,
but from here and now.**

The love of God is with us.
flowing around and within us.

The Sentence

“It is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

(2 Corinthians 4. 6)

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

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.

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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 God,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us faith to perceive his glory,
that being strengthened by his grace
we may be changed into his likeness,
from glory to glory;

through the same 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 First Reading

A Reading from The Second Book of Kings

¹ Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, ‘Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.’ But Elisha said, ‘As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.’ So they went down to Bethel. ³ The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, ‘Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?’ And he said, ‘Yes, I know; keep silent.’ ⁴ Elijah said to him, ‘Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.’ But he said, ‘As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.’ So they came to Jericho. ⁵ The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, ‘Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?’ And he answered, ‘Yes, I know; be silent.’ ⁶ Then Elijah said to him, ‘Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.’ But he said, ‘As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.’ So the two of them went on. ⁷ Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸ Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. ⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, ‘Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.’ Elisha said, ‘Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.’ ¹⁰ He responded, ‘You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.’ ¹¹ As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹² Elisha kept watching and crying out, ‘Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!’ But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. *2 Kings 2.1-12*

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

Psalm 50.1-6 (*We will read the Psalm by alternate verses*)

1 The Lord our God, the Mighty One, has spoken:
and summoned the earth,
from the rising of the sun to its setting in the west.

2 From Zion, perfect in beauty:

God has shone out in glory.

3 Our God is coming, he will not keep silent:
before him is devouring fire,
and tempest whirls about him.

4 He calls to the heavens above

and to the earth, so he may judge his people.

5 ‘Gather to me my faithful ones:

those who by sacrifice made a covenant with me.’

**6 The heavens shall proclaim his righteousness:
for God himself is judge.**

The Second Reading

A Reading from Paul’s Second Letter to the Corinthians

³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. ⁶ For it is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness’, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷ But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸ We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰ always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹ For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹² So death is at work in us, but life in you.

2 Corinthians 4.3-12

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

Early Talk

Gospel Reading

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

² Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ ⁶ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!’ ⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. *Mark 9.2-9*

For the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon

Time of discussion

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.

Hymn: 'Here I am to worship' – MP 1086

1 Light of the world,
you stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see;
beauty that made this heart adore you,
hope of a life spent with you.

Chorus:

*So, here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that you're my God:
you're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.*

2 King of all days,
oh, so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above;
humbly you came to the earth you created,
all for love's sake became poor.
So, here I am...

Bridge:

And I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross.
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to see my sin upon that cross.

Chorus:

*So, here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that you're my God:
you're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.*

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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.
We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

You anointed him as Messiah,
the light of the nations,
and revealed him as the hope
of all who thirst for righteousness and peace.
By his death on the cross
and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever 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.**

And now we thank you
for these gifts of bread and wine;
may we who receive them,

as Jesus said,
share his body and his blood.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread
and gave you thanks.
He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said,
'Take and eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup
and gave you thanks.
He shared the cup with them and said,
'This is my blood poured out
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

**You have gathered us together
to feed on Christ
and to remember all he has done for us:**

**Fill us with your Spirit
that we may follow Jesus
in all we do and say,
working for justice and bringing your peace
to this world that you have made.
Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours 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 God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask 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/Kid's time

Final Hymn: 'Shine, Jesus shine' – MP 445

1 Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining:
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth You now bring us –

shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus:

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth Your word, Lord,
and let there be light!*

2 Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
from the shadows into Your radiance;
by Your blood I may enter Your brightness:
search me, try me, consume all my darkness –
shine on me, shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine...

3 As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
so our faces display Your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory:
mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story –
shine on me, shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine...

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The Blessing

May the brightness of God light our way.
May the brightness of Christ shine within us.
May the brightness of God's Spirit flow through us,
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

Almighty God, at the Transfiguration you showed Jesus in a new state of glory and gave His disciples a glimpse of what they would see in his risen life. As we worship together week by week help us to get a glimpse of your heavenly kingdom as well as a deeper understanding of how your son, Jesus, can transfigure our broken and unfulfilled lives.

We pray:-

- *For care of the environment and world-wide conscientious efforts to control 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, or economic hardship especially in the wake of the world-wide pandemic, particularly those nations where Covid-19 continues to rage . . . the USA, Britain and other nations

- *May all nations' people benefit from the blessing of vaccines to control Covid-19

- *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 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 in this very busy and at times challenging year.
- *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 this Thursday 18 February.
- *For our Shrove Tuesday outreach to the community on Tuesday 16 February. May it be successful.
- *For our preparation and contemplation through the Holy Season of Lent

***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.

Gracious God, as we move into the coming week, help us to take with us all that we have heard during our time together, may those words be grafted onto our hearts and produce in us the fruits of a good life, to the praise and honour of your Holy

NEWS AND NOTES

Greetings friends,

Dave's ½ days off this coming week will be Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon.

This afternoon, at 4pm in Holy Trinity, Dave will offer the first of the monthly Healing services for 2021. A lovely little service of prayer for healing of body, mind or spirit, or just sitting quietly with God.

Shrove Tuesday pancake deliveries to the community will take place this Tuesday morning. Thank you to the team who have offered to assist, we now have enough helpers – thank you.

Our observation of the contemplative Season of Lent will commence with a service in Holy Trinity this Wednesday (17th) at 7pm. The service will include the imposition of ashes as a symbol of our penitence and mortality.

Lenten Studies will commence the following Wednesday (24th) via Zoom at 7.30pm. Please advise Dave of your intention to join in. Everybody welcome!

We will be ‘Journeying with Bonhoeffer . . . Six Steps on the Path of Discipleship’ (Lowe A, Firth K. 2019)

Dietrich Bonhoeffer is a theologian for our times who worked across the barriers of race, denomination and language. For his role in heading an underground seminary, and his work with the resistance against the Nazi regime, he was imprisoned, interned in concentration camps and executed. Bonhoeffer’s inspiring writings invite us to ask about what discipleship really means, and what it is to live out our faith”. In 2021, it will be 76 years since Bonhoeffer was martyred (The Most Rev’d Dr Philip Freier)

Please pick up the most recent copy of the Holy Trinity Roster out today!

Mainly Music commences this week, Thursday 18 February. If you know of interested families, please advise them to book in with May. May, Bev and the team are excited to at long last be re-commencing this very special part of our outreach ministries.

Parish Council Reports are due on Tuesday please.

The Men’s Breakfast Group will gather at 8.30am on Saturday at The Avon Velley Food House. All men are most welcome.

Please remember, Linda has requested that we commence striking and potting up plants in readiness for the plant stall. Linda and Kevin are reliant on tank water and therefore need to be frugal with their use of water.

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 when ready to
commence. Retiring Offertory: MAF*

**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 Avon Valley Food House.**

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 21 February, First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9.8-17. Ps 25.1-10. 1Peter 3.18-22. Mark 1.9-15

Priest: Dave, Lit Assist: Vic. 1st Liliias. 2nd Read Julie F.

Intercess: Vic. Org: May. Sides: Kerry C, Judy K.

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