

Avon Parish

Priest in Charge The Rev Dave Perryman

ALL AGE FAMILY WORSHIP & FUN

Sun 2 May 2021

8.30am at All Saints Briagolong
10am Holy Trinity Church Stratford

We'd love 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: 'Jesus put this song into our hearts' –TiS 670

1 Jesus put this song into our hearts,
Jesus put this song into our hearts,
It's a song of joy no one can take away,
Jesus put this song into our hearts.

2 Jesus taught us how to live in harmony,
Jesus taught us how to live in harmony,
Different faces different races He made us one,
Jesus taught us how to live in harmony.

3 Jesus taught us how to be a family,
Jesus taught us how to be a family,
Loving one another with the love that He gives,
Jesus taught us how to be a family.

4 Jesus turned our sorrow into dancing,
Jesus turned our sorrow into dancing,
Changed our tears of sadness into rivers of joy,
Jesus turned our sorrow into a dance.

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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

Come to Christ, the true vine,
and bear much fruit.

**We have come to abide in the vine,
and to bear the fruit of salvation.**

Come to set aside your fears,
for perfect love drives out fear.

**We have come to love one another,
as God has loved us.**

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!
He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Sentence

“In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us. Beloved,
since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.”

(1 John 4.10–11)

Time of thanks

Prayer of thanks

Let us pray,

**Thank you for your amazing power
and work in our lives,
thank you for your goodness
and for your blessings over us.**

**Thank you that you are able to bring hope
through even the toughest of times.**

**Thank you for your great love and care for us every day.
Keep us thankful and gracious for everything you bless us with.
In Jesus name. Amen.**

The Confession

God shows great love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Silence for self-reflection

Therefore, let us confess our sins to God.

Lord Jesus, we are like this dead branch. Sometimes we are unkind or unhelpful.

Forgive us, and help us stay joined to you.

Lord Jesus, sometimes the things we say are cruel or rude, like sour fruit.

Forgive us, and help us stay joined to you.

Lord, we are sorry for the times when we are selfish, thinking that our way is better than yours.

Forgive us, and help us stay joined to you.

Lord Jesus, every time we do wrong things we fail to bring glory to God.

Forgive us, and help us stay joined to you.

Jesus said, 'If you stay joined to me, and I stay joined to you, then you will produce lots of fruit.'

**Lord, thank you for forgiving us.
Help us stay joined to you.**

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

**Holy God, the soil of your love
nurtures the roots of our lives
each and every day.**

**As we consecrate ourselves into your loving care,
plant us in the soil of your love,
that we may abide in Christ, our true vine,
and bear the fruit of your love and grace.**

**Give us rain in seasons of doubt
and nourish our growth,
that our harvest of love may bless the world.
In your bountiful name, we pray. Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

The Gospel Reading

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

15 ¹ “I am the true vine; my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch of mine that does not produce fruit. And he trims and cleans every branch that produces fruit so that it will produce even more fruit. ³ You are already clean because of the words I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can produce fruit alone. It must remain in the vine. It is the same with you. You cannot produce fruit alone. You must remain in me.

⁵ “I am the vine, and you are the branches. If a person remains in me and I remain in him, then he produces much fruit. But without me he can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not remain in me, then he is like a branch that is thrown away. That branch dies. People pick up dead branches, throw them into the fire, and burn them. ⁷ Remain in me and follow my teachings. If you do this, then you can ask for anything you want, and it will be given to you. ⁸ You should produce much fruit and show that you are my followers. This brings glory to my Father. *John 15. 1-8*

For the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Early Talk

Homily

Time of discussion

The Affirmation of the Resurrection

Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.
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

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.
Alleluia!

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Hymn: 'I will offer up my life' – MP 990

1 I will offer up my life
in spirit and truth
pouring out the oil of love
as my worship to You.
In surrender I must give
my every part;
Lord, receive the sacrifice
of a broken heart.

Refrain:

*Jesus, what can I give,
what can I bring
to so faithful a friend,
to so loving a king?
Saviour, what can be said?
What can be sung
as a praise of Your name
for the things You have done?
Oh, my words could not tell,*

*not even in part,
of the debt of love that is owed
by this thankful heart.*

2 You deserve my every breath,
for You've paid the great cost;
giving up Your life to death,
even death on a cross.

You took all my shame away,
there defeated my sin,
opened up the gates of heaven
and have beckoned me in.

Jesus, what can I give...

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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.

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 saying:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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.”

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.”

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
And proclaim the mystery of our faith

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come in glory.**

**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 to 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 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.

Let us draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in our hearts with thanksgiving.

Please come forward to receive Communion and when receiving feel free to stand or kneel.

Due to COVID our communion will be served in one kind (bread only). We have gluten free wafers available. Please indicate to the minister if you would prefer either of these.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

If you are seeking prayer for healing/anointing, please come towards the end of communion and remain kneeling.

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

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

**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: ‘Build your kingdom’ – MP 1265

1 Come, set Your rule and reign
in our hearts again,
increase in us, we pray,
unveil why we’re made.
Come, set our hearts ablaze with hope
like wildfire in our very souls.
Holy Spirit, come invade us now.
We are Your church,
we need Your power in us.

2 We seek Your kingdom first,
we hunger and we thirst,
refuse to waste our lives,
for You’re our joy and prize.
To see the captive hearts released,
the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace;
we lay down our lives for heaven’s cause.
We are Your church,
we pray: ‘Revive this earth’.

Refrain:
*Build Your kingdom here,
let the darkness fear;
show Your mighty hand,
heal our streets and land.
Set Your church on fire,
win this nation back;
change the atmosphere,
build Your kingdom here, we pray.*

3 Unleash Your kingdom's power,
reaching the near and far,
no force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this,
awake the kingdom seed in us,
fill us with the strength and love of Christ,
we are Your church,
we are the hope on earth.
Build Your kingdom here...

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The Blessing

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God.
Beloved, let us abide in Christ's love, for he is the vine and we are the
branches.
Beloved, let us care for one another, for the Spirit helps us abide in God's
peace,
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. Alleluia! Alleluia!
In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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BULLETIN PRAYER POINTS

We pray:-

*For care of the environment and world-wide conscientious efforts to control climate change.

*Eternal Lord God we pray for peace in the world. Especially commend to your mercy the homeless and refugees; those who have been dispossessed and have lost their employment; those whose families have been disrupted and who mourn the loss of loved ones and grieve for loved ones held in political prisons. We pray for the situation in Myanmar and the crimes against humanity suffered by the Uyghurs in North West China. Grant that sane and selfless councils may prevail in these places and rise above the forces of evil, and wherever there is warfare and persecution.

*Especially for the people of India, suffering dreadfully from the scourges of the Covid-19 virus which is out of control in their country. For the medical teams and carers. May international medical relief and food be quickly distributed to all who are suffering.

*For an end to the racial, social, and domestic violence and violence against women and children.

*We pray for 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 leads the ministry, discipleship and pastoral caring in our parish, and that we can share the load.

*For Emma and their 4 children.

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

*For the mainly music team, and for the families who gather here each Thursday morning.

*For our Retiring Offertory –

We raise before you now, those who need healing in their lives and give you thanks where healing has taken place.

We pray especially for Cliff, Nathan, Val, Marion, Paul, Bev, Julie, Lillas, Keith, Ruth, Alice, Emma, Crystal, Daryl, Jan and Mick.

God of love and grace hold Steve in your comfort and peace, following the death of his beloved mother Pat Woodward.

Everlasting God, we ask that you would bless us here at Avon Parish with vision for the future and reverence for the past. Guide us each day as we minister to one another and to the world. Help us each day to bear witness to your name and to do your bidding, always mindful of your amazing love for us.

NEWS AND NOTES.

We pray that as many parishioners as possible will come to the service at Holy Trinity at 4.30pm this afternoon.

As previously discussed, Bishop Richard will be presiding, Priest Dave assisting, The Reverend Nikolai Blaskow preaching and The Stratford Singers providing choir items. We will be hosting a light tea after the service.

Do come and show your support for our Bishop, Dave, Nikolai and our parish. The 1662 Elizabethan Service of Evensong has been included in the Shakespeare Festival since its inception and we very much want that to continue.

The Congregational Meeting scheduled for next Sunday has been postponed to a later date.

The Family Fun Fair Planning Meeting on Thursday last was a sharp and productive meeting. At this point in time all is running smoothly and there is much to be done as the event will take place in just over 2 weeks. Please may we give our support by encouraging families to attend and providing the cooking etc required for the stall and BBQ – thank you.

Then on Thursday evening last Parish Council worked through a busy Agenda. News from Parish Council will appear in the News and Notes next week.

Re the Family Fun Fare

- Parishioners who are preserves makers, we are asking please, for donations of jams and pickles etc – thank you.
- Please commence baking cakes, slices etc in early May and up to the Fun Fair.
- Please bake biscuits for the tea and coffee stand.

As always, sharing of assistance and support is greatly appreciated.

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH

- Sun 9** **MOTHERS DAY**
Leprosy Mission supported by the Retiring Offertory.
4pm Healing Service
- Thurs 13** **Family Fun Fair Meeting.**
*Ascension Day **In Australia, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated between Ascension and the Day of Pentecost.*
- Fri 14** **Synod commences.**
- Sat 15** **Men's Breakfast**
- Sun 16** **Seventh Sunday of Easter**
- Mon 17-Sun 23** **National Volunteers Week**
- Tues 18** **Parish Council Reports Due**
- Thurs 20** **Family Fun Fair Meeting**
- Fri 21** **World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development**
- Sat 22** **Family Fun Fair**
- Sun 23** **Day of Pentecost, Whitsunday**
- Tues 25** **Parish Council Meeting**
- Wed 26** **National Sorry Day**
- 27 May to 3 June** **The Week of Prayer for Reconciliation and National Reconciliation Week (NRW)** *The Week of Prayer for Reconciliation and National Reconciliation Week (NRW) are held each year between 27 May and 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the Mabo decision.*
- Fri 28** **??Family Movie Night**
- Sun 30** **First Sunday in Pentecost. Trinity Sunday**
10am Combined Avon Parish Church Centres Worship at St Mary's. 7.30pm 5th Sunday - Ecumenical Service.

Sunday 9 May, Sixth Sunday of Easter.

Acts 10.44-48. Ps 98 2nd Read 1John 5.1-12. John 15.9-17

Priest: Dave, Lit Assist: May. 1st Read Nola. 2nd Kerrie S

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