

Anglican Parish of Avon

Priest in Charge The Rev. Dave Perryman
13 June, 3rd Sunday in Pentecost

Welcome to Services
of Holy Communion

8.30am at St Mary's Munro

10am at Holy Trinity Stratford

THINK YOU CAN'T
MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

LOOK WHAT A MERE
SEED CAN DO.

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: 'The Kingdom of God'

1 To what can the kingdom of God be compared?
A mustard seed falls where a field's been prepared,
and there, where predictable plantings should be,
there grows up a wild bush — as big as a tree!
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:
loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.
Your reign is amazing, your ways still astound,
just like that new life springing forth from the ground.

2 A small bit of leaven will change the whole bread:
a poor woman sees that her neighbors are fed,
a church reaches out to the youth in the town,
a man shares his faith and God's blessings abound.
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:
loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.
Your reign is among us, creation is blessed,
when even a few faithful lives change the rest.

3 While some look for treasure or one priceless pearl,
God's reign is the gift wise ones seek in this world.
A girl sells possessions to help those in need;
a boy chooses faithfulness rather than greed.
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:
loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.
Your reign is a treasure that wise ones pursue;
may we seek your kingdom in all that we do.

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Acknowledgement of Country/Welcome

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.

Call to worship

Come, walk in the light of faith.

We will walk humbly with our God.

Come, love in the light of faith.

We will love everything the light touches.

Come, sing in the light of faith.

We will sing praise to our God.

Come, live in the light of faith.

We will live as faithful followers of Christ.

The Sentence

‘In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.’

(2 Corinthians 5. 19)

Opening prayer

Let us pray,

**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.

**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.**

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 God,
without you we are unable to please you:
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit

may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

The First Reading

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

²² Thus says the Lord God :

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.

²³ On the mountain height of Israel

I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴ All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the Lord .

I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.

I the Lord have spoken;

I will accomplish it. *Ezekiel 17.22-24*

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

Psalm 20 – *We will say the Psalm in alternate verses*

1 May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble:

the God of Jacob lift you up to safety.

**2 May he send you his help from the sanctuary:
and be your strong support from Zion.**

3 May he remember all your offerings:
and accept with favour your burnt sacrifices,

**4 Grant you your heart's desire:
and fulfil all your purposes.**

5 May we also rejoice in your victory
and triumph in the name of our God:
the Lord perform all your petitions.

**6 Now I know that the Lord will save his anointed:
that he will answer him from his holy heaven
with the victorious strength of his right hand.**

7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses:
but we will trust in the name of the Lord our God.

**8 They are brought down and fallen:
but we are made strong and stand upright.**

9 O Lord, save the king:
and hear us when we call upon you.

The Second Reading

A Reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.

⁶ So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰ For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. ¹⁴ For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for

themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. ¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! *2 Corinthians 5.6-10, 5.14-17*

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

Early Talk

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark,
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

²⁶ He also said, ‘The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸ The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.’ ³⁰ He also said, ‘With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.’ ³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴ he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples. *Mark 4.26-34*

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

Sermon

Time of discussion

The Affirmation of the 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: 'Hear our praises'

1 May our homes be filled with dancing,
may our streets be filled with joy,
may injustice bow to Jesus,
as the people turn and pray.

Chorus:

*From the mountain to the valley,
hear our praises rise to You,
from the heavens to the nations,
hear our singing fill the air.*

2 May our light shine in the darkness,
as we walk before the cross,
may Your glory fill the whole earth,
as the water over the seas.

Chorus

Bridge:

*///Hallelujah, hallelujah,
hallelujah, hallelujah.///*

Chorus

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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.

Honour and worship are indeed your due,
our Lord and our God, through Jesus Christ,
for you created all things;
by your will they were created,
and for your glory they have their being.

Therefore with people of every nation, tribe and language,
with the whole Church on earth and in heaven,
joyfully we give you thanks and sing:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory and honour to you, God of grace,
for you gave your only Son Jesus Christ
once for all on the cross
to be the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

The night before he died,
he took bread,
and when he had given you thanks,
he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat, this is my body
which is given for you;
do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup,
and when he had given you thanks,
he gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you,
for 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,
to remember me.

Therefore heavenly Father,

in this sacrament of the suffering and death of your Son,
we now celebrate the wonder of your grace.

With thanksgiving and hope we say:

**Glory to you, Lord Christ;
your death we show forth;
your resurrection we proclaim;
your coming we await;
Amen! Come Lord Jesus.**

**Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness,
we were far off until you brought us near
and our hands are empty until you fill them.**

**As we eat this bread and drink this wine,
through the power of your Holy Spirit
feed us with your heavenly food,
renew us in your service,
unite us in Christ,
as we offer you our 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

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining
and whose power we cannot comprehend:
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear
until we may look upon you without fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Father,
we offer ourselves to you
as a living sacrifice
though 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: 'Days of Elijah'

1 These are the days of Elijah,
declaring the word of the Lord:
and these are the days of Your servant Moses,
righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trial,
of famine and darkness and sword,
still we are a voice in the desert crying,

‘Prepare ye the way of the Lord.’

Chorus:

*Behold He comes riding on the clouds,
shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,
out of Zion's hill salvation comes.*

2 These are the days of Ezekiel,
the dry bones becoming as flesh;
and these are the days of Your servant David,
rebuilding the temple of praise.
These are the days of the harvest,
the fields are as white as the world,
and we are the labourers in the vineyard,
declaring the word of the Lord.
Behold He comes...

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The Blessing

Go forth to proclaim the good news that we are made new in Christ Jesus.
As seeds planted by God, go to spread God's gifts of love and hope.
Go forth to live the good news that we live in a time of new beginnings.
As plantings of the Lord, go to share God's gifts of mercy and grace,
may now the blessing of God,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you now and for ever. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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BULLETIN PRAYER POINTS

May the seeds that are being planted in our Parish grow into branches that reach out into every part of the community and help us as we try and focus on the big issues that sometimes threaten to overwhelm us.

We raise our prayers:-

For the leaders of the nations, and for those in authority under them ...

*please give them all a desire to work for international unity which seeks to halt the threat of war and terrorism, for homes for refugees and for ways to ensure that all nations move to take greater care of our world environment.

***For the world-wide communities struggling to survive and emerge from the horrors of the Covid-19 virus. May all people be given access to safe vaccination.**

***For an end to the racial, social, and domestic violence and violence against women and children, especially in our own country.**

***For Victorians in the aftermath of wild storms and floods**

***Lord God, we pray for our Diocese, our Parish, and the churches in our local community.**

For Bishop Richard and his family and for our priest Dave and his family.

For Dave's ministry in our parish and the diocese. For our own ministry and support of Dave.

Speak Your word of peace in our midst and help us to serve one another as Christ has served us.

*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 –the Hope Restart Mission commencing this week.

Loving God we think now of those in need in our own community and further afield; the elderly, the housebound and those in care homes, hospital, and hospice. We also remember the victims of violence, abuse, or cruelty. We give thanks for all those who care for the sick within the family, and for all our medical and voluntary services. We especially raise before you now, those on our prayer list.

Ron, Cliff, Nathan, Val, Marion, Paul, Bev, Julie, Lillas, Keith, Ruth, Alice, Emma, Crystal, Daryl, Jan and Mick.

NEWS AND NOTES

Good morning friends,

This afternoon at 4pm we will gather for a Healing Service in Holy Trinity.

A celebration of Healing and Wholeness, the service welcomes everyone, regardless of physical, emotional, and or spiritual need, or for some, it's a time of just being close to God and perhaps giving thanks.

Today is Dave's day for commencing his Ration Challenge.

Dave says . . .

“Why I am doing it . . .

For one week, I'll be eating like a Syrian refugee - just a small amount of rice, flour, lentils, chickpeas, beans, fish (or tofu) and oil. That's it! No coffee, no sugar, sounds pretty tough right?

But it is all worth it because I will raise money to help bring emergency food, healthcare and life-saving support to the people who need it most’.

Will you sponsor me?

<https://actforpeace.rationchallenge.org.au/david-perryman>

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- **Parish Council Reports are due this Tuesday.**
- **Men's Breakfast this Saturday at 8.30am, restrictions permitting.**

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH

JUNE

Peter Down to speak this month.

Thursdays mainly music. 9.30am during school term.

School Term 2 Holidays (Winter): Saturday 26 June to Sunday 11 July

Retiring Offertory: Hope Restart Project

Mon 14 Queen's Birthday

Tues 15 Parish Council Reports Due

Sat 19 Men's Breakfast.

Sun 20 Fourth Sunday in Pentecost

UN World Refugee Day

Tues 22 Parish Council Meeting

Fri 25 ??? Family Movie Night

**Sat 26 Womens' Fellowship and Craft Day, Covid Restrictions
Permitting**

Sun 27 Fifth Sunday in Pentecost

JULY

Thursdays. mainly music. 9.30am Parish Hall. Re-commences 18th July.

Retiring Offertory: School Chaplaincy + Steve

Fri 2 Winter Parish Dinner at Stratford Hotel - Raffle

Sun 4 Sixth Sunday in Pentecost.

All Age Family Worship at Holy Trinity

1st Day of NAIDOC Week Observances. Holy Trinity

**Church NAIDOC observance to be this Sunday instead of
the 2nd Sunday.**

Sun 11 Seventh Sunday in Pentecost.

Last Day of NAIDOC Week Observances. Sea Sunday.

Healing Service

Sunday 20 June, Fourth Sunday in Pentecost

1Sam 17.(1a,4-11,19-23)32-49 Ps.9.9-20. 2Corinthians 6.1-13. Mark4.35-41.

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