

Anglican Parish of Aven

All Age Family Worship

Sunday 5 September Pentecost 15

*Welcome to worship from Holy Trinity
10am on Zoom & Facebook*

*Happy
Father's
Day*

SUPERHEROES



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EVERY CHILD IN EVERY COMMUNITY NEEDS A FAIR GO



NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

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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: 'Awesome God' – MP 1005

//Our God is an awesome God,
He reigns from heaven above,
with wisdom, power and love,
our God is an awesome God.//

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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

We gather to worship God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**We gather surrounded by God's Holy Spirit,
who encourages us to walk faithfully with Christ.**

Praise be to God,
whose goodness and mercy fill our days.

**Praise be to God,
whose ways lead to peace and justice.**

The Sentence

“So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty.”

(James 2. 13)

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.

**Gracious God, hear our acknowledgements –
we have not loved you
with our whole heart,
nor have we loved each other
and other neighbours as ourselves.
God of mercy,
forgive us for our failures,
past and present and
give us the grace today to make a fresh start. Amen.**

Absolution

This is the best of all:
When we are empty, God Fills us:
When we are disheartened, God is compassionate;
when we are wounded, God brings healing
when we confess our sin, God forgives.
In Christ, through Christ and because of Christ,
Our Elder and Redeemer
our sins are forgiven.
**Thanks be to God.
You refill the cup of life, O God.
In Christ, we find refuge, strength and hope.
Amen.**

The Prayer of the Day

**Almighty and everlasting God,
increase our faith, hope, and love,
and, that we may receive all you promise,
make us love what you command;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,**

**who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

The Readings

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark

24 From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.²⁷ He said to her, ‘Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.’²⁸ But she answered him, ‘Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.’²⁹ Then he said to her, ‘For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.’³⁰ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. *Mark 7. 24-30*

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

A Reading from the Letter of James

2¹⁻⁴ My dear friends, don’t let public opinion influence how you live out our glorious, Christ-originated faith. If a man enters your church wearing an expensive suit, and a street person wearing rags comes in right after him, and you say to the man in the suit, “Sit here, sir; this is the best seat in the house!” and either ignore the street person or say, “Better sit here in the back row,” haven’t you segregated God’s children and proved that you are judges who can’t be trusted?

5-7 Listen, dear friends. Isn’t it clear by now that God operates quite differently? He chose the world’s down-and-out as the kingdom’s first citizens, with full rights and privileges. This kingdom is promised to anyone who loves God. And here you are abusing these same citizens! Isn’t it the high and mighty who exploit you, who use the courts to rob you blind?

Aren't they the ones who scorn the new name—"Christian"—used in your baptisms?

⁸⁻¹¹ You do well when you complete the Royal Rule of the Scriptures: "Love others as you love yourself." But if you play up to these so-called important people, you go against the Rule and stand convicted by it. You can't pick and choose in these things, specializing in keeping one or two things in God's law and ignoring others. The same God who said, "Don't commit adultery," also said, "Don't murder." If you don't commit adultery but go ahead and murder, do you think your non-adultery will cancel out your murder? No, you're a murderer, period. *James 2. 1-9*

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

Early Talk

Homily

The Affirmation of Faith

Let us pray.

**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: 'Have faith in God' – MP 1214

1 O Lord, You lead me
by the still waters,
quietly restoring my soul.
You speak words of wisdom,
the promise of glory,
the power of the presence of God.

Chorus:

Have faith in God,
let your hope rest on the faith

*He has placed in your heart.
Never give up,
never let go of the faith
He has placed in your heart.*

2 O Lord, You guide me
through all the darkness,
turning my night into day;
You'll never leave me,
never forsake me,
the power of the presence of God.
Have faith in God...

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The Great Thanksgiving

God is here.
We praise God together.

Let us say thank you to God
who has done so much for us.

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.
Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

**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.

Let us 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

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
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: 'Oceans'

1 You call me out upon the waters,
The great unknown where feet may fail,
and there I find You in the mystery,
in oceans deep my faith will stand.

Chorus:

*And I will call upon Your name,
And keep my eyes above the waves,
When oceans rise,
My soul will rest in Your embrace,
For I am Yours and You are mine.*

2 Your grace abounds in deepest waters,
your sov'reign hand will be my guide,
where feet may fail and fear surrounds me,
you've never failed and You won't start now.

Bridge:

*///Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders,
let me walk upon the waters,
wherever You would call me.
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander,
and my faith will be made stronger,
in the presence of my Saviour.///*

Chorus:

*I will call upon Your name,
keep my eyes above the waves,
my soul will rest in Your embrace,
I am Yours and You are mine.*

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The Blessing

As you journey into the world,
remember to walk in God's ways.
Remember to dwell in the goodness of God.
Remember to be faithful.
May peace be upon you this day and always,
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

National Child Protection Week

A Prayer for Children and their protection

See me, hear me

Gracious God provide us with a listening heart that we see and hear the voice of each of our children. We ask you God to strengthen and guide all in our Catholic communities. Grant us the ability and time to listen carefully when children come to us seeking help. May our institutions and families respect, listen and do what is required to help all children feel safe. Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded initially by abuse, then again through the failure to be heard. We stand in constant need of your healing and help. Let your grace and love fall gently upon our children giving them the inner strength, peace, and resilience to seek out assistance when required. We ask you God to provide each of us with the wisdom to involve children in making institutions and communities safer. Amen

A prayer for fathers on Fathers Day

Gracious God, bless fathers, grandfathers and father figures with such love and faithfulness that children flourish and grow in uprightness and joy.

Bless those who long to be fathers and those for whom this day is difficult. **Amen.**

We pray:

*Creator God, we thank you for the beauty of your world, for the beautiful season of Spring. Help world leaders and ourselves to be good stewards of our environment.

*Loving God we pray for the people of our world who are less fortunate than we are.

*For peace in all those parts of the world torn apart by war and terrorism.

*We unite with Christians around the world and pray for the people of Afghanistan engulfed in humanitarian crisis.

*We pray for fellow Christians and for those who supported the Allied forces during the past 20 years. For the terrible fears being faced by women and girls with the return of the Taliban to power.

*Our prayer is for protection and peace . . . for those who are displaced without food and shelter may they find safe havens of peace and care.

*We pray that those who wish to leave the country may be permitted to do so under this Taliban regime.

*We pray for the global response to this crisis, that governments will be open and courageous and welcoming of people who have left and still wish to leave their homeland.

*Lord, even when it doesn't make sense to our earthly selves, you call us to pray for those who persecute ([Matthew 5:44](#)). We lift the Taliban to you today. We pray that your Holy Spirit would work your wonders in them and soften their hearts that they will recognise and be caring of the rights of all.

*For our servicemen and women who served in Afghanistan. May our people recognise and understand that their service was not wasted. Terrorism was stemmed, women and girls were given some rights and education, infrastructure was built. Lord may all this progress be continued.

*For countries whose populations are being ravaged by the Covid-19 virus, where the virus is out of control and treatments inadequate. For our own country, may current lockdowns succeed and life return to Covid normal. For those who have lost their businesses and income, for others who are struggling to keep their business afloat. May our lives return to being 'normal' in the ways that we were privileged to enjoy. May there be relief for those whose 'normal' was poverty and homelessness.

*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 ministries and support of Dave.

*We pray for your blessings upon all who are preparing for Baptism, for parents and Godparents.

*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 on Thursday mornings. We pray for the success of our mainly music program

*For our Retiring Offertory: Mission to Seafarers.

*Healing God, we hold before you those who are burdened with illness, physical or mental and who seek your healing, those in need within the church and the world. We raise before you: -

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

Faithful God, we thank you that your wisdom not only enlightens us but transforms us and guides us in our daily walk-through life with you. Help us, as James advises, to always accompany our words of faith with deeds of action.

NEWS AND NOTES

Good morning friends,

A happy Father's Day to all fathers, father figures and would be fathers. We wish you a very happy day even though you may not be able to be with all family members as you would wish. We pray that on Father's Day next year families will be able to celebrate together.

After the 10am service streamed from Holy Trinity today, at 11.30am, we will gather on Zoom for a time of 'happy chatter and fellowship', do join in, we'd love to see you there!

According to Premier Dan, we in the regions may be opening up this week but with strong restrictions. In the light of this, we may be meeting in face-to-face worship on Sunday 12th. We will notify parishioners of what we are permitted to do before next Sunday. So please watch this space.

Friday Morning Prayer time at 9.30am will either be on Zoom or in Holy Trinity depending on the stage of Covid restrictions.

Dave will be on leave this Saturday and Sunday. The Reverend Laurie Baker will be taking the services on Sunday.

The Baptism of Maeve Gold has now been scheduled for 19 September.

The retiring offertory for October is in support of Act for Peace. Act for Peace works with a partner organisation on the ground in Afghanistan. Parish Council has agreed that our mission monies for October be in support of the hundreds of displaced people in Afghanistan.

The peace of the Lord be with us all.

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH

SEPTEMBER

Thursdays. mainly music, 9.30am in the Parish Hall during School Term.

Fridays 9.30am Morning Prayers in Holy Trinity.

Term 3 (Spring) Holidays 18 September to 3 October

****Dave on leave from 11th-12th and 20th-27th September**

Retiring Offertory: Mission to Sea Farers

National Child Protection Week 6-12 September

Sun 12 Sixteenth Sunday in Pentecost.

Thurs 16 11am Parish Diary Planning Meeting

Fri 17 Spring Parish Dinner, Stratford Hotel – Raffle

Sat 18 Men's Breakfast.

Sun19 Seventeenth Sunday in Pentecost.

Vocations Sunday.

Tues 21 Parish Council Reports Due

Fri 24 Family Movie Night

Sat 25 Women's Craft and Fellowship Day

Sun 26 Eighteenth Day in Pentecost.

Tues 28 Parish Council Meeting

OCTOBER

Thursdays mainly music. 9.30am Parish Hall during School Term.

Fridays 9.30am Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity

School resumes 3 October **Retiring Offertory: Act for Peace**

Sun 3 October Nineteenth Day in Pentecost. Feast of St Francis of Assisi

10am All Age Family Worship at Holy Trinity

Blessing of the Animals

DAY LIGHT SAVING BEGINS

Sunday 12 September Pentecost 16.

Proverbs 1.20-33 Ps.19 James 2.18-26 Mark 8.27-38

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