

ANGLICAN PARISH OF AVON

SUNDAY 1 MAY 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

He is Risen Indeed!

*Jesus said,
"Feed
my
sheep."
John 21:17*



Welcome to our
All Age Family Worship

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 a friend' – MP 746

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!

3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

*Words by Joseph Scriven
Music by Charles Crozat Converse*

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.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Welcome/Acknowledgement of Country

Call to Worship

Christ asked Peter if he loved him.

Peter affirmed three times his love of the Lord.

Christ asks us if we love him.

We affirm our love of the Lord in our worship

Christ calls us to demonstrate our love in service.

Lord, help us to witness to your love in the ways in which we care for others.

The Sentence

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever.”

(Revelation 5. 13)

Time of thanks

Prayer of thanks

Let us pray,

**Blessed Father,
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

We remember that the Lord Jesus died to take away our sins.

Silence for self-reflection

Therefore, let us confess our sins to God.

**Loving God,
we can be so sure that we know what is best.
We head into life following our own dreams.
Interrupt us with the blinding light of your grace,
that we may gain new vision.
When despair and sadness overwhelm us,
and when hope fails us,
teach us to dance to the music of your love.
Open us up, O God, that we may see your path,
walk in deeper faith, and be loving witnesses of your glory. 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 - Together

**Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

21 ¹⁻³ After this, Jesus appeared again to the disciples, this time at the Tiberias Sea (the Sea of Galilee). This is how he did it: Simon Peter, Thomas (nicknamed “Twin”), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the brothers Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. Simon Peter announced, “I’m going fishing.”

³⁻⁴ The rest of them replied, “We’re going with you.” They went out and got in the boat. They caught nothing that night. When the sun came up, Jesus was standing on the beach, but they didn’t recognize him.

⁵ Jesus spoke to them: “Good morning! Did you catch anything for breakfast?”

They answered, “No.”

⁶ He said, “Throw the net off the right side of the boat and see what happens.”

They did what he said. All of a sudden there were so many fish in it, they weren’t strong enough to pull it in.

⁷⁻⁹ Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, “It’s the Master!”

When Simon Peter realized that it was the Master, he threw on some clothes, for he was stripped for work, and dove into the sea. The other disciples came in by boat for they weren’t far from land, a hundred yards

or so, pulling along the net full of fish. When they got out of the boat, they saw a fire laid, with fish and bread cooking on it.

¹⁰⁻¹¹ Jesus said, “Bring some of the fish you’ve just caught.” Simon Peter joined them and pulled the net to shore—153 big fish! And even with all those fish, the net didn’t rip.

¹² Jesus said, “Breakfast is ready.” Not one of the disciples dared ask, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Master.

¹³⁻¹⁴ Jesus then took the bread and gave it to them. He did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus had shown himself alive to the disciples since being raised from the dead.

¹⁵ After breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?”

“Yes, Master, you know I love you.”

Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.”

¹⁶ He then asked a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?”

“Yes, Master, you know I love you.”

Jesus said, “Shepherd my sheep.”

¹⁷⁻¹⁹ Then he said it a third time: “Simon, son of John, do you love me?”

Peter was upset that he asked for the third time, “Do you love me?” so he answered, “Master, you know everything there is to know. You’ve got to know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Feed my sheep. I’m telling you the very truth now: When you were young you dressed yourself and went wherever you wished, but when you get old you’ll have to stretch out your hands while someone else dresses you and takes you where you don’t want to go.” He said this to hint at the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. And then he commanded, “Follow me.” *John 21. 1-19*

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

Early Talk

Homily

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 Risen Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory 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.

Chorus:

*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

God is here.

We praise God together.

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

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.

Congregation: Why is it right to give thanks and praise?

Minister: Listen, and we will hear.

Lord of all life,
you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

You give us your love,
even when things go wrong.
Jesus knew hurt and pain.
Through him you wipe away our tears,
and fill us with your peace.

You made us all,
each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels
and sing your praise:

**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.**

We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Congregation: Why do we share this bread and wine?
Minister: Listen, and we will hear.

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,

Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'

**So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.**

**As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.**

Congregation: How do we follow Jesus Christ?

Minister: Listen, and we will hear.

**Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.**

**And now with all your saints
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for 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.

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

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**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: 'Mighty to save' – MP 1168

1 Everyone needs compassion,
love that's never failing;
let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness,
the kindness of a saviour;
the hope of nations.

Chorus:

*Saviour,
He can move the mountains,
my God is mighty to save,
He is mighty to save.
Forever,
author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave.*

2 So take me as You find me,
all my fears and failures,
fill my life again.
I give my life to follow
everything I believe in,
now I surrender.
Saviour . . .

Bridge:

*//Shine your light
and let the whole world see,
we're singing
for the glory of the risen King,
Jesus.//*

Saviour...

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The Blessing

God who has called you is faithful and risen!
Go into the world with the joy of the resurrection,
forgive generously,
love extravagantly,
live abundantly,
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

Mighty God, your Son revealed himself again and again and convinced his disciples of his glorious resurrection. Help us to feel his risen presence, so that we can lovingly feed his sheep, and care for the lambs of his flock here in the Chaplaincy of the Holy Spirit in the Costa Blanca.

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 the people of Ukraine suffering intolerable cruelty as their country is invaded and destroyed by a brutal invader.
- * For the people of Russia, unable to demonstrate their disapproval of the invasion and suffering effects of harsh economic sanctions.
- *For an end to the racial, social, and domestic violence and social injustices around the world and in our own country.
- *For the forth coming elections. That the outcome will be the most just and trustworthy government for all people.
- *May people from all nations, poor and rich, be able to defeat the threat

of the Covid-19 virus and its variants.

*Faithful God, we think of your church today celebrating all over the world, the Third Sunday of Easter, of Christ's resurrection. Language race and nationalities may be different but our worship and joy on the Day of Resurrection make us one in the Gospel. We pray that The Holy Spirit may guide and strengthen us in mission and service praying that day by day we may grow in love for you and for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

*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 community.

*For Emma and their 4 children.

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

*We give thanks and praise for the celebration of the Centenary of St Marys Church Munro and thank you for the wonderful faith community that has passed down through the generations.

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

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

*For safety and relaxation for those who are travelling this Easter school holidays time.

*For our Retiring Offertory in support of the people of BCA

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

We pray especially for Timothy, Julie, Paul, Gail, Ivan, Joy, Ron, Cliff, Nathan, Marion, Bev, Liliias, Keith, Ruth, Alice, Emma, Jan.

We pray for those bereaved by the loss of a loved one to find comfort in your love, peace, and reassurance.

Lord, at the start of this new week, help us to be an example to others. Show us, as you did with your fishermen friends, the practical steps we need to take so that we can change the ways in which we do things and so develop consistency and integrity in all that we do in our lives.

NEWS AND NOTES

Good morning and welcome,

A very warm welcome to Rev. Anne and Lance Perryman, parishioner friends who join with us on the first Sunday of each month.

This afternoon at 4.30pm we will gather in Holy Trinity for the Traditional 1662 Service of Evensong as part of the Shakespeare Festival. Bishop Richard will preside assisted by Dave, and the Rev. Nikolai Blaskow will deliver the message via Zoom. We will hear the Stratford Singers choral delights and a light tea will be served after the service.

Our thanks to all who have contributed to the catering and to Judy Kelly for coordinating the catering.

The Retiring offertory this month is in support of BCA ie The Bush Church Aid Society. BCA Field Staff and Regional Officers work tirelessly to make Christ known across Australia.

The collection in support of the people of Ukraine completed last Sunday. The sum raised was \$965, this includes the parish contribution of \$250, which means the retiring offertories raised \$715 for Ukraine alone. What an amazing effort by some very generous parishioners!!

Please refer to an update report from Act for Peace on how its emergency response, together with Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA) and the Emergency Action Alliance, is tracking . . . following these News and Notes.

Last Sunday's Celebration of the dedication of the Church of St Mary the Virgin, at Munro, 23/4/1922, was just a wonderful occasion. The service was a dedication of thanks and praise for God's amazing grace from the vision, plans and dreams of the early forebears down the generations to the people of today. A church of worship, fellowship, community, ministry, and mission, of faithful and generous servants of God, past and present.

Assisted by Dave, Bishop Richard presided and preached an excellent sermon, and May played the very old organ. Speakers included the Rev. Laurie Baker, Councillor Carmel Ripper, Marj Blake and David Luxford. All speakers were engaging and amusing. Above all was the palpable presence of the Holy Spirit, the warmth, friendliness, and spiritual joy . . . a very special afternoon.

The afternoon tea was quite sensational, good old style country hospitality.

Our thanks to Linda and Kevin for the beautiful presentation and organisation of the church and precinct and for organising the afternoon tea.

Snippets from Parish Council

Feedback from the Family Fun Fair and Pet Show has been very positive, including on social media.

As previously reported: whilst entry was free and all activities and treats for children free, the very low-cost BBQ and stalls for adults raised approximately \$2000. **A breakdown of the takings**, now available, was reported: Raffle \$238, Cake Stall \$734.05, Sandwiches \$119.00, BBQ \$943.10, Plants stall \$466.70, sale of excess goods, \$179.00. Total takings \$2,679.85

The Easter Raffle at the op shop raised \$249.20 and was won by Nola Adams.

The Family Movie Nights will commence when advice received from Bishop Richard confirms vaccination status is no longer required.

We're looking for painters for the op shop e.g., volunteers or someone who takes on such jobs as part of their handyman work.

Synod. Avon Parish has been invited to provide the Saturday afternoon tea. Our thanks to Bev Thatcher for coordinating this catering.

Avon Parish Representatives for the 40th Synod include Denise V, Gail W, Bev H, and Vic who is the supplementary.

The NCLS Initial Survey Report was received, and Dave led a review. Thank you to those who completed and submitted the survey. The detailed report will be available later in the year. Dave will be raising a number of interesting aspects for discussion in the following weeks.

NB The NCLS can still be completed online and the results fed into the Avon Parish Profile on a continuum. Anyone who missed completing the survey earlier in the year are most welcome and urged to do so . . . thank you!!

The Trivia night is on the horizon! Saturday 4 June. Eight tables of 8 and \$10 per person. It's time to think about taking a table and inviting friends.
BOOKINGS ARE ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL.

The op shop reported an excellent month with takings of \$8,218.85. How very supportive is our community!

Paul and Dave reported that the **Men's Breakfast Group** is going very well, the group has a 'good feel' to it. Neil cooks amazing breakfasts for the inner man and attendances are consistent.

Likewise, the **Avon Parish Women's Craft and Fellowship Group** is progressing well with attendances of 12-18 crafters.

New members are always welcome in both the Men's Breakfast Group and the Avon Parish Women's Group.



Dear Denise,

Almost two months ago, on the 24th of February, Russian troops invaded Ukraine.

As a community – alongside our ACT Alliance partners on the ground, and our staff, supporters and the Emergency Action Alliance here in Australia – supporting the innocent families uprooted by this crisis remains a critical priority.

Here is the latest information on how our emergency response, together with Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA) and the Emergency Action Alliance, is tracking.

Funds we've raised so far:

- Act for Peace supporters have generously raised **over half a million dollars** to send to our partners on the ground.
- On 30th March, a **Concert for Ukraine** took place in Birmingham, England, to help spread a message of hope and raise vital funds for Ukraine. The concert was played on ABC as part of the joint Emergency Action Alliance appeal here in Australia, helping raise **\$1.5**

million in addition to the \$2 million already pledged by The Australian Government.

How our partner, HIA, is helping:

- **1,016 refugees accommodated** in Hungary over the last two weeks, two thirds of them women, in community shelters and private accommodations in the capital and in the countryside.
- **3,131 refugees received humanitarian aid and information service** in Budapest, Hungary.
- **135 tons of food and hygiene items** delivered to **69 shelters** in Ukraine over the last two weeks, as Russia's presence shifts eastwards in Ukraine, allowing aid to be delivered.
- **Material support, such as refrigerators, gas/electric stoves, boilers, washing machines, WiFi routers,** provided for 18 community shelters in Ukraine, to strengthen their response capacity.
- In total, HIA's efforts have **reached 41,428 people** in Hungary and Ukraine since the beginning of the crisis, providing emergency access to basic food and non-food items, information, shelter, hygiene and health support, protection, and links to transportation services.

Hungarian Interchurch Aid staff and volunteers distribute water and diapers to a refugee shelter close to Lviv. Image: Antti Yrjönen / FCA.

I am constantly inspired and humbled by the generosity of our supporters, who are coming together to support Ukrainians forced to flee their home.

Thank you again for your kindness and generosity, and for partnering with us to create a world where people uprooted by conflict and disaster have a safe place to belong.

In hope,

Pia

Head of Partnerships and Programs

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH

MAY

Thursdays *mainly music, 9.30am. Parish Hall, During School Term*

Fridays *9.30am Morning Prayers at Holy Trinity.*

Mondays *7.30pm Bible Studies*

General Synod **Retiring Offertory: BCA**

Sun 8 Fourth Sunday of Easter.

MOTHERS DAY

Congregational Meeting at Holy Trinity (2)

4pm Healing Service

Sat 14 Men's Breakfast.

Sun 15 Fifth Sunday of Easter.

Mon 16-Sun 22 National Volunteers Week

Tues 17 Parish Council Reports Due

Sat 21 World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development 2021 Men's Breakfast

Sun 22 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Tues 24 Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 26 National Sorry Day. Ascension Day. ***In Australia, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated between Ascension and the Day of Pentecost.*

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 27 Family Movie Night. Commencement of National Reconciliation Week

Sat 28 Avon Parish Women's Fellowship and Craft Day.

Sun 29 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Combined Avon Parish Worship

Ecumenical Service

Sunday 8 May. Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9.36-43, 25-29. Ps 23. Rev.7.9-17. John 10.22-30

Priest: Dave. Lit. Assist: Gail. 1st Read: Wendy. 2nd Nola

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