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Pew Sheet

All notices/information for pew sheet to Parish Office by 9.00am
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We pray for the Diocese of The Murray and Parish Council Members

Bishop John (Bridget), Archdeacon Fr Peter Carlsson,
Right Rev. Bishop Lindsay Urwin (Vicar General)

Very Rev. David Price (Dean) (Lesley) and Fr Des Ackland (Raelene)

In the Limestone Coast – we pray for Fr David Patterson, Fr Wayne,
Fr David Withers (Ann), Fr Neil (Nalini)

Parish Counsellors Christ Church

Trevor Christopher, Richard Strickland, Brian Smith, Rick Fisher, Lynn Fisher,
Maree Lynch, Tara McCracken, Matthew Charlton, Faye Hill.

Diocesan Prayer

Lord Jesus, you call us to be your disciples and friend; help us to journey
with you on the way of life toward the Father. Enable us by the Spirit to
discover not only the fullness of who you are, but also the fullness of life
you offer to each one of us.

Amen

**The Anglican Pastoral District of
Mount Gambier**

**Christ Church
Mount Gambier**

**St Luke's
Mount Schank**

**St Thomas
Port MacDonnell**

Lent 3 : 24th March 2019



**We extend a warm welcome to all visitors to
our services today**

*Please make yourself known to the Parish Priest or
Wardens — and please join us for a cuppa and chat
in the Ashworth Room after the service*

Repent or perish

Now into the third week of the Season of Lent, our Sunday Gospel prepares us to hear Lent's call to conversion and repentance.

Luke tells us that some among the crowds report to Jesus a massacre of Galileans by Pilate. The intention of the crowd seems to be to ask Jesus to explain why these people suffered. It was commonplace to render people's suffering as evidence of their sinfulness. Jesus challenges this interpretation. Those who were massacred were no more or less sinful than the ones who report the situation to Jesus. Jesus replies that even a fatal accident, a natural disaster, ought not to be interpreted as punishment for sin.

Jesus' words at first appear to have a fire-and-brimstone quality. Jesus says in essence: "Repent or perish as these people did; all are sinful before God and deserving of God's punishment." The tone changes, however, in the parable that follows. The parable of the barren fig tree contrasts the patience and hopefulness of the gardener with the practicality of the property owner. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener counsels patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear fruit.

Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us.

This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts. Next week's Gospel will give an even clearer picture of the kind of mercy that God shows to us.

READINGS and ROSTER – Sunday, 24th March 2019			
Lent 3			
Exod. 3: 1-15	Ps.103: 8-18	1 Cor.10: 1-6, 10-12	Luke 13: 1-9
EUCARIST ASSISTANT		Margaret Boardman	
SERVER		Darren Schunke	
INTERCESSIONS		Sue Christopher	
WELCOMER		Anne Ashworth	
ELEMENTS		Anne Ashworth	
SIDESPERSONS		Raylene Milligan and Faye Hill	
FOOD BASKET		Otfried Linder	
READERS		Robyn Ashby and Bill Hudd	
MORNING TEA		Tara McCracken and Helen Douglass	
FLOWERS		— (Lent)	
8.00am SERVER		Rick Fisher	
SOUND DESK		Sue and Trevor Christopher	
PEWSHEET ASSEMBLING		Lynn Fisher	
GARDENING		Robyn Sweetnam	
MOWING ROSTER		Darryll Grant	
READINGS and ROSTER — Sunday, 31st March 2019			
Lent 4			
Josh 5.9a, 10-12	Psalm 34. 1-10	2 Cor 5. 17-21	
	Luke 15. 1-3, 11-32		
EUCARIST ASSISTANT		Margaret Boardman	
SERVER		Faye Hill	
INTERCESSIONS		Anne Ashworth	
WELCOMER		David Glover	
ELEMENTS		Denise McDonald	
SIDESPERSONS		Kathy McIntosh and Graham Savage	
FOOD BASKET		Jenny Tilby	
READERS		Trevor and Sue Christopher	
MORNING TEA		Denise McDonald and Judy Geddes	
FLOWERS		— (Lent)	
8.00am SERVER		Julienne Feast	
SOUND DESK		Dick Hamson	
PEWSHEET ASSEMBLING			
GARDENING		Robyn Sweetnam	
MOWING ROSTER		Darryll Grant	



Our Annual Vestry Meeting is scheduled for **TODAY**—
Sunday, 24th March in the church — following the 9.30am
service.

It is important that you stay and attend this meeting to help guide our church
through the forthcoming year, so please grab a cuppa after the service and
come and join in the meeting.

URGENT REQUEST FOR MAN POWER AND FRIENDS OF THE BELL TOWER OP SHOP

Man power is needed to manage the manual handling tasks of moving racks of
clothing down the ramp and into the shop, movement of heavy bags with the trolley
and assisting our team of enthusiastic volunteers to get the winter clothes into our
shop, as we have 42 bags to process.

THE PLAN

1. Give it a good kick start , with 5 or 6 men of the parish to assist us please, on
Saturday, 6 April from 9.00am to 3.00 pm.
2. Then to continue the momentum over the week, supporting our team, who will be
doing two tasks, servicing the shop and processing the winter clothes.

Two or three men are also needed on Monday, 8 April, Tuesday, 9 April,
Wednesday, 10 April, Thursday, 11 April and the Friday, 12 April—from 10.00am
to 3.00pm.

3. Kick it into touch with another all-out effort, with assistance of 2 or 3 men on-
Saturday 13 April 9.00 am to 3.00 pm. to process whatever number of bags that
might be needed.

A FEW MEN VOLUNTEERING FOR A FEW HOURS OR PART DAY OR A FULL
DAY WILL MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE! AND WE CAN GET IT ALL OVER AND
DONE WITH IN A WEEK !!

THE GIVING OF YOUR TIME AND COMMITMENT TO THIS WILL BE VERY MUCH
APPRECIATED! THANK YOU.

If you are able to support us at all, please phone or text Annette and Michael Glover
on mobile 0432 766 644

Diary Dates

Saturday, 30 March	6.30pm	Mexican and Music Night (recognising Earth Hour at 8.30pm)
Sunday, 31 March	6.30pm	City Wide Service at Christ Church
Tuesday, 2 April	3.15pm	Fundraising Committee meeting in Vestry
Wednesday, 3 April	10.00am	Men Do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry

Giving by direct debit

If anyone would like to use direct debit for their regular giving, the details are as
follows:

BSB : 105-002

A/c number : 041 398 740

(Paying by direct debit not only enables the admin staff to accurately record your
giving [whether done weekly, fortnightly, monthly etc.], but it also reduces the
burden on the money counters each week).

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Locations : see note re: zone meetings

Contact : Fr Neil 0478 085 894

See flier in vestry for full details.



Mexican and Music night

Saturday, 30th March—6.30—9.30pm : recognising Earth Hour from
8.30pm.

Adults : \$10, children : \$5

BYO drinks

A selection of Mexican food on the night and some fun quiz questions.
So that we can cater accurately, please put your name on the sheet at the
back of the church

FREEZER MINISTRY FOR MARCH

Pam Miller Jean Hawkes Julienne Feast

Please remember when preparing food for the freezer ministry, to label, date and list all the ingredients in each container.



Pray for those who are unwell and for each other

Alice Gladigau; John & Phillis Beaven (brother & sister in law of Alice); Rita Johnston; Maree and Bob Lynch; June Willcourt; Jill Moore; Don Currie; Sue Ongley; Pip Herbert (Daughter of Pam Judge); Ryan Hinshelwood; Edna McIntyre; Fr Peter Carlsson; Bev Hamson; Sarah Manifold-Searles; Nora Smibert; Brian Kirkland (Betty Wright's son-in-law) Joe Maier; Bishop David McCall; Kim Taylor (daughter-in-law of Wendy Monger)

Pray for the repose of the souls of those near and dear to each one of us and for those whose yearly remembrance is this week.

If you wish for your name (or the name of someone you know) to be placed on the prayer list, please submit the request in writing (including your name and the name of the person for whom prayers are required).

Forms for this purpose can be found at the back of the church.

Zone meetings each Thursday during Lent

Zone 1	3.00pm	at Anne Ashworth's home
Zone 2	6.30pm	at Faye Hill's home
Zone 3	details TBA	
Zone 4	6.00pm	at Boandik Lodge, Lake Tce East

Could the holders of BCA boxes please return them to the Parish Office for counting. Thank you.



Services and Events this coming week in the Parish

Monday 25th March

10.00am—3.00pm
5.15pm

Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge
Christian Meditation

Tuesday, 26th March

10.00am
10.00am—3.00pm
5.30pm

Morning Prayer
Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge
Eucharistic Service

Wednesday, 27th March

10.00am—3.00pm
1.00pm

Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge
Craft Group in Ashworth Room

Thursday, 28th March

10.00am
10.00am—3.00pm
5.15pm
6.00pm

Morning Prayer
Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge
Christian Meditation
CMG practice

Friday, 29th March

10.30am
11.00am
10.00am—3.00pm

Stations of The Cross
Holy Communion
Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge

Saturday, 30th March

9.30am – 12.30pm
6.30pm

Bell Tower Op Shop
Mexican and Music Night (observing Earth Hour at 8.30pm)

Sunday, 31st March

8.00am
9.30am
6.30pm

Holy Eucharist
Sung Eucharist, Christ Church
City Wide Service at Christ Church

On the 1st Tuesday of each month, there will be a service at St Mary's Boandik at 10.00am

and on the 1st Friday of each month, a healing service will be held at 10.30am prior to the 11.00am Holy Eucharist.

NB Our church has an audio loop to assist those with hearing aids.