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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 4 : 31st March 2019



HE WAS LOST AND IS FOUND



**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*

HE WAS LOST AND IS FOUND

Today's gospel is the family story of a man and his two sons. At the beginning of the story we see that the younger son is the bad boy and the elder son the good boy. But by the end of the story we see that both of them in different ways prove themselves to be obstacles to the family unity and harmony which the father desired more than anything.

The prodigal did not seem to know his father's heart. When he eventually came to his senses and made up his mind to return home he did not know that he would be welcomed back by his father. He planned to become a servant. He did not know his own father or that his father was waiting all these years for him to return. He did not know that his father was merciful and wanted nothing else but his return. That is the second aspect of the prodigal son's life that is worrying; not knowing his father's heart. Are we keeping ourselves from God in any way because like the prodigal son we do not know that the heart of God is merciful and God's desire is to have us in his house?

At this point the story shows us the flaws of the good elder brother. Instead of rejoicing that his brother who was presumed lost has come back, he is angered by the fact that their father has received him back with a celebration. In anger he distances himself from his own family and from the party. As he leaves he mutters to himself, "This is unfair. This is unfair" – a word that is often used to justify anger, intolerance, self-righteousness and violence. In so doing the "good" elder brother brings disunity to the father's house and sorrow to himself. The sins of those who are not good enough (younger brother) as well as the sins of those who are too good (elder brother) are equally obstacles in the realisation of unity and harmony in the father's house.

When we look at the older son who stayed at home with his father all his life we see something shocking. Like his brother he also did not know his father's heart. He could not understand why his father had killed the fattened calf and almost regarded himself as a slave as he talked about all the years he had served his father. There was no closeness between the older son and his father. The older son was dutiful but distant. He was like those Pharisees who complained about Jesus, obedient to God but without real love of God. So neither of the two sons knew his father's heart. That surely brings us to ask ourselves, "In our efforts to please God do we really know the heart of God and do we really know that God loves us?"

We are all sinners. Whether your sins are more visible like those of the younger son or more hidden like those of the elder son, the message for us today is that we all need to repent and return to the father's house. The younger son needs to turn back from his frivolous lifestyle and return to the father's house and be a responsible and obedient son. The elder son needs to turn back from anger and resentment and learn to share the house with the apparently undeserving younger brother.

| READINGS and ROSTER – Sunday, 31st March 2019 | | | |
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| 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 | — | | |
| ELEMENTS | Denise McDonald | | |
| SIDESPERSIONS | 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 | | |
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| READINGS and ROSTER — Sunday, 7th April 2019 | | | |
| Lent 5 | | | |
| Isa 43. 16-2 | Psalm 126 | Phil 3. 8-14 | John 8. 1-11 |
| EUCARIST ASSISTANT | Bill Hudd | | |
| SERVER | Sue Christopher | | |
| INTERCESSIONS | Sue Christopher | | |
| WELCOMER | Jeff Bowman | | |
| ELEMENTS | Kathy McIntosh | | |
| SIDESPERSIONS | Denise McDonald and Judy Geddes | | |
| FOOD BASKET | Raylene Milligan | | |
| READERS | Margaret Boardman and Mike Glover | | |
| MORNING TEA | Raylene Milligan and Beryl Heard | | |
| FLOWERS | — (Lent) | | |
| 8.00am SERVER | Julienne Feast | | |
| SOUND DESK | Robyn Ashby and Agnes Doyle | | |
| PEWSHEET ASSEMBLING | David and Jean Hawkes | | |
| GARDENING | Graham Savage | | |
| MOWING ROSTER | Richard Strickland | | |

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Locations : see note re: zone meetings
Contact : Fr Neil 0478 085 894
See flier in vestry for full details

**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

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| 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).



One of the outcomes of last Sunday's Annual Vestry meeting was the appointment of a new Parish Council, the members of which are:

Priest's Warden
People's Warden
Warden, St Luke's
Councillors

Jeff Bowman
Brian Smith
Maree Lynch
Richard Strickland
Helen Douglass
Rick Fisher
Caleb Pullman
Sandy Coulson (pending acceptance)
Lynn Fisher

Congratulations to the newly elected members. Please continue to support them with your prayers as they guide our church through the forthcoming year.

City Wide Service

The service will be held at **6.30pm tonight** in Christ Church Mount Gambier. Please come along and join in with our fellow worshippers from other Mount Gambier churches.

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), Lyn Killey

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.*

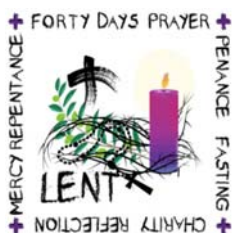
If you wish for your name (or the name of someone you know) to be placed on the prayer list, please submit the request in writing (including your name and the name of the person for whom prayers are required).

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

Zone meetings each Thursday during Lent

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| 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, 1st April

10.00am—3.00pm
5.15pm

Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge
Christian Meditation

Tuesday, 2nd April

10.00am
10.00am—3.00pm
5.30pm

Morning Prayer
Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge
Eucharistic Service

Wednesday, 3rd April

10.00am—3.00pm
1.00pm

Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge
Craft Group in Ashworth Room

Thursday, 4th April

10.00am
10.00am—3.00pm
5.15pm
6.00pm

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

Friday, 5th April

10.30am
11.00am
10.00am—3.00pm

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

Saturday, 6th April

9.30am – 12.30pm

Bell Tower Op Shop

Sunday, 7th April

8.00am
9.30am
5.30pm

Holy Eucharist
Sung Eucharist, Christ Church
Ballroom dancing lessons—in church hall with Caleb and Rachael Pullman)

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.