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We pray for the Diocese of The Murray and Parish Council Members

Right Rev. Bishop Lindsay Urwin (Vicar General), Fr Peter Carlsson,
Very Rev. David Price (Dean) (Lesley) and Fr Des Ackland (Raelene)

In the Limestone Coast

Fr David Patterson, Fr Wayne, Fr David Withers (Ann), Fr Neil (Nalini)

Parish Counsellors Christ Church

Richard Strickland, Helen Douglass, Rick Fisher, Brian Smith,
Jeff Bowman, Sandy Coulson, Maree Lynch, Lynn Fisher

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

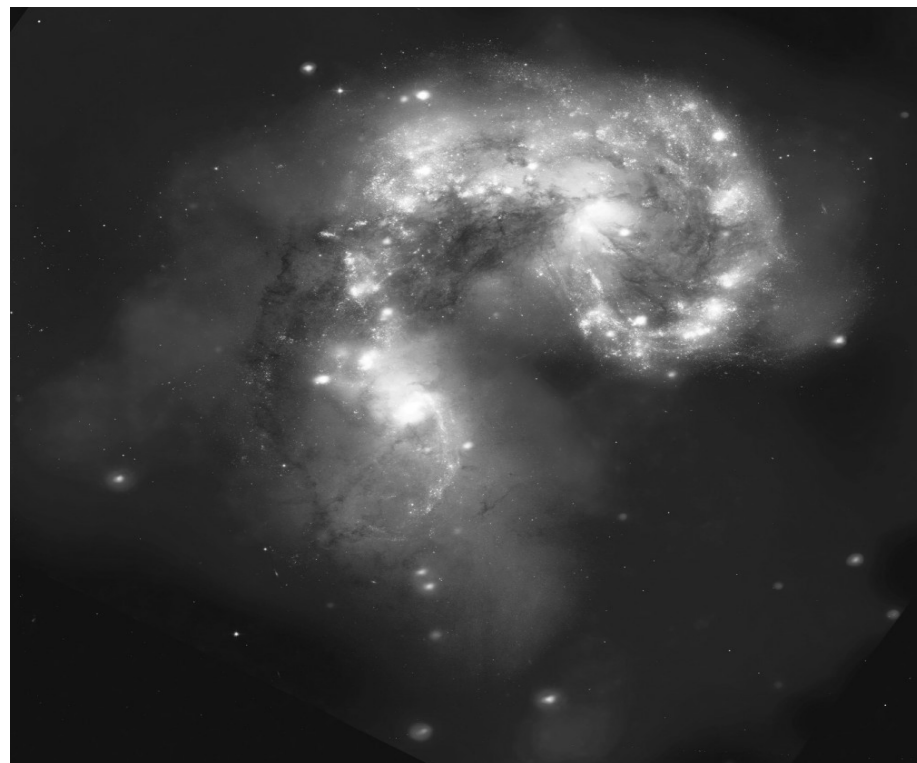
The Anglican Pastoral District of Mount Gambier

Christ Church
Mount Gambier

St Luke's
Mount Schank

St Thomas
Port MacDonnell

Trinity 8 : 11th August 2019



Gather treasure in heaven



**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*

GATHER TREASURE IN HEAVEN

Today's gospel is on the theme of remaining faithful as we wait for the return of the Lord. Jesus uses two parables to make the point. First there is the Parable of the Watchful Servants where Jesus encourages his disciples to be vigilant and ready for action as they wait for the coming of the Master. That he will come is certain, but when he will come no one knows. The Lord comes unexpectedly into our lives everyday through events and people we meet. But the ultimate, unexpected coming of the Lord in our lives is the moment of death. We should be watchful to recognise the Lord and prepared to meet him in the little unexpected opportunities of everyday life. This is the best way to prepare for the ultimate encounter with the Lord at the hour of death.

In the second parable, the Parable of the Faithful or Unfaithful Servant, Jesus reiterates the lesson of the first parable under the heading of faithfulness. He portrays two different attitudes of disciples in the absence of the Master. The wise disciple remains steadfast at his duty post even in the master's absence. The foolish disciple takes to a complacent lifestyle and takes the law into his own hands. The day of reckoning comes with the master's return. The faithful servant receives a promotion, the unfaithful one is "cut to pieces" and given a place with the unbelievers.

Spiritual Capital is what Jesus calls, "treasure in heaven". It is in our own exercise of free-will in responding to the grace of God that the spiritual capital is built. Therefore, we cannot fully take credit for the growth of the spiritual capital (SC). The readings of today seem to suggest three pathways towards the building of the spiritual capital:

- (1) At the intrapersonal level by means of being awake. **"See that you are dressed for action..."! (Lk 12:35).** Most religious traditions have spoken about awareness as a point of departure for a spiritual journey. Silence, meditation, prayer are the means to deepen this awareness of the concerns of the self towards God and fellow human beings. A sure way of building the spiritual capital!
- (2) At the interpersonal level by means of giving alms **"Sell your possessions and give alms" (Lk 12:33)** Jesus consistently invites us to perceive wealth as a means of building better relationships. In the parable of the astute servant (Lk 16:1-9), Jesus invites us to "use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into eternal dwellings." In the gospel reading of today, as on several other occasions (Mt 6:2-3; Mk 10:21), Jesus invites us to "sell your possessions and give alms" (Lk 12:33). Therefore, one possible way of gathering treasures in heaven is giving away the earthly treasures to people in need. This is a concrete way of investing towards the increase of the spiritual capital.
- (3) At the transpersonal level by means of faith in God. **"Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for..." (Heb 11:1).** The third means of building the spiritual capital is faith. The second reading invites us to focus on the primacy of God in our lives, because "only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen" (Heb 11:1). What is the blessing that is guaranteed by faith: could we say it is the spiritual capital, the treasure in heaven, eternal life?

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READINGS and ROSTER — Sunday, 11th August 2019			
Trinity 8			
Isa 63: 7-9	Ps 33: 13-21	Heb 11: 1-19	Luke 12: 32-48
EUCHARIST ASSISTANT		Margaret Boardman	
SERVER		Faye Hill	
INTERCESSIONS		Anne Ashworth	
WELCOMER		David Glover	
ELEMENTS		Raylene Milligan	
SIDESPERSONS		Kathy MacIntosh and Graham Savage	
FOOD BASKET		Ginny Glover	
READERS		Bill Hudd and Robyn Ashby	
MORNING TEA		Tara McCracken and Helen Douglass	
FLOWERS		Roma Driscoll and Maree McIntyre	
8.00am SERVER		Julienne Feast	
SOUND DESK		Darren Schunke	
PEWSHEET ASSEMBLING		David and Ginny Glover	
GARDENING		Graham Savage	
MOWING ROSTER		Graham Savage	
READINGS and ROSTER — Sunday, 18th August 2019			
Trinity 9			
Jer 38: 2-10	Ps 40: 1-7	Heb 12: 1-4	Luke 12: 49-53
EUCHARIST ASSISTANT		Kathy MacIntosh	
SERVER		Sue Christopher	
INTERCESSIONS		Sue Christopher	
WELCOMER		Anne Ashworth	
ELEMENTS		Jenny Tilby	
SIDESPERSONS		Raylene Milligan and Faye Hill	
FOOD BASKET		Beryl Heard	
READERS		Rick and Lynn Fisher	
MORNING TEA		Raylene Milligan and Beryl Heard	
FLOWERS		Jan Hunt	
8.00am SERVER		Julienne Feast	
SOUND DESK		Robyn Ashby	
PEWSHEET ASSEMBLING		TBA	
GARDENING		Graham Savage	
MOWING ROSTER		Graham Savage	



GARDEN WALK : Sunday, 18th August

If you are interested in Christ Church's garden, please come with us for a walk around the church grounds at 9.00 am Sunday before the 9.30am service.

We will be discussing what future projects and maintenance need to be undertaken. No volunteers needed, just ideas.

Gather on the roundabout between the crepe myrtles.

Robyn

Solos and (S)Pairs

Our next gathering is a Sunday Lunch at 12.00 pm, Sunday, 18th August at the Western Tavern bistro on Jubilee Highway West. (Please note slightly earlier starting time).

It has a wide selection of dishes at a range of prices.

Bring your seniors card if you have one as there is an extensive Seniors menu, with meals priced from \$10 to \$15.

ALL WELCOME



URGENT : Church Cleaning Fund

Funds are again **extremely** low so if you could please place your **CASH** donation towards the cost of cleaning the church, hall etc. in an envelope marked "Church cleaning" it would be very much appreciated. The cleaner is currently cleaning the whole complex with the exception of the Op Shop, so it is quite a big task.

Thank you.

Safe Ministry Training and Child Safe Environments Training for 2019

Training sessions have been organised by the Diocese for people to attend dependent on the requirements of the positions they hold, and whether any training has been undertaken in the past.

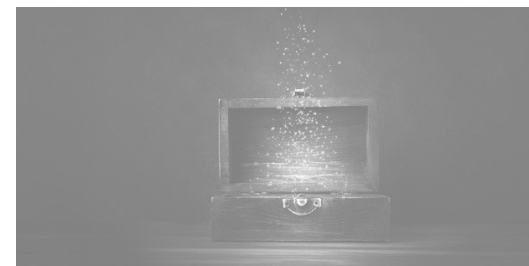
Please see the full details (times, dates, locations etc.) of the training on the notice board in the Vestry. People are reminded that—if they hold a position within the church or are involved in any way with worship, children's and youth ministry, ministering to the elderly and vulnerable, official hospital or home visitors, church warden, choir director, op shop manager—then this training is **mandatory**.

*** please note some altered dates ***

N.B. Please also see notice in vestry regarding the possibility of completing the Safe Ministry Training requirements on line.

"'Eternal life' is not – as the modern reader might immediately assume – life after death, in contrast to this present life, which is transient and not eternal. 'Eternal life' is life itself, real life, which can also be lived in the present age and is no longer challenged by physical death. This is the point: to seize 'life' here and now, real life that can no longer be destroyed by anything or anyone" (Jesus of Nazareth, vol. 2, pp.81-82).

cf.internet



***** Please see Vestry notice board for details regarding the
Consecration and Enthronement of our new Bishop, Rev. Keith Dalby *****

**Consecration Service to be held at St Peters Cathedral, Adelaide on
Friday, 16th August at 7.00pm**

**Enthronement Ceremony (invitation only) to be held Saturday, 17th August
at 11.00am at St John the Baptist Cathedral in Murray Bridge**

Coming events in the Parish / Diocese

Friday, 16th August	7.00pm	Consecration of Fr Keith Dalby as Bishop St Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide
Saturday, 17th August	11.00am	Enthronement of Bishop Keith in the Cathedral, Murray Bridge
Sunday, 18th August	9.00am	Christ Church Garden walk with Robyn (see separate notice in pew sheet)
Sunday, 18th August	12 Noon	Solos & (S)pairs Lunch @ Western Tavern (see separate notice in pew sheet)

FREEZER MINISTRY FOR AUGUST

Anne England
Jenny Bowman

Elizabeth Hodges
Rhonda Strickland

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

David Hill and Paul Hill (husband and brother in Law of Faye); Raylene Milligan; Sallyann Geddes (Daughter of Judy & Neil); Alice Gladigau; Rita Johnston; John & Phillis Beaven (brother & sister in law of Alice); Maree and Bob Lynch; June Willcourt; Jill Moore; Don Currie; Sue Ongley; Fr Peter Carlsson; Joe Maier; Pip Herbert (daughter of Pam Judge); Edna McIntyre; Bev Hamson; Sarah Manifold-Searles; Nora Smibert; Brian Kirkland (Betty Wright's son-in-law); Val Linder; Lyn Killey; Bishop David McCall; Kim Taylor (daughter-in-law of Wendy Monger)

Please pray for the soul of Reverend Peter Wheatley who died last week, and for his family as they mourn his loss. Reverend Peter was Rector at Victor Harbor from 1985 to 1987.

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.

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).

Services this coming week in the Parish

Sri Lanka journey

**** Fr. Neil will be away from the Parish from Monday 12th August until Friday 13th September ****

Services will be celebrated at Christ Church in his absence, with details being advised in subsequent pew sheets.

Monday, 12th August

10.00am—3.00pm
5.15pm

Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge
Christian Meditation

Tuesday, 13th August

10.00am—3.00pm
5.30pm

Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge
No service

Wednesday, 14th August

10.00am
10.00am—3.00pm
1.00pm

No Morning Prayer service
Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge
Craft Group in Ashworth Room

Thursday, 15th August

10.00am
10.00am—3.00pm
5.15pm
6.00pm

No Morning Prayer service
Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge
Christian Meditation
CMG practice

Friday, 16th August

11.00am
9.30am – 12.30pm

No Service
Bell Tower Op Shop

Sunday, 18th August

8.00am
9.30am

Morning prayer
Pathway service

On the 1st Tuesday of each month, there will be a service at St Mary's Boandik at 10.00am and 1st and 3rd Fridays at Boandik Lodge Lake Tce. at 1.30pm

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.