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Pew Sheet

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

Bishop Keith Dalby (Alice) ; Very Rev. David Price (Dean) (Lesley);
Fr Des Ackland (Raelene) and Fr Peter Carlsson

and 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**

**Epiphany 3 : 26th January 2020
Australia Day**



*For those living in the land of the the
shadow of death, a light has dawned*



**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

HAIL AUSTRALIA



Being Australia Day, it's natural for us to think about our country.

It's beauty that catches our breath; the stark contrasts – the rich, fertile farming country, the tropical rainforests, the dry and barren interior, the rugged bush, the magnificent beaches, and mile after mile of natural coastline. Our country has been enriched by the customs and cultures that people from all over the world have brought with them. Our land is an untamed land – floods, bushfires, cyclones, searing heat, droughts are part of the Australian scene. We live in a land that is unlike any other. We have never experienced a civil war, or the political turmoil experienced by other countries. Our cities don't suffer from the fear, the crime, the smog, the unemployment, and the homelessness to the same extent as seen in big cities in other places overseas.

Australia Day is an excellent time to remind ourselves of the great land that God has given us and to thank him for all the blessings that we take so much for granted – blessings like peace, freedom, caring friends, and loving families. The phenomenon of floods, droughts and fires has been very much to the fore in the history of our country. We will pray that God might grant us always to live in this land, united in purpose and freed in the Spirit.

In response so far to the bushfires, we have seen many instances of people united in the same purpose. In recent days, many volunteers have made themselves available to assist in the huge operations that is now under way. Donations to the various bush fire appeals continue to receive generous support. The task of rebuilding the lives of people and the places they lived in, will be huge. We can all pray today in the same way outlined by the prophet Isaiah: "Integrity will bring peace; justice will give lasting security." The end result will be that "my people will live in a peaceful home in safe houses, in quiet dwellings."

What is astonishing is the invitation of Jesus to "rejoice and be glad" in the face of such difficulties – something that is only possible for people who have learned how not to re-act just out of self-interest or to the provocations of others. We are called to live confidently the message of Jesus, and that, as St. Paul says, *"The mystery is that, Christ is among us, our hope of glory."*

May the wonderful spirit that has emerged during the time of the fires, not be lost, but may it continue to give inspiration to our efforts to make this nation of ours a place of true justice and peace, and where we are able to live, not just relying on our own resources, but on an awareness of God's shaping hand at work in all the gifts to our country with which God's providence frames our lives.

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READINGS and ROSTER — Sunday, 26th January 2020 Epiphany 3			
Isa 9: 1b-4-7	Ps 27: 9-17	1 Cor 1: 10-17	Matthew 4: 12-23
EUCARIST ASSISTANT	Sue Christopher		
SERVER	Julienne Feast		
INTERCESSIONS	The Children		
WELCOMER	The Children		
ELEMENTS	The Children		
SIDESPERSIONS	The Children		
FOOD BASKET	Otfried Linder		
READERS	The Children and Margaret Boardman		
MORNING TEA	The Men		
FLOWERS	Roma Driscoll and Maree McIntyre		
8.00am SERVER	Julienne Feast		
SOUND DESK	Trudy-Anne Doyle and Sue Christopher		
PEWSHEET ASSEMBLING	Sandy Coulson		
GARDENING	—		
MOWING ROSTER	Rick Fisher		
READINGS and ROSTER — Sunday, 2nd February 2020 Epiphany 4			
Mal 3: 1-4	Ps 24	Heb 2: 14-18	Luke 2: 22-40
EUCARIST ASSISTANT	Trevor Christopher		
SERVER	Faye Hill		
INTERCESSIONS	Anne Ashworth		
WELCOMER	Jeff Bowman		
ELEMENTS	Otfried Linder and Anne Ashworth		
SIDESPERSIONS	Denise McDonald & Judy Geddes		
FOOD BASKET	Beryl Heard		
READERS	Margaret Boardman & Rita Johnston		
MORNING TEA	Tara McCracken and Helen Douglass		
FLOWERS			
8.00am SERVER	Julienne Feast		
SOUND DESK	Bill Hudd		
PEWSHEET ASSEMBLING	Office		
GARDENING	Richard Strickland		
MOWING ROSTER	Darryll Grant		



There is a vacancy in the gardening roster at present.

If you think you could take on these duties—approx. 3 times a year for a month each time—please either speak to the office staff or Robyn Sweetnam for further info. Thank you.

Hazard/Incident Report form

At the last meeting of Parish Council (22nd January), they approved and adopted a new hazard/incident report form. Copies of this form can be found at the back of the church, with copies also available in the Op Shop. These forms are to be filled in and lodged with the Priest, WHS Committee or Parish Office if any hazard is identified and/or an incident with potential to cause harm occurs.

Excess church furniture items

There is an excess of church furniture—such as prayer desks, altar rails and the old reredos from St Paul's Church, Glencoe that need to be 'decommissioned'.

If you or your family has any connection to the donation of any of these items, could you please advise the Parish Office asap. If no-one is forthcoming after a period of time, further steps will then be taken to appropriately dispose of these items.

Thought for the Week from Mothers Union Australia

SUNDAY, 26 JANUARY 2019

Poverty and homelessness

Why is it that we who live in one of the wealthiest and peaceful nations on earth, can feel such intense NEED. Surely there is irony in the fact that NEED and GREED rhyme. At the root of Poverty and Homelessness is the tragedy of cultural breakdown, war, competing interests for the world's resources. Our Lord Jesus was born into such a world – on the wrong side of wealth and luxury. Mothers' Union is commissioned to seek justice for all, out of love for the poor and needy.



How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. 1 John 3:17-18

Refugees are by definition homeless and in poverty. One MU branch in the USA, was working with African refugees. Rather than give them gifts at Christmas, members asked them what they needed. Now the members host a market-style giveaway event which meets a more urgent need.



Family BBQ and Fun Day
Sunday, 26th January 2020
@ the church following the 9.30am
Children's service

\$5.00/head

Wading/swimming pools will be available for the children to use/play in. BYO meat and drinks — and a salad to share. Come along and join in the fun!

City Wide Service : Sunday, 26th January

To be held at Liberty Church, 6.30pm tonight. All welcome

Lifeline SE

Lifeline SE are taking enrolments for their Volunteer Crisis Supporter training in Mt Gambier. If you are interested in undertaking this training please contact Lifeline on 8723 2299.



"If you can listen, you can save lives"

2020 Diocese of The Murray calendars

These calendars are now available for collection from the Parish Office. If you ordered one, could you please ensure that you pay for it on collection. Thank you.

Coming events in the Parish / Diocese

Today, Sunday, 26 January

Family BBQ @ church following 9.30am Children's service

Tuesday, 4 February

3.15pm

Fundraising Team meeting

FREEZER MINISTRY FOR JANUARY

Anne Ashworth Larnka Foran

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

Bishop David McCall; Pam Judge; Val Linder; Fr Peter Carlsson; Sue Ongley; Maree & Bob Lynch; Sallyann Geddes (daughter of Neil & Judy); June Willcourt; Wendy Monger & Don Currie; Shirley Stacpoole; John & Phillis Beaven (Brother & Sister-in-law of Alice); Alice Gladigau (and also Derek Gladigau who is currently in India on Ministry work)

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.

At this time, please pray especially for all the victims of the bushfires burning in South Australia, Victoria, New South Wales and Western Australia — these people have lost loved ones, possessions and livelihood amidst the devastation—and now face the mammoth task of rebuilding their lives and livelihoods.

Please also remember in your prayers all the personnel who are continuing to desperately fight these fires to bring them under control. We give thanks for the much needed rain falling in the fire zones of the eastern states, and pray that Kangaroo Island will soon receive life-giving rain to help with their recovery.



Christ Church Craft Group

Commencing first week in February in the Ashworth Room . Please contact Kathy for information on 0447 255 790.

Stage curtains

Once again, the stage curtains have been damaged, and are again in need of repair. Parish Council have decided that—under the Work, Health & Safety Act SA — children **are not** allowed on the stage unless under adult supervision. Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

Services this coming week in the Parish

Monday, 27th January

10.00am—3.00pm
5.15pm

Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge
Christian Meditation

Tuesday, 28th January

10.00am
10.00am—3.00pm

Morning Prayer
Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge

Wednesday, 29th January

10.00am—3.00pm
1.00pm

Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge
Craft Group commences February

Thursday, 30th January

10.00am
10.00am—3.00pm
5.15pm
6.00pm

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

Friday, 31st January

11.00am
10.00am—3.00pm

Holy Eucharist
Bell Tower Op Shop

Saturday, 1st February

9.30am—12.30pm

Bell Tower Op Shop

Sunday, 2nd February

8.00am
9.30am

Holy Eucharist
Sung Eucharist

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

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

On the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month, Prison Visiting at 6.00pm

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