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The Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier

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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 5 : 9th February 2020



**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 9.30am service

From Fr Neil

Your light must shine like the dawn – your light must rise in the darkness

We together are called to be salt for the people of our time. We are called to be present in the midst of our society as a community of faith which preserves the integrity and wholeness of our community, just as salt preserves food from decay. We are meant to be, like salt added to food, a presence which brings out the best in our society. And we are meant to be like a light shining in the darkness of our society, helping people to find their way to the fullness of life God so deeply desires for all his children.

What is the greatest hindrance to Christianity in our country? This is a question that is bound to elicit a variety of answers depending on whom you ask. Possible answers would include: the mass media, popular culture, materialism, bad government policies, other religions, etc. A missionary had the occasion to put this very question to the great Mahatma Gandhi, "What is the greatest hindrance to Christianity in India?" His answer was swift and decisive: "Christians." It is said that the world would be a more Christian place today were it not for the Christians. The Christians that constitute a hindrance to Christianity are not the real and committed ones, of course, but those who bear the name Christian but, judging from the way they talk and behave, no one would suspect they have anything to do with Christ.

In today's gospel Jesus says to his disciples, "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). But elsewhere in John 8:12 Jesus says of himself, "I am the light of the world." Who then is the light of the world, Jesus or his followers? This apparent contradiction is resolved by another passage in John 9:5 where Jesus modifies the statement about himself: "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." This shows that Jesus is talking about the flesh and blood embodiment of the light. As long as he is physically present in the world he is the light of the world, but when he is no longer physically present his followers now assume the role of being the light of the world.

The role of the Christian in the world is defined by two words in today's gospel: salt and light. Now what do these mean? Do you know that the word "sugar" never occurs in the Bible? In ancient times salt was the ultimate seasoning that gave taste to food. Without salt food would be tasteless. Jesus is saying that as salt (or sugar, if you like) is to food, so are Christians to the world. Christians are in the world to make it a sweeter place. How can we make the world a sweeter place? We find the answer in the parallel passage in Mark: "Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another" (Mark 9:50). As light we are called to show the way. Without light we bump into each other and fall into the ditch. But light says: "Here is the road, take it; here is danger, avoid it." Without light and salt the world would be in a very bad shape, uninteresting and impossible to live in. With light and salt the world becomes a safer and better place. It is our duty as Christians to make the world a better place.

But how do we do that? The same way that salt and light do it. First, salt must be different from the food before it can be of use. If salt loses its taste then it is useless and can no longer make a difference. Light must be different from darkness in order to be of help. A flashlight with dead batteries is no good for someone in the dark. So being salt and light of the world means being different from the world. If believers have nothing that distinguishes them from unbelievers, then they are like salt that has lost its saltiness and therefore cannot make a difference. And what distinguishes us from non-believers

READINGS and ROSTER — Sunday, 9th February 2020 Epiphany 5			
Isa 58: 6-10	Ps. 112	1 Cor 2: 1-5	Matthew 5: 13-16
EUCCHARIST ASSISTANT		Anne Ashworth	
SERVER		Darren Schunke	
INTERCESSIONS		Rick Fisher	
WELCOMER		David Glover	
ELEMENTS		Jenny Tilby	
SIDESPERSONS		Kathy MacIntosh and Graham Savage	
FOOD BASKET		Beryl Heard	
READERS		Julienne Feast	
MORNING TEA		Raelene Milligan and Beryl Heard	
FLOWERS		Elizabeth Hodges	
8.00am SERVER		Julienne Feast	
SOUND DESK		Dick Hamson	
PEWSHEET ASSEMBLING		David and Ginny Glover	
GARDENING		Richard Strickland	
MOWING ROSTER		Darryll Grant	
READINGS and ROSTER — Sunday, 16th February 2020 Epiphany 6			
Sir 15: 15-20	Ps 119: 1-8	1 Cor 2: 6-13	Matthew 5: 17-37
EUCCHARIST ASSISTANT		Kathy MacIntosh	
SERVER		Sue Christopher	
INTERCESSIONS		Sue Christopher	
WELCOMER		Anne Ashworth	
ELEMENTS		Denise McDonald	
SIDESPERSONS		Raylene Milligan and Faye Hill	
FOOD BASKET		Judy Geddes	
READERS		Rick and Lynn Fisher	
MORNING TEA		Denise McDonald and Judy Geddes	
FLOWERS			
8.00am SERVER		Julienne Feast	
SOUND DESK		Robyn Ashby	
PEWSHEET ASSEMBLING		Alice Gladigau	
GARDENING		Richard Strickland	
MOWING ROSTER		Darryll Grant	

The Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge requests that we have a small group of men available from the parish to assist in the movement of stock to the shed.

This would be using the barrel or hand trolley, as safe practice and to be available at short notice, such as a phone call and the task would only require a commitment of 10-15 minutes at the most.

This would be needed for Wednesdays and Thursday and only as needed, by a phone call to yourself and negotiating with the volunteer, a time for you to call in and move the stock with the trolley.

This would be appreciated as our volunteers are largely a female workforce and we need to support them, in prevention of any injuries. It is a small but essential commitment to the wellbeing of our volunteers and the long term success of this venture.

Please phone Annette Glover on 0432 766 644

Thank you.



The Mothers Union theme for the year is “Building Hope and Confidence”

Mothers Union will hold their AGM on Tuesday, 18th February at 2.00pm in the Ashworth Room. All are welcome and could members bring a friend *?

Elizabeth Hodges (President) 0419 595 653

Thought for the Week from Mothers Union Australia

Friends and family

We often feel a failure if we don't get 20 birthday cards or have a group of school friends which has met every week for 60 years. And even more of a failure if our family implodes. Whatever we feel about family and friends we know that Jesus held them in short regard to those who were his TRUE family. Jesus replied, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?” And pointing to his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers!”

For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.” Matt 12:48a-50. And his friends all deserted him. Let us thank God for friends and family and be true members of Christ.

Some friends play at friendship but a true friend sticks closer than one's nearest kin.

Proverbs 18:24



An Australian priest said the Mothers' Union brought him up. When his mother was ill, members tended the children for months. Thus the seeds were laid for his faith. He experienced family and friendship in the church and he subsequently spent his life in service and friendship of God's church and his people.

PUBLIC MEETING

Convened by Fr Dean Marin

**St Paul's Hall, Monday, February 10,
7.00pm-8.00pm, supper to follow.**

Key Speaker is Christopher Brothier, State Director of the Australian Christian Lobby

Enough is enough. It's time to be a voice for the voiceless.

For further information contact Fr Dean on 8725 6566

(see Vestry notice board for full details)

should be not so much what we claim to be or the badges and pins we wear but the life we live. As Jesus says in John 13:35, “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” Love is the distinctive mark by which you can tell the true Christian from the false.

Secondly, both salt and light operate by associating with the thing that they want to change. Salt cannot improve the food unless it goes into the food and changes it from within. Light cannot show the way unless it encounters the darkness. Sometimes Christians think that the way to go is to keep away from getting involved with society and popular culture. But by shying away from the realities of our society and our world we might indeed be hiding our lamp under the bushel basket. To make a difference we must get up and get involved.

Today's gospel is frightening. It says, in effect, that if there is so much darkness and bitterness in the world today it is because we as Christians have failed in our job to be salt and light in the world. But we can decide to make a difference starting from today. We can decide to light a candle rather than curse the darkness. Even the smallest candle helps in a world of darkness.

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Correspondence from Bishop Keith

1. Clergy Announcements

Bishop Keith has made a number of clergy announcements:

- Fr Lyndon Sulzberger—Priest in Charge of Millicent/Penola from 1st Feb.

- Fr Chris Talbot—Priest in Charge of Port Elliot-Goolwa from 23rd Feb
 - Fr Scott Mudd—Assistant Curate in Murraylands from 2nd February
 - Fr David Patterson—Director of Formation commencing immediately
 - Dr Robert Tong will continue as Chancellor
- Please pray for these families as they undertake/continue in their roles in the Diocese.

2. Complaints/Grievance procedure

See details of procedures as outlined in Bishop Keith's letter.

Please refer to Vestry noticeboard for further details—together with the latest News from Diocesan Council



*****2020 Diocese of The Murray calendars & National Calendar*****

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.

FREEZER MINISTRY FOR FEBRUARY

Anne England Elizabeth Hodges
Jenny Bowman 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

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.

Stage curtains

Once again, the stage curtains have been repaired. Those using the stage are reminded that the mechanism for opening and closing the curtains is a little stiff; however, please do not use force when opening and closing the curtains as it causes damage to the cords. Parish Council have decided that—under the Work, Health & Safety Act SA — children **are not** to be allowed on the stage unless under adult supervision. Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

Coming events in the Parish / Diocese

Saturday, 8 February	4.00pm	Indoor games resume in hall
Friday, 21 February & Sat, 22 Feb		Families Equip Facilitator Training Course, Anglican Church Hall, Naracoorte (see notice board for full details)
Wednesday, 19 Feb	5.00pm	Parish Council meeting in Vestry
Monday, 16 March	9.30am	Workplace Health & Safety meeting at church
Sunday, 22 March	Annual Vestry Meeting following 9.30am service	

Services this coming week in the Parish

Monday, 10th February

10.00am—3.00pm
5.15pm

Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge
Christian Meditation

Tuesday, 11th February

10.00am
10.00am—3.00pm

Morning Prayer
Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge

Wednesday, 12th February

10.00am—3.00pm
1.00pm

Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge
Craft Group Ashworth Room

Thursday, 13th February

10.00am
10.00am—3.00pm
5.15pm
6.00pm

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

Friday, 14th February

10.00am—3.00pm
11.00am

Bell Tower Op Shop
Holy Communion

Saturday, 15th February

9.30am—12.30pm

Bell Tower Op Shop

Sunday, 16th February

8.00am
9.30am

Holy Communion
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