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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**

Lent 3 : 15th March 2020



Salvation is for all who believe Christ



**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

Lord, give us living water

As the Hebrews left slavery in Egypt we can imagine they thought they would have a great future ahead of them. They trusted Moses' leadership and that God was finally freeing them. But now in the first reading (Ex 17:3-7) we see that all is not going well. Now that they have run out of water they feel that God is distant. They no longer trust God. They complained about why they were in the desert. Moses was afraid that they might even stone him. Instead of trusting in God they did the very opposite, they put God to the test. We know what they earned for themselves by testing God instead of trusting in God; they were not allowed to enter the Promised Land, it was their children who entered Canaan. Elsewhere Scripture tells us that what happened to them in the desert is a warning to us (1 Cor 10:11). Maybe sometimes we murmur because we focus on what we don't have or what we think we should have, rather than focusing on what God has already done for us. The Hebrews in the desert forgot one fundamental point; God had a plan for them and would see that plan through. Do we forget God has a plan for us and will provide for us? The first reading is not just about the Hebrews in the desert. The first reading is also about us. So when things are not as we think they should be, "Keep calm and carry on." (World War II Poster). God knows what we really need. God is to be first in our lives. God is the one who will make us happy. When things are not as we thought they would be, remember God has a plan.

The conversion leading to witnessing: Jesus not only talked with the woman in the Gospel, but, in a carefully orchestrated, seven-part dialogue, he guided her progressively from ignorance to enlightenment, and from misunderstanding to clearer understanding, thus making her the most carefully and intensely catechized person in this entire Gospel. Jesus always has a way of coming into our personal lives. She didn't want Jesus to get personal. But Jesus wanted to free her, forgive her, shape her life in a new direction, and change her. He wanted to offer this woman *Living Water*: living water means the *revelation* or *teaching* which Jesus came to give, and it also means the *Spirit* which Jesus bestows. The *living water* may refer to Baptism and the gift of the Spirit, the source of life. It may also refer to Jesus as the source of life. At the end of their long heart-to-heart conversation, Jesus revealed himself to the woman as the Messiah, which in turn led her to Faith in him.

Life messages: We need to allow Jesus free entry into our personal lives. A sign that God is active in our lives is His entering in to our personal, "private" lives. Jesus wants to "get personal" with us, especially during this Lenten season. Jesus wants to get into our "private" lives because we have a "private" personal life which is contrary to the will of God. Christ wishes to come into that "private" life, not to embarrass us, not to judge or condemn us, not to be unkind or malicious to us, but to free us, to change us, and to offer us what we really need: *living water*. The *living water* is God the Holy Spirit who enters the soul of the woman through Jesus and his love. We human beings are composed of four parts: mind, body, emotions and spirit. When we let God, the Holy Spirit come into us and take control of our thinking, our physical activity, our emotions and our spirit, He can bring harmony to all four parts of our humanity, and so to the way we live. We can find this *living water* in the Sacraments, in prayer and in the Holy Bible.

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READINGS and ROSTER — Sunday, 15th March 2020 Lent 3			
Exod 17: 1-7	Ps 95	Rom 5:1-11	John 4: 5-42
EUCARIST ASSISTANT	Kathy McIntosh		
SERVER	Sue Christopher		
INTERCESSIONS	Sue Christopher		
WELCOMER	Anne Ashworth		
ELEMENTS	Denise McDonald		
SIDESPERSIONS	Raelene Milligan and Faye Hill		
FOOD BASKET	Judy Geddes		
READERS	David Glover and Anne Ashworth		
MORNING TEA	Denise Mc Donald and Judy Geddes		
FLOWERS	—		
8.00am SERVER	Julienne Feast		
SOUND DESK	Robyn Ashby		
PEWSHEET ASSEMBLING	Alice Gladigau		
GARDENING	Robyn Sweetnam		
MOWING ROSTER	Darryll Grant		
READINGS and ROSTER — Sunday, 22nd March 2020 Lent 4 : Mothering Sunday /Children’s service			
1 Sam: 16. 1-13	Ps. 23	Eph 5: 8-14	John 9: 1-41
EUCARIST ASSISTANT			
SERVER			
INTERCESSIONS	The Children		
WELCOMER	The Children		
ELEMENTS			
SIDESPERSIONS	The Children		
FOOD BASKET	The Children		
READERS	The Children		
MORNING TEA	The Men		
FLOWERS			
8.00am SERVER	Julienne Feast		
SOUND DESK	Agnes Doyle & Trevor Christopher		
PEWSHEET ASSEMBLING	Sandy Coulson		
GARDENING	Robyn Sweetnam		
MOWING ROSTER	Darryll Grant		

LENT 2020 SERVICES and STUDY

MARCH

Wednesday, 4th to 1st April 6.15pm—7.30pm Lent Study

Fridays From 6th March through to 3rd April
10.30am Way of the Cross
11.00am Holy Communion

Saturdays From 29th February through to 4th April
10.00am—11.00am Lent Study



Mowing and Gardening Roster

Could all volunteers please check the updated roster on the Vestry notice board. Some alterations have been necessary due to the unavailability of personnel due to illness.

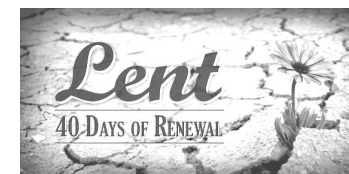
If you could consider volunteering for one or both of these tasks to help lighten the load for those people currently on the roster, please speak to Robyn Sweetnam (0498 968 394).

Coming events in the Parish / Diocese

Monday, 16 March	9.30am	Workplace Health & Safety meeting at Church
Friday, 20 March	1.30pm	St Mary's Boandik Lodge visiting Op Shop followed by afternoon tea
Friday, 20 March— Saturday, 21 March	}	Diocesan Council in Murray Bridge
Sunday, 22 March		Mothering Sunday Annual Vestry Meeting following 9.30am service
Sunday, 22nd March	12.30pm	Solos & (S)pairs lunch @ Commercial Hotel (please come along after the vestry meeting has finished)
Tuesday, 31st March	9.30am	Fundraising meeting Ashworth Room

Count your blessings : A Discipline for Lent

Monday, 16/3	Count the bottles in your fridge and kitchen. Thank God for safe and tasty drinks. Give 2¢ for each bottle you find.	\$
Tuesday, 17/3	Count how many subjects you were taught at school when you were 12 years old. Give 20¢ for each. Pray that all children may have the benefit of education.	\$
Wednesday, 18/3	Count the brushes in your house! Hair, tooth, nail, washing up etc. Give 2¢ per brush.	\$
Thursday, 19/3	How many living things are there in your house? Pot plants, pets Include yourself. Give 50¢ for each one you count.	\$
Friday, 20/3	How many light switches do you have? Give 5¢ for each switch you find and thank God for electricity.	\$
Saturday, 21/3	Life expectancy for Indigenous people is 55 years. Count the years until you are 55 or since you were 55. Give 20¢ for each. Thank God for the years you've lived.	\$
Sunday, 22/3	Give a coin and take some time to think of your life as you were growing up, with or away from your mother. Think how it has formed you. Talk to God about it.	\$



Our Mothers Union Meeting will be held in the Ashworth Room on **Tuesday, 17th March at 2.00pm**

Our speaker: Raelene Monger from Red Cross

Topic : Building Hope and Confidence (our Mothers Union Theme for 2020) through their work in our local community

Hostesses: Gloria Dack and Denise McDonald

Elizabeth Hodges : 0419 595 653
President

FREEZER MINISTRY FOR MARCH

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

Bishop David McCall; Val Linder; Fr Peter Carlsson; Sue Ongley; Maree & Bob Lynch; Sally-ann Geddes (daughter of Neil & Judy); June Willcourt; Joe Maier; Wendy Monger & Don Currie; Shirley Stacpoole; Shane Stewart (Raylene Milligan's son in law); Alice Gladigau; John & Phillis Beaven (brother & sister-in-law of Alice); Simon & Nina (Vivienne & Pepe's son & daughter-in-law who are expecting twins)

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.

South East prayer

Almighty God and Heavenly Father,

We thank you for calling us to be your ambassadors and witness to the risen Lord Jesus here in the South East. As we come together in prayer, give us open hearts to your Spirit; transform our minds to conform with your will so that we may discern your purposes for us in our faith communities. Help us to overcome the past so that we may wed our purposes with yours as we seek to bring the Good News afresh to those who know not the Lord Jesus; to renew our Spirits and gives us a new hope and new focus and direction as we labour with you to bring about your kingdom here on this part of your earth as it is in heaven.

We ask this through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Services this coming week in the Parish

Monday, 16th March

10.00am—3.00pm
5.15pm

Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge
Christian Meditation

Tuesday, 17th March

10.00am
10.00am—3.00pm
6.15pm—7.30pm

Morning Prayer
Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge
Lenten study

Wednesday, 17th March

10.00am—3.00pm
1.00pm

Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge
Craft Group Ashworth Room

Thursday, 19th March

10.00am
10.00am—3.00pm
5.15pm
6.00pm

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

Friday, 20th March

10.00am—3.00pm
10.30am
11.00am

Bell Tower Op Shop
The Way of the Cross
Holy Communion

Saturday, 21st March

9.30am—12.30pm

Bell Tower Op Shop

Sunday, 22nd March : Mothering Sunday

8.00am
9.30am
Approx. 11.30am

Holy Communion
Children's Service
Annual Vestry Meeting

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 and 4th Thursday of each month, Prison Visiting at 6.00pm

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