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BSB : 105-002
A/c number : 041 398 740



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 Corker; Fr David Withers (Ann);
Fr Neil (Nalini)

Parish Counsellors, Christ Church

Richard Strickland, Helen Douglass, Rick Fisher, Brian Smith,
Jeff Bowman, 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**

4th Sunday after Easter : 10th May 2020



**We extend a warm welcome to all visitors to
our church**

*Please make yourself known to the Parish Priest
or Wardens*

Do not let your hearts be troubled

In the Gospel today we heard Jesus preparing his disciples for the time when he would no longer be with them. In the Gospel Philip asked Jesus to be able to see the Father and Jesus responded, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? To have seen me is to have seen the Father." (John 14:9). If Jesus were to ask that question of us I think we would all answer that we do know something of Jesus but we don't know him very well. That is why we worry. If we knew Jesus better we would not focus on problems and difficulties but focus on Jesus instead. "Have I been with you all this time and you still do not know me?" "Have I been with you all this time in the Eucharist and sacraments and the Word of God in the Bible and you still do not know me?" "Have I been with you all this time in the faith of your community and when you pray to me and you still do not know me?" "Have I been with you all this time and when you look back over your life you can see that I sent you help when you needed it and you still do not know me?"

If we had more of Jesus in our lives we would have less fear, worries and anxieties. We would still have problems. God never promised that we would not have problems. If we try to live without Jesus, life will not go nearly as well for us as when we have Jesus at the centre of our lives. We can overcome problems better with Jesus in our lives than without Jesus. If we turn our backs on Jesus how can we expect to succeed? Let us focus on Jesus and not on the problems.

When we have problems let us turn to Jesus who is always waiting for us. Sometimes we say, "It's impossible." But Jesus says in Luke 18:27, "Things that are impossible for men are possible for God." Sometimes we say, "I'm too tired." But Jesus says in Matt 11:28 "Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest." Sometimes we say, "Nobody really loves me." But in John 3:16 we read that God so loved the world that he gave his only Son. Sometimes we say, "I can't go on." But Jesus told Paul, "My grace is enough for you: for power is at full stretch in weakness." (2 Cor. 12:9) Sometimes we say, "I can't do it." But Paul wrote in Phil 4:13, "I can do all things in Him who strengthens me." Sometimes we say, "I can't manage." But Paul wrote in Phil 4:19, "God will fulfill all your needs in Christ Jesus as lavishly as only God can. Sometimes we say, "I'm afraid." But in 2 Tim 1:7 we read, "God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power love and self-control." Sometimes we say, "I feel all alone." But in Heb 13:5 God says, "I will never fail or desert you."

In our Gospel today Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me". (John 14:1)

Courtesy Tommy Lane

READINGS for Sunday, 10th May 2020—Fourth Sunday after Easter			
Acts 6. 1-7	Ps 33. 1-5 or -12	1 Peter 2. 4-9(-10)	John 14. 1-12
Welcomer	David Glover		
Readers	Robyn Ashby and Bill Hudd		
Intercessions	Sue Christopher		
MP	Pss 57, 63	Prov 4. 1-18	2 Cor 4. 13—5.15
EP	Ps 77	Is 62	John 21. 15—end
READINGS for Tuesday, 12th May 2020			
MP	Pss 3 (4); 5	Lev 19. 1-18	Luke 4. 14-30
EP	PsPss 6; 7	Deut 17. 8-end	1 Peter 2. 1-10
READINGS for Friday, 15th May 2020			
MP	Pss 16; 17	Num 12	Luke 5. 27-end
EP	Ps 18. 1-31	Deut 24. 5-end	1 Peter 4
READINGS for Sunday, 17th May 2020—Fifth Sunday after Easter			
Acts 8. 5-17	Ps 66. 1-8	1 Peter 3. 13-22	John 14. 15-21
Welcomer	Anne Ashworth		
Readers	David Glover and Anne Ashworth		
Intercessions	Rick Fisher		
MP	Pss 65; 67	Deut 34	John 16. 12-24
EP	Ps 107. 1-32	Hosea 6. 1-6	1 Cot 15. 35-end

ROSTERS FOR MAY	
GARDENING	Helen Douglass
MOWING ROSTER	Rick Fisher



Services and coming events in the Parish and Diocese

Due to the restrictions associated with COVID 19 (Coronavirus), please be advised that all face-to-face services and meetings associated with the Parish and Diocese have been suspended until further notice—with the exception of weddings (limited to 5 people attending) and funerals (with a limit of 10 people)

However, a weekly Sunday service is being recorded and uploaded to our website—and Evening Prayer is being held each Tuesday and Friday at 5.30pm via Zoom (see the 'How to Stay in Touch' notice in the pew sheet for instructions regarding these matters).

The Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge will also be closed until further notice—and request that no donations be left at the Op Shop door as there will be no staff to process the donations.



Wrecked shoes

Recycled Runway is a contest run by this church where contestants convert a bag of op shop clothes into an outfit. This year we intended to include shoes, but so far we have only 20 pairs, and need 30 more.

The closure of the Op Shop ended a steady supply of shoes not suitable for reselling. Are there any shoes lurking in cupboards that are in some way ruined or broken, and have been retained on the pipe dream of repair?

We are looking for shoes with potential—e.g. paint scratched but otherwise in ok condition, could be covered with fabric; or pretty wrecked but some nice details that could be cut out and added to a handbag. No mouldy loafers though thank you!!

Please contact Trudy-Anne on 8725 9881.



Church Craft Group Mother's Day Raffle

The raffle will not be drawn on Sunday, 3rd May as planned due to the isolation regulations etc., but will not be drawn at a later date—so we can sell more tickets. After all, we can appreciate our mothers every day!

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Here's how to stay in touch!!!

- Go to our Parish website:

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for your live on-line weekly services, and other information from around the Parish.

- There are 3 ways for you to maintain your weekly giving:
 - Direct debit **(the absolutely preferred method!)**
BSB : 105-002 Account number: 041 398 740
 - Deliver your pledge envelopes to the slot in the Vestry door at the rear of the church.
 - Place your cash offering in an envelope and deliver to the Vestry door at the rear of the church.

It is VITAL now more than ever that we continue to financially support our church's work and outreach during this difficult time!

- Evening prayer is now being held via Zoom each Tuesday and Friday at 5.30pm—so please join in. To do this, you need to hit the 'control' key and then click on <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3841024482>
- Bible studies by Zoom to come shortly.

FREEZER MINISTRY FOR MAY

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.**

The Emergency Food Ministry has ceased for general public access for the time being. However, if you are struggling due to ill health/infirmities to obtain the provisions you need, please contact Fr Neil (0478 085 894) and we will endeavour to provide you with some of the provisions left in the Food Ministry cupboard. If there is any clothing you require also, please let Fr Neil know.

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; 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—at present via email (including your name and the name of the person for whom prayers are required).

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.

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Loving God,

You wrap your arms around your people and show your everlasting love in the same way a mother loves her children. We are grateful for the love you have taught us through the mothers in our lives: our own mother who brought us into this world, the mothers of friends who have welcomed us into their homes and families, our grandmothers who took time for us, and the mothers who have helped us even though we were not their children.

Bless all the mothers of this world today. May they know the fullness of love they have shared and be blessed every day of their lives.

Amen