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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**

5th Sunday after Easter : 17th May 2020



We extend a warm welcome to all visitors to our church

Please make yourself known to the Parish Priest or Wardens

From Fr Neil

If you love me, you will keep my Commandments

St John continues to tell us about the joy that is derived from loving and serving the Lord in a sincere and cheerful manner. This is a continuation of the Gospel from last Sunday. The scene is the Last Supper, and Jesus is telling the apostles that he is about to leave them "for a while" but that He would be with them through His Spirit. In this passage, we learn about the Trinity (the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: All are One yet each has His specific role in God's Plan of Salvation. The "Oneness" of the Trinity is held together by the divine and perfect spiritual love that they share and want to share with us. This is the love that Philip shared with the Samaritans. This is the love that made the Psalmist sing the praises of God. And this is the love that made St Peter so brave and bold after the Holy Spirit descended upon him that first Pentecost Sunday.

If we love Jesus we will strive to give ourselves totally to him. Loving Jesus therefore is not just something emotional; loving Jesus means changing our lives, reforming our lives, working on our personalities and characters, overcoming sinful habits, stretching ourselves to love as Jesus loved. Loving Jesus means thinking about ourselves and others as Jesus thinks.

Truly loving Jesus leads us to give up whatever in our lives draws us away from Jesus. Truly loving Jesus leads us to making changes in the way we live and think and act.

While we are faithful members of the Church, and of Christ's mystical body, while we remain live branches safely attached to the vine who is Christ, we have nothing to fear. God's love is our strength in suffering as well as in joy. So often we are tempted to wonder where God is when disaster strikes. The abiding, strengthening heart of God wraps us in love and compassion when very human things or natural things threaten to overwhelm us. This is God's abiding love pouring from person to person, heart to heart. Jesus told his disciples that he would not leave them orphans and they would also be sent an Advocate to be with them forever.

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	
<i>MP</i>	Pss 65; 67	Deut 34	John 16. 12-24
<i>EP</i>	Ps 107. 1-32	Hosea 6. 1-6	1 Col 15. 35-end
READINGS for Tuesday, 19th May 2020			
<i>MP</i>	Ps 22	Haggai 1.1-11	2 Cor 9
<i>EP</i>	Pss 25; 28	Deut 11. 8-21	Ja 5. 1-18
READINGS for Friday, 22nd May 2020			
<i>MP</i>	Pss 33; 36	Num 14. 1-25	Luke 6. 12-26
<i>EP</i>	Ps 34	Deut 28. 58-end	2 Peter 1. 1-15
READINGS for Sunday, 24th May 2020—Sunday after Ascension			
Acts 1. 12-14	Ps 27. 1-8	1 Peter 4. 12-19	John 17. 1-11
Welcomer		To be advised	
Readers		To be advised	
Intercessions		To be advised	
<i>MP</i>	Pss 108; 110	2 Kings 2. 1-13	John 17. 1-13 (-end)
<i>EP</i>	Pss 146; 150	Dan 7. 9-14	Eph 1. 15-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!

God doesn't cause our suffering; God gives us gift after gift to help us deal with life. The blessings Peter talked about include God's presence in each of us. God's spirit stays with us, no matter how we behave. God is there to help, guide, comfort, and love.

Today it is all good news. We are blessed. We are loved. Does the love of God reign in your heart? If not, pray to the Holy Spirit to help you find this love, joy and peace.

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Here's how to stay in touch!!!

- Go to our Parish website:

www.anglicanmountgambier.org.au

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; Alice Gladigau; John & Phillis Beaven (brother & sister-in-law of Alice); Marion McDonald (Lynn's sister); Shirley Stacpoole; 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.



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Due to the restrictions associated with COVID 19 (Coronavirus), please be advised that all services and meetings associated with the Parish and Diocese have been revised as follows — with the observance of social distancing and sanitizing regulations:

**Maximum of 10 people in worship
Weddings (limited to 10 people attending)
Funerals (with a limit of 20 people—30 if outside)**

The **Bell Tower Op Shop** is working towards re-opening on Monday, 25th May 2020
(unfortunately, we will be unable to provide tea/coffee etc. during this time of restrictions)

At this point, the anticipated opening hours are as follows:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10.00am to 3.00pm
Saturday 9.30am to 12.30pm
Closed Wednesdays

Please note : Observance of all social distancing and sanitizing regulations will be in force for your protection and the protection of the workers.