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**Pew Sheet**

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**Details for giving by Direct Debit :** The Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier  
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**

**3rd Sunday after Easter : 3rd May 2020**



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

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

**THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD**

One of the oldest paintings of Christ represents Christ as carrying the injured, straying sheep gently on His shoulders back to the sheepfold. This is an image of Christ which has always appealed to Christians. We have Christ as our shepherd—He tells us so himself in today's gospel. When we see this image our minds naturally begin to wander and we realize its personal meaning for us. We are that lamb or sheep who is being carried by Jesus on his shoulders. Such an image is reassuring for us; Jesus is our support on our journey through life. When crosses and problems come our way or some personal disasters occurs this image of Jesus the Good Shepherd reassures us that we are not abandoned, that Jesus is supporting and holding us up.

One of the reasons that the Jewish people love shepherds so much and they became part of their iconography, they became part of understanding that God Himself was their shepherd, because, in the Old Testament, God says to Ezekiel, "I am tired of you shepherds. I am going to take my own sheep and shepherd them myself because you neglect them, you don't care for them, you don't love them, you don't take care of them, and so, one day, I will send a shepherd and he will be God Himself."

The leaders of the Jews, the Pharisees and Sadducees, were false shepherds who tried to prevent the people from following Jesus, but they failed. They then killed the shepherd but in vain. He rose from the dead and His flock increased by the thousands and will keep increasing until time ends.

The idea of a shepherd comes to a new understanding when God stands before His people and when Jesus says these sacred words: "I am the shepherd." Not a shepherd, not will become a shepherd. "I am the shepherd. My sheep know me and I know my sheep, and I give my sheep life, life itself."

We surely are fortunate to belong to the sheepfold of Christ—His Church. We surely are blessed to have the Son of God as our Shepherd, who came among us in order to lead us to heaven. Do we fully appreciate our privileged position? Do we always live up to our heavenly vocation? We know His voice, we know what He asks of us, but do we always listen to that voice, do we always do what He asks of us?

Today let us pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, that many will be inspired to show true love, to the point of sacrificing many other attractive options to become priests of Jesus, to follow him in religious life. In our time, as in Ezekiel's people are given over to pillage and are food for every wild beast.

May Jesus the Good Shepherd raise up many shepherds after his own heart to lay down their lives and carry his sheep on their shoulders.

<b>READINGS for Sunday, 3rd May 2020—Third Sunday after Easter</b>			
Acts 2. (14,) 36-41	Ps 23	1 Peter 2. 13 (20b)-25	John 10. 1-10
Welcomer		Jeff Bowman	
Readers		Brian Smith and Raylene Milligan	
Intercessions		Anne Ashworth	
<i>MP</i>	Ps 40	1 Ki 17. 8-end	John 11. 17-44
<i>EP</i>	Ps 18. 1-31	Isa 61. 1-7	John 21. 1-14
<b>READINGS for Tuesday, 5th May 2020</b>			
<i>MP</i>	Pss 129, 130, 131	Exod 32. 1-14	Luke 2. 21-32
<i>EP</i>	Pss 133; 136	Deut 10. 12-end	Titus 1
<b>READINGS for Friday, 8th May 2020</b>			
<i>MP</i>	Pss 144, 145	Exod 35. 20-36.7	Luke 3. 15-23
<i>EP</i>	Pss 146, 147	Deut 15. 1-18	1 Peter 1. 1-12
<b>READINGS for Sunday, 10th May 2020—Fourth Sunday after Easter</b>			
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	
<i>MP</i>	Pss 57, 63	Prov 4. 1-18	2 Cor 4. 13—5.15
<i>EP</i>	Ps 77	Is 62	John 21. 15—end

<b>ROSTERS FOR MAY</b>	
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.

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## ***Here's how to stay in touch!!!***

- Go to our Parish website:

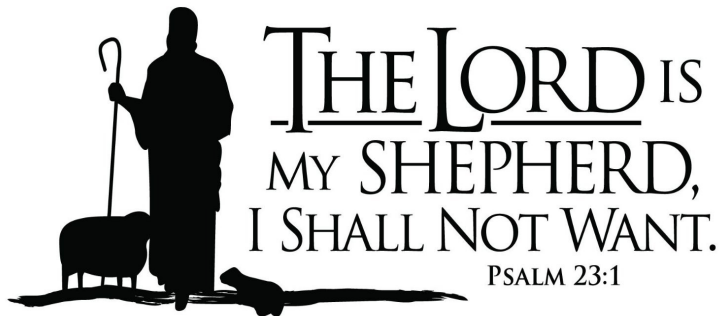
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for your live on-line weekly services, and other information from around the Parish.

- 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.



## **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!

## 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.



### 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.

### Psalm 23

*The Lord is my shepherd:  
therefore can I lack nothing  
He will make me lie down in green pastures:  
and lead me beside still waters.  
He will refresh my soul:  
and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.  
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil:  
for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.  
You spread a table before me  
in the face of those who trouble me:  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup shall be full.  
Surely your goodness and loving-kindness  
will follow me all the days of my life:  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*