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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**

Trinity 5 : 12th July 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

THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET

Today, we are introduced to parables. Parables are really a form of writing and preaching that the ancient rabbis in Israel used in order to explain the closeness and the goodness and what God was like. And so it is that Jesus, being a rabbi and having that same kind of mission, he had come to preach the Kingdom of God was here and now, he turned to teaching them through parables.

Basically, a parable is an open-ended story. Open-ended stories leave you hanging and it means that you are supposed to, in a sense, close it. And you close it with your own understanding of each parable. So a parable is story, but it is a story without much conclusion, and it says to the listener, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Jesus was sowing seed when teaching about the kingdom of God. Some people took his message to heart and produced fruit. Others didn't take his message to heart at all and produced no fruit, or they took his message to heart for a while and then gave up and so produced only a little fruit. Not all the seed that Jesus sowed bore fruit as it should have or as we would expect.

Jesus gives reasons why. Some people allow the devil to take the word from their heart. These are the people who receive the seed on the edge of the path. They hear the word of God but don't believe its promises. They have heard the teaching of Jesus but don't take it seriously. They are the people who forget the meaning of life, who live as if God doesn't exist, people who forget that in this life we are only passing through. I have read of two neighbours who quarrelled or did not speak for 30 years and now they are buried only thirty feet apart in the same cemetery. That is an example of forgetting the hope God's call holds for us and the glories he has promised the saints. In his first letter John wrote, "Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children, and that is what we are." (1 John 3:1).

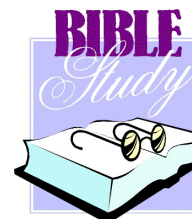
If we don't believe with all our hearts that we really are children of God since we were baptized, then we will not produce the fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control.

READINGS for Sunday, 12th July 2020—Trinity 5			
Isa 55. 6-11	Ps 65 8.13	Rom 8. 18-23	Matthew 13. 1-23
Readers		Bill Hud and Robyn Ashby	
Intercessions		Sue Christopher	
Server		Darren Schunke	
Sound desk		Dick Hamson	
READINGS for Sunday, 19th July 2020—Trinity 6—ac.care Sunday			
Isa 55. 10-11	Ps 65. 10-14	Rom 8. 18-23	Matthew 13. 1-23
Readers		David Glover and Anne Ashworth	
Intercessions		Rick Fisher	
Server		Sue Christopher	
Sound desk		Robyn Ashby	



ROSTERS FOR	JULY
GARDENING	Robyn Sweetnam
MOWING ROSTER	Richard Strickland

ac.care Sunday will be celebrated at the servicers in the Parish on Sunday, 19th July. This will be an opportunity for you to uphold the work of the organisation, the workers and the Board as they provide services throughout the Diocese.



The bible study at Elizabeth Hodges' residence is going to meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday @ 3.00pm—with the next meeting being on 23rd July.

There will be a bible study held at Julienne Feast's house on Thursday, 16th July @ 6.15pm. This group plans on meeting twice monthly, with the dates decided at each meeting.

There are moves afoot to start a bible study group for Woodlands residents. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact David Clarkson on 0428 383 151.



To Mothers' Union Members

I hope you are all well, keeping warm and protected from this coronavirus. It would be nice to meet soon for social reasons and also to welcome Barbara Teague to our circle. Barbara has moved from Naracoorte and was a staunch member of their Mothers' Union.

It's been decided to wait a little longer before we make a date but if you would like me to visit, please call me?

Elizabeth Hodges
President, Christ Church Mothers' Union

The 2nd group who do not produce 100% fruit are those who fall away when some trial comes or some persecution. These people are like the seed sown on patches of rock, they spring up straight away but have no root and give up following Jesus when it gets tough. When the culture of the world is different from the new society Jesus founded, they are afraid to take their stand for Jesus and so no fruit is produced.

The 3rd group Jesus lists are those who allow the worries of the world or the lure of riches to choke his message in us. They have forgotten that hearses do not pull trailers after them with the deceased possessions! These people are like the seed that fell among thorns, and the thorns that choked Jesus' message are the worries of the world and the lure of riches.

The 4th group Jesus lists are those who produce fruit from his message. They are the ones who received the seed in rich soil and yielded a harvest, now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty. They are the ones who allowed the eyes of their mind to be enlightened so that they could see what hope God's call held for them. May God enlighten the eyes of our mind so that we can see what hope his call holds for us, so that we may receive the Word of God in rich soil and yield a harvest.

cf. internet

Other ways of staying in touch with the Parish Family!!! Here's how:

- Go to our Parish website:

www.anglicanmountgambier.org.au

for ongoing 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 if you are not able to attend a service.
 - Likewise, 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 ongoing difficult time!

- Bible studies to commence shortly (see separate notice).

PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR



For July

2nd	Lynn Fisher
5th	Judy Geddes
7th	John Allen
10th	David Glover
30th	Julienne Feast

For August

1st	Sue Christopher
18th	Anne Ashworth
19th	Kathy MacIntosh
23rd	Alexander Lynch
23rd	Emily Lynch



We wish them all a very happy birthday!!

FREEZER MINISTRY FOR JUNE

Julienne Feast

Please remember when preparing food for the freezer ministry, **to label, date and list all the ingredients in each container.**



The Emergency Food Ministry is not yet up and running for the general public at present. However, if you are struggling due to ill health/infirmities to obtain the provisions you need—or you know someone who is struggling—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.

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;

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.

Please pray for Brian and Val Collins as they mourn the death of their son-in-law, Brenton Kinnear, a couple of weeks ago in Toowoomba.

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). Forms for this purpose can be found at the back of the church.

WHAT WAS LOST IS NOW FOUND!!!

Page 1 of the Parish Birthday Calendar (containing the months of January and February, May and June, September and October) went missing from the back of the church last week, but has now re-appeared.

Please check to see if your name is on the list—and if not, and you would like to have it appear—please add your name to the listing.

Thank you.

Services and coming events in the Parish and Diocese

Fr Neil will be conducting 3 services weekly as follows:

Friday 11.00am
Sunday 8.00am and 9.30am
Maximum of 33 attendees per service

To attend 1 of these services, please contact Fr Neil (0478 085 894) to book in, (preferably by the Wednesday prior)

Weddings and funerals (limited to 33 people attending within the body of the church due to square meterage available and the requirement to socially distance)

The Bell Tower Op Shop opening hours are:

Monday to Friday 10.00am to 3.00pm
Saturday 9.30am to 12.30pm

(unfortunately, the provision of tea/coffee etc. will not be allowed during this time of restrictions)

Please note : Observance of all social distancing and sanitizing regulations are in force for your protection and the protection of the attendees at services and the Op Shop workers.



Mondays and Thursdays	5.15-6.30pm	Meditation Group in Ashworth Room
Wednesdays	1.00-3.00pm	Craft Group meets in Ashworth Room
Wednesday, 15 July	5.00pm	Parish Council meeting in Ashworth Room
Sunday, 19th July	8.00am and 9.30am	ac.care Sunday
22 August 2020 (subject to Covid 19 restrictions)		Recycled Runway Fashion Show