

**The Anglican Pastoral District of
Mount Gambier**

**Christ Church
Mount Gambier**

**St Luke's
Mount Schank**

**St Thomas
Port MacDonnell**

Trinity 6 : 19th July 2020



Sow the seeds of the Kingdom



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

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



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As we celebrate Anglican Community Care Sunday we acknowledge and honour the people of Christ Church who have sowed the seeds and worked tirelessly to nurture them. Over more than three decades, ac.care has grown from its roots in Mount Gambier as a provider of emergency and short-term youth accommodation to become a major provider of non-government human services across eastern regional South Australia. ac.care is one of the few organisations created and run by country people for country people, with a commitment to support individuals, families and communities across the Limestone Coast, Murraylands, Murray Mallee, Riverland, Fleurieu Peninsula and Adelaide Hills.

Today, ac.care provides:

- Foster care recruitment and support
- Therapeutic care homes
- Homelessness programs
- Community and learning initiatives
- Aboriginal services
- Family, children and youth services and support

“WE CONTINUE to strive as an agency across eastern South Australia for our support for families and children to be strong and safe and to reduce homelessness, poverty and isolation for country people experiencing hardship. A significant proportion of our work is with Aboriginal people and our Reconciliation Action Plan includes targets to keep us accountable and focussed in areas of relationships, respect and opportunities. An important development for the board in the past 12 months concerns care governance.

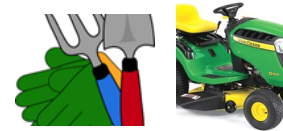
The challenge is to ensure client-centred decision making is intuitively part of all our deliberations, so that we deliver consistent, high quality service every time. Developing improved systems for client management and standardised record keeping, along with appropriate measurement data, are critical tasks ahead. At the same time we are attending to the infrastructure and facilities that staff need to undertake their roles and work towards our mission. We have made significant progress on a much needed new office in Murray Bridge and internal communication between remotely located staff has been greatly enhanced by new video phones and an innovative information sharing platform.

The notion of “community responsibility” keeps emerging in our sector. A starting point is an understanding of the drivers of things like homelessness. What can happen when misfortune, low income and financial stress turns into debts and unsustainable loans, leading to adverse social and health impacts, along with relationship breakdowns? We need to turn around attitudes in our communities that the disadvantaged and the vulnerable are seen as “failures” and have brought their plight on themselves. Such a mind-set makes it very difficult for proper empathy and community support for those who have been dealt a bad deal.

So what are the key challenges ahead? We need to ensure our activities are well-aligned with our purpose. We must not underestimate the importance of measuring outcomes and how they are linked to our purpose. We must continue to show transparency, accountability, and disclosure about how the resources entrusted to us are used in our endeavours to help country people who need support to live better lives.”

Michael Bleby, OAM, Convenor

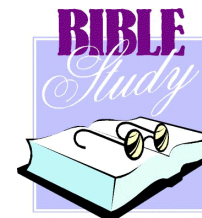
READINGS for Sunday, 19th July 2020—Trinity 6—ac.care Sunday			
Isa 44. 6-8	Ps 86. 4-13	Rom 8. 26-30	Matthew 13. 24-43
Readers		David Glover and Anne Ashworth	
Intercessions		Richard Mills	
Server		Sue Christopher	
Sound desk		Robyn Ashby	
READINGS for Sunday, 26th July 2020—Trinity 7			
1 Ki 3. 5-14	Ps 119. 57-64	Rom 8. 28-31	Matthew 13. 44-52
Readers		To be advised	
Intercessions		To be advised	
Server		Julienne Feast	
Sound desk		Agnes Doyle / Trevor Christopher	



ROSTERS FOR	JULY
GARDENING	Robyn Sweetnam
MOWING ROSTER	Richard Strickland

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 was a bible study held at Julienne Feast’s house on Thursday, 16th July. 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.

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!!



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

Thank you

“Updating our strategic plan and unpacking the new operational mission has ensured staff across our diverse program delivery share a united mission and direction to provide country services for all country people. We held our first ac.care Care and Connect Day, bringing 160 staff, along with volunteers and board members, together from across the Riverland, Murraylands and Limestone Coast to reinforce our “oneteam” approach. The day was successful in connecting people from across the whole organisation, enjoying a range of activities, learning and networking experiences. It was a dynamic event that prompted strong feedback with comments that staff felt cared for and better connected across programs and regions.

Meanwhile, our work on reconciliation has been significant with a strong presence at Reconciliation and NAIDOC Week activities, growing involvement with Aboriginal-controlled organisations and ongoing delivery and review of the commitments of our ac.care Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan. The agency has also made major progress on setting clearer frameworks for supporting and protecting our staff through a new workplace health and safety committee and other initiatives. The agency’s focus on working with the community has been enhanced by building on partnerships and raising awareness of our services and how they can be supported. This includes an increased focus on communicating our achievements and mission, which has attracted considerable attention in traditional and social media.

Going forward, ac.care continues to maintain a strong financial position, returning a surplus for the second year in a row and meeting board targets. We also initiated the board care governance sub-committee, which has already helped form new directions in enhancing and formalising our client-centred approach.

Every day I am proud to work with our staff, volunteers and board members who rise to meet the challenges of service delivery and ensure our service meets the needs of our clients. In doing so they demonstrate the values of ac.care—compassion, adaptability, relationships and excellence.”

Shane Maddocks, Chief Executive Officer



ac.care
opportunities for life ... for country people
est. 1988

1300 AC CARE (1300 222 273)

We want all country people to have a safe home, enough money to live on and strong, positive relationships

RIVERLAND | LIMESTONE COAST | MURRAYLANDS | ADELAIDE HILLS | FLEURIEU PENINSULA



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 have commenced (see separate notice).

Collect

Bountiful God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word: by your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy, and to live according to it, that we may grow in faith and hope and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FREEZER MINISTRY FOR JULY

Anne Ashworth

Larnka Foran



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.

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.

We Care Mount Gambier FOOD DRIVE

Delivering food relief and essential items to Adelaide's International students and others in the community who have been affected by COVID-19

Accepting donations for AnglicareSA
Non-perishable items toiletries

Donations are being accepted at Christ Church, Mount Gambier (Church Office), between 21st to 31st July from 10.00am-12.00pm.

For more information, please contact Fr Neil Fernando on 0478 085894 or the Church Office on (08) 8723 1353.

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)

Numbers attending weddings and funerals are limited within the body of the church due to social distancing requirements and square meterage available

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
Sunday, 19th July	8.00am and 9.30am	ac.care Sunday
22 August 2020 (subject to Covid 19 restrictions)		Recycled Runway Fashion Show

Parish Priest

Fr Neil Fernando Mobile: 0478 085 894
E-mail: frneilfdo@gmail.com

Parish Hall Bookings

Lynn Fisher : Mobile: 0407 186 174

Pew Sheet

All notices/information for pew sheet to Parish Office by 9.00am Thursday mornings please

Parish Office

Telephone: (08) 8723 1353 Email: churchan@bigpond.net.au
Postal Address: PO Box 1357, Mt Gambier, SA, 5290

Church Addresses: Christ Church, 26 Bay Road, Mount Gambier
St Thomas, Church Street, Port MacDonnell
St Luke's, Post Office Road, Mount Schank

Web site : www.anglicanmountgambier.org.au

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

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NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS • TOILETRIES



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CARE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

"GOD BLESSES A CHEERFUL GIVER"