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Pew Sheet

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

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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**

Trinity 7 : 26th 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

THE KINGDOM IS A HIDDEN TREASURE

As you know, we're in the series of weeks where we look into the parables, the parables of Jesus.

Now the nice thing about this parable is that the one who finds the treasure is not allowed to keep it. It's not Roman law. If you're in Roman law, you can keep it. But in Hebrew law, it says if it's not your field, whatever belongs in that field doesn't belong to you, so you can turn it in and they have to look for the people who really own it.

He took it and he buried it carefully and he was going to not tell anybody, but he was willing to change his whole life because of what he found. Jesus only came for one purpose. What?

To say that to find your treasure, the treasure in your heart, the treasure you hope to find some day — whether you go to the Mark 6, or whether you go to the Jockey Club, or whether you go in a sophisticated way into business — but your treasure, as Jesus says, "Where your treasure is, there is your heart."

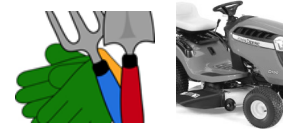
Now, if you want to know what your heart is like, then you answer your own question. The heart hungers. It hungers for many things, but what it hungers for most?

What Jesus wants you to know is what is the treasure?
What is the thing that you treasure most, that you would never give up, that brings out in you, not an eagerness for money and success, but for love?

What do you love? What do you sacrifice for? What do you care about? And if your answer is money, then you haven't looked deep enough into your own heart. Because money is just an object that comes as maybe a little security, but doesn't usually deliver. It's not worth the effort of your whole heart yearning for it and spending your time trying to accumulate it.

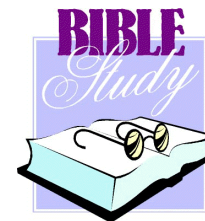
What is worthwhile?
Well, it's very easy. Jesus says, "Where your heart is, that is where your treasure will be." And if your treasure is God then your heart is in the right place.

READINGS for Sunday, 26th July 2020—Trinity 7			
1 Ki 3. 5-12	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	
READINGS for Sunday, 2nd August 2020—Trinity 8			
Isa 55. 1-3	Ps 145. 14-21	Rom 8. 31b-39	Matthew 14. 13-21
Readers		Margaret Boardman and Rita Johnston	
Intercessions		Anne Ashworth	
Server		Darren Schunke	
Sound desk		Bill Hudd	



ROSTERS FOR	JULY
GARDENING	Robyn Sweetnam
MOWING ROSTER	Richard Strickland

The bible study group at Elizabeth Hodges' residence (1/6 Heriot Street) is planning to meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday @ 3.00pm. Please let Elizabeth know if you plan on attending (0419 595 653).



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

Do you wonder why God hides?

God hides because He knows that if you find Him and experience Him and begin just to forget all the other stuff and turn your heart to Him and love Him, then you will have found the meaning of your treasure, the meaning of your life and the meaning of why we are all sitting here today saying quite happily, "Yes, the treasure at the centre of my life is indeed Jesus, who calls me, and my Father, who awaits me. And together we walk through everything in life: the difficulties, the troubles, the love, the meaning."

All of these things come naturally if you can figure out this parable the man stumbles upon, because we stumble upon God. We think that God is hiding from us, but we are hiding from God most of the time. He might be hiding, but He's always there. He's close, He's near, He's helping, because He loves His children and He will never let them go.

Let us strive to find God in our life.

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 have commenced (see separate notice).

Annual Vestry Meeting

Parish Council has set the date for our Annual Vestry Meeting as **Sunday, 16th August**—following the 9.30am Eucharist.

Please give serious thought and prayer as to whether you are able to serve on Council for at least the next year and bring fresh ideas and experience to the group as they consider and make decisions on the future on behalf of the whole Parish.

Nomination forms will be available from the rear of the church for you to complete and return to the Parish Office or Fr Neil.

(N.B. *If you took a booklet containing reports, financials etc. earlier this year in March, please bring it to the meeting on 16th August. This will save on having to reprint extra copies of the booklet.*

However, an amended agenda will be available on the day).

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 to Adelaide's International students and others in the community who have been affected by COVID 19.

Accepting donations for AnglicareSA
Non-perishable items new blankets toiletries

Bring your donations to the Church Office between 21st to 31st July from 10.00am—12.00noon.

For more information, please contact Fr Neil on 0478 085 894.

Services and coming events in the Parish and Diocese

Fr Neil is conducting 3 services weekly as follows:

Friday 11.00am
Sunday 8.00am and 9.30am
Maximum of 66 attendees per service

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 : Strict 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.

2nd & 4th Thursdays	4.00-5.00pm	Fr Neil visits Mt Gambier Prison
Mondays and Thursdays	5.15-6.30pm	Meditation Group in Ashworth Room
Wednesdays	1.00-3.00pm	Craft Group meets in Ashworth Room
22 August 2020 (subject to Covid 19 restrictions)		Recycled Runway Fashion Show
Sunday, 26th August	following 9.30am service	Annual Vestry Meeting



The We Care food donations for AnglicareSA will be sorted on Saturday, 1st August—and it is hoped to transport them to Adelaide in the first week of August.

If you are travelling to Adelaide in that week (2nd—9th August) and are able to transport the donations—(or know of someone who could)—please speak to Fr Neil asap.