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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 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, Richard Mills, Brian Smith,
Lisa Searcy, Graham Savage, Faye Hill; 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 15 : 20th September 2020

**"For to me,
to live is Christ!"**



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

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

FOR TO ME ,TO LIVE IS CHRIST

Paul states that for him, to live is Christ. What is life? What is living? What does life mean to people? Or stated another way, what is your life all about? The answer to those questions varies a lot with the people you ask. It is tragic that so many people go through life never giving serious thought to these questions, and even more tragic that many of those who do still live haphazardly instead of with the purpose their answer should give them.

What are some of the answers given to the question, “what is life?” The following are brief summaries of the ones D. Martin Lloyd-Jones explained in his commentary on Philippians. For some, life just means existence. They view it in terms of an animal or a plant. They don’t give it much thought if any at all. They go on from day to day simply existing without even asking what life means. For these folks, there is no thought given to defining success. For others, they take an Epicurean outlook that is summed up in the phrase, “Let us eat, drink and be merry.” Life is about living today for whatever pleasure you might be able to find for the moment. Even work is about gaining the resources to do something fun. Success for the Epicurean is determined by the enjoyment of life. There is also a mystic view in which life’s troubles are seen as the result of the physical world.

The result is a concentration on spirituality and a passive attitude and interaction with the world. This is a view common among ascetics, hermits and monks. Success for the mystic is being separated from the world. Another view is the religious. Life is about being religious and performing religious duties. This can be a danger for Christians when the activities of serving the Lord replace the actual relationship with the Lord. Success for the religious is a long list of religious positions filled and religious activities completed.

However, Paul’s statement here not only defines his life, but also demonstrates what the life of any Christian should be about. For the Christian, to live, should be Christ. What does Paul mean by this? Paul found that Jesus Christ completely satisfied him in every respect. That will also be true in each of us as we grow in our relationship with Him. The truly important things in life can be reduced down to security and significance. I want to know that my future is completely safe and that my life will have an impact greater than my little world, the few short years of my physical existence on this planet.


In Jesus Christ there is complete security because His love is beyond what can even be imagined and nothing is able to keep Him from carrying out His promises. Jesus said in [John 15:13](#), “Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. That is exactly what Jesus did for us. [Romans 5:8](#) states it, “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” His love for us will never diminish toward us for two reasons. First, Jesus’ character never changes. He is the same yesterday, today and forever ([Heb. 13:8](#)). Second, since Jesus loved us while we were sinners and were at enmity against Him ([Rom. 5:8; 8:7](#)), there is nothing that could diminish His love now that we have become His followers and adopted into His family.

We can add to this that our significance is not in how many or large our work for the Lord may be, but rather it is our faithfulness in using whatever gifts He has given in whatever ministry He allows according to whatever power He supplies ([1 Cor. 12](#)). God judges our success in terms of faithfulness and not by any of the standards that man commonly uses. In other words, your eternal impact for Christ is rated on simply being His faithful servant and not in comparing how much you do with someone else. God’s reward for teaching a small class of toddlers is the same as teaching thousands of adults if both are using their gifts in ministry to their best ability.

READINGS for Sunday, 20th September 2020—Trinity 15			
Isa 55. 6-9	Ps 145. 14-21	Phil 1. 19-26	Matthew 20. 1-16
Readers		David Glover and Anne Ashworth	
Intercessions		Rick Fisher	
Server		Sue Christopher	
Sound desk		Robyn Ashby	
READINGS for Sunday, 27th September 2020—Trinity 16			
Ezek 18. 25-28	Ps 25. 1-9	Phil 2. 1-11	Matthew 21. 28-32
Readers		The children	
Intercessions		The children	
Server		Julienne Feast	
Sound desk		Agnes Doyle / Trevor Christopher	

ROSTERS FOR SEPTEMBER	
GARDENING	Helen Douglass
MOWING ROSTER	Darryl Grant
FREEZER MINISTRY <small>(Please remember to label, date and list all the ingredients in each container)</small>	Julienne Feast





A **BIG** ‘thank you’ to all those people who so generously contributed to the church cleaning fund.

We now have sufficient funds to enable us to keep the cleaning going over the next 3-4 months.

PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

For September

13th	James Allen
14th	Trevor Christopher
22nd	Virginia Kuhl
22nd	Raylene Milligan
29th	Barbara Wardley



For October

1st	Margaret Boardman
3rd	Roma Driscoll
11th	Pepe Ortega
15th	Tim Hawkes
17th	Otfried Linder
26th	Jeff Bowman
27th	Rita Johnston
28th	Dianne Burton



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

Here's how to stay in touch with the Parish Family!!!

- 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 and uncertain time!

- Attend one of the Bible study groups that have commenced

The final aspect of "to live is Christ" is in the all encompassing identity the Christian is to have with Jesus. It is God's plan that every Christian becomes conformed to the image of His Son ([Rom. 8:29](#)). People should see Jesus Christ reflected in how we act and in the things we say. The word "Christian" itself, meaning "little Christ" or "Christ one," was coined by unbelievers in Antioch to describe the disciples of Jesus ([Acts 11:26](#)). Paul, as should all Christians, desired to have Jesus Christ seen in his life in everything he did. He described it this way in [Galatians 2:20](#).

Is that the way you identify with Christ? Is your view of the world and the purpose of your existence increasingly that of Christ? Is your will daily more in submission to His? Are you getting better at responding to the world the way He did? Is the purpose of your existence found in your own glory, pleasure and desire or in His? For the Christian, it should always be an increasing amount of Jesus Christ and a decreasing amount of self. Perhaps you are not mature and bold enough to make the claim with Paul that for you, to live is Christ, but the question for this morning is whether that is what you want your life to become like or not. If it is, then take heart even as Paul did, through the prayers of others and the work of the Holy Spirit, it will become that way more and more each day.

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Please note

Fr Neil will be away on retreat at Seven Hills in the Clare Valley from Monday, 21st September to Friday, 25th September.

The Friday morning service on the 25th will be Morning Prayer as Fr Neil will not be back until later that day.



Mother's Union members listening to the address given by guest speaker, Natasha Srpac—a social worker from Pro Life "Love Them Both" at their meeting held last Tuesday.

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; Esma Pratt (Donna's grandmother);

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).



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. is not be available during this time of COVID restrictions)

Strict observance of all social distancing and sanitizing regulations are in force for your protection and the protection of the Op Shop workers.



Mothers' Union Christmas cards

The order form for Mothers' Union Christmas cards is on the bench at the back of the church. Please place your order as soon as possible as the order needs to be finalized by mid-September.

Thank you.

Elizabeth Hodges (0419 595 653)
President MU



Name badges

As we have a number of new parishioners in our midst, could you please ensure that you wear your name badge at each service.

If you do not have a name badge—and would like one—please write a note with your name on it and give it either to Fr Neil or one of the office staff.
Thank you.

Services and coming events in the Parish

Fr Neil is conducting 3 services weekly at Christ Church as follows:

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

St Luke's, Mt Schank—every 2nd Sunday of month @ 11.30am

Numbers attending weddings and funerals are limited within the body of the church in line with social distancing requirements and square meterage available

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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
3rd Tuesday	2.00pm	Mothers Union meet in Ashworth Room
2nd & 4th Thursdays	3.00pm	Bible Study group @ Elizabeth Hodges
2nd & 4th Saturdays	10.00am	Bible Study group in church Vestry
29 Sept 2020	3.15pm	Fundraising meeting in Ashworth Room
11 October		St Luke's Day being celebrated

Save the date
Sat, 24 Oct 2020

Mini Market