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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), Fr Lyndon Sulzberger

Parish Counsellors, Christ Church

Richard Strickland, Helen Douglass, Richard Mills, Brian Smith,
Lisa Searcy, Graham Savage, Faye Hill, Lynn Fisher

Diocesan Prayer

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love so that we are wholly yours and may love each other and grow as a community of faith. Fill us and use us to share your healing power with those with whom we work, live and worship. Ignite within us a passion for your Gospel so that we can be beacons of love, justice and mercy using our gifts and talent for your glory. Open our hearts and our minds to your truths given to us in scripture and to the needs of others. Strengthen us to share these truths within our community, that we may produce a greater harvest for your kingdom. Come Holy Spirit; renew and empower us to that we can face all things with courage knowing that you are with us. In Jesus' name, Amen

**The Anglican Pastoral District of
Mount Gambier**

**Christ Church
Mount Gambier**

**St Luke's
Mount Schank**

**St Thomas
Port MacDonnell**

Epiphany 2 : 17th January 2021



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

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

From Fr Neil

SPEAK LORD, YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING

We have in today’s first reading and gospel stories of call and response, both of which we are familiar – in fact we have heard them in the past. As we ponder these scriptures of call and reflect on God’s calls in our lives, there seem to be common characteristics:

They may come to us in prayer, in an inspiration, even in a dream. They may come to us in our youth, young adulthood, or wisdom years. They come in ordinary, seemingly insignificant moments, but if we are attentive to the promptings of our hearts we will be given the insight to recognize them.

And they may be presented to us by a person or event that attracts us and beckons us in some way, and which we may push aside as coincidence or chance. I like to call these the “Had it not been for...” moments. These people or events can be the instruments of God’s invitation, messengers, if you will, who are filled with God’s presence and understand what it means to be used as disciples.

“Behold, the Lamb of God!” says John. These words, which we hear at every Eucharist, are decisive words. John was a charismatic man, who excited and challenged people. Disciples gathered around him. But John does not want to remain his disciples. He points to Jesus! “Behold the Lamb of God!” With this pointing he fulfills the meaning of his own life. Every one of us seeks meaning in life, and find it in various ways. But very few recognize the meaning of their life so clearly as John. He lives, he exists for one thing alone, to point to Jesus. That is the high point of his life, with which he attains the greatest joy. Now it but remains for Jesus to grow; he, John, may diminish.

John pointed to Jesus, and the disciples followed him. They felt his mysteriously attractive power, but did not yet really know him. They wanted to know who he really is. So they ask him, “Master, where are you staying?” Where are you at home? What is it like to live with you?” Jesus did not give them a quick answer, but invited them: Come and see! Or rather, come and you will see! And this answer developed a lifelong for the disciples. They learned through Jesus' words and through experience that he is a special way present in the Eucharist, as he promises “He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.” (John 6:56). And they learned that Jesus is in all his beloved friends; he lives in us when we allow him, when we open ourselves to his love.

READINGS for Sunday, 17th January 2021—Epiphany 2			
1 Sam 3. 2-19	Ps 40. 8-13	1 Cor 6. 12-20	John 1. 35-42
Server	Sue Christopher		
Readers	David Glover / Anne Ashworth		
Intercessions	Rick Fisher		
Sound desk	Robyn Ashby		
READINGS for Sunday, 24th January 2021—Epiphany 3			
Jonah 3. 1-10	Ps 25. 1-9	1 Cor 7. 29-31	Mark 1. 14-20
Server	Julienne Feast		
Readers	Young people		
Intercessions	Young people		
Sound desk	Andrew Hogg / Trevor Christopher		



ROSTERS FOR	JANUARY
GARDENING	Volunteer required
MOWING ROSTER	Rick Fisher
FREEZER MINISTRY <small>(Please remember to label, date and list all the ingredients in each container)</small>	Anne Ashworth Larnka Foran

Please remember in your prayers the people of Lucindale as they come to terms with their losses as a result of the recent fire—and also give thanks for the work of all those people who fought the fire.

PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

For January

3rd	Wendy Monger
6th	Peter Searcy
8th	Robyn Ashby
13th	Neil Geddes
17th	David Clarkson



For February

1st	Heather Allen
6th	Pam Miller
8th	Sandra Grant
9th	Maree McIntyre
10th	Fran Laslett
14th	Lisa Searcy
27th	Glenyse Nott



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

MOTHERS' UNION

During last year Jan Pfeiffer and Mary Leach were guest speakers at one of our meetings and spoke of their voluntary work at the Mary MacKillop Centre in Penola. They invited us to visit when they were on duty and we set off on Thursday morning, had lunch at the Windara Bakery and then Jan and Mary gave us a tour of the centre. We heard the wonderful story of Mary MacKillop, her teaching and the school which she ran in Penola. They also spoke of Father Tenison Woods, a priest and geologist, who co-founded with Mary the Congregation of Sisters of St Joseph in 1866.

The visit was enjoyed by 7 Mothers' Union members, 2 husbands and one friend!

Elizabeth Hodges
President - Mothers' Union Mount Gambier



God calls everyone of us. But there are many forms that God's call takes. It is few who are called as successors of the apostles. It is perhaps few who experience God's call in as impressive a way as Samuel. But what is essential remains the same, that there is someone from whom we somehow hear, "See him! Listen to him! He is the one who fulfills your longing and your hope, who will make you happy!" and that we have the confidence to say this also to others. Or as in Samuel's case, "Listen to these words, to this teaching, to these thought! Thus you will be led well!" And that we are seek to learn every more intimately who Jesus, to ask him anew "Where are you staying?", and to experience his presence with us in the celebration of the Eucharist, and in our fellow men and women.

The Gospel tells us that having spent the day listening to Jesus, the first thing Andrew did was find his brother, Simon. Inspired by the words of the teacher Jesus, Andrew's life was changed. This was such a clear invitation by God to follow Jesus that he was compelled in turn to tell his brother that he had found the Messiah. Andrew was the instrument of call. Had it not been for Andrew we wonder if Simon would have come to know Jesus, who in turn called him to a life-changing vocation.

As followers of Jesus, have we not recognized him, heard his call in our hearts, and been instruments of God's call for others? We all know of instances in our families, in our jobs, in our ministries where we encounter God. Perhaps as we meet each other today and in the future we could share our "Had it not been for" moments when we have heard God's call. These are stories of trust in our ever faithful God who continues to call us. May we listen and be attentive to the promptings of our hearts.

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Diocese of The Murray 2021 Prayer Diary

There are a few copies of the 2021 Prayer Diary available at the back of the church for those who would like a copy.

Alternatively, the office could forward you a copy via email if you would so like. Please let the office staff know if you would like this to happen.


Pray for those who are unwell and for each other

Bishop David McCall; Val Linder; 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); Jean Hawkes

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 remember in your prayers the family and friends of Fr Peter Carlsson who died on Wednesday.

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. 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.

Bell Tower Op Shop Food Donation Bin

The Bell Tower Op Shop is in a monthly partnership with ac.care and with our very own Thursday Food Ministry, to collect non-perishable food items, with the December donations being donated to ac.care.

We are requesting that as you make your shopping list, you put on a few extra items to support our community in need. Bring these items into the Op Shop where our friendly volunteers will say thank you and we would love to say hello.

Suitable items are: tinned tuna or salmon, rice and noodles, cereals, tinned or packet soups and vegetables and casseroles, tinned fruits and long life full fat milk.

Many thanks for your small acts of kindness when you do your shopping, and know that it has real meaning to those individuals in need.

Services and coming events in the Parish

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

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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 (N.B. Craft will resume in February)
3rd Tuesday	2.00pm	Mothers' Union meet in Ashworth Room
2nd & 4th Thursday	3.00pm	Bible Study group @ Elizabeth Hodges'
2nd & 4th Saturdays	10.00am	Bible Study in church Vestry
Mon, 25 January	3.15pm	Parish Fundraising meeting in Ashworth Room

