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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**

**Lent 1 : 21st February 2021**



**MARK 1:12-15**

TEMPTING GOD TO GET US BACK  
TO THE GARDEN

*Return to you and to Jesus*



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

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

**RETURN TO YOU AND TO JESUS**

The season of Lent is a period of sustained focus on the journey of Jesus toward the cross. The mood of Lent is subdued, a time for sober reflection on the cost Jesus paid for setting us free from our sins. Like the season of Advent, Lent points beyond itself, this time to the joys of Easter, where we celebrate the fact that the darkness of sin and death gave way once and for all to the glorious life of Jesus raised from the dead.

Lent means many things. A time of repentance. A time of sacrifice. A preparation for Easter. We often overlook another meaning—the idea that Lent is an invitation to “return,” to be reconciled with God, with each other and with ourselves. Lent calls us to return to our hearts, to see what’s there and act from what we see.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, when we gather to receive a cross of ash on our foreheads. It’s an old tradition that reminds us of our frail mortal nature (“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you will return”). It is also a symbol of our sorrow for the sins that we have committed. Thus, begins a period of around forty days of repentance and self-examination where many of us will undertake various forms of fasting and self-denial as spiritual disciplines, aiming to take the next step with Jesus in breaking the power of sin in our lives.

The Gospel said: “The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert.” This has two purposes. First, so that he could be alone and commune with the Father through prayer and fasting for forty days and nights. Second, so that he would experience what every human being undergoes, especially the temptations and sufferings. The Letter to the Hebrews expressed that: “Therefore he had to become like his brothers in every way, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God to expiate the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested” (Heb 2:17-18).

The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent.

The devil tempts Jesus with comfort, inviting him to provide bread for himself from the stones. The devil tempts Jesus with easy success, urging him to throw himself down from the temple and everybody would admire him. The devil tempts Jesus with power.

<b>READINGS for Sunday, 21st February 2021—Lent 1</b>			
Gen 9. 8-15	Ps 25. 1-8	1 Peter 3. 18-22	Mark 1. 12-15
Server	Julienne Feast		
Readers	Rick and Lynn Fisher		
Intercessions	Rick Fisher		
Sound desk	Robyn Ashby		
Morning Tea	Diane Burton/Barbara Wardley/Alice Gladigau		
<b>READINGS for Sunday, 28th February 2021—Lent 2</b>			
Gen 22. 1-18	Ps 116. 11-18	Rom 8. 31b-34	Mark 9. 2-10
Server	Julienne Feast		
Readers	Modern		
Intercessions	Modern		
Sound desk	Trevor Christopher		
Morning Tea	David & Ruth Clarkson / Vivienne Ortega		



<b>ROSTERS FOR</b>	<b>FEBRUARY</b>
GARDENING	Richard Strickland
MOWING ROSTER	Darryl Grant
FREEZER MINISTRY <small>(Please remember to label, date and list all the ingredients in each container)</small>	Anne England Elizabeth Hodges Jenny Bowman Rhonda Strickland

## PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR



### For February

1st	Heather Allen
6th	Pam Miller
8th	Sandra Grant
9th	Maree McIntyre
10th	Fran Laslett
13th	Lisa Searcy
14th	Val Linder
27th	Glenyse Nott

### For March

2nd	Coral Chaffey
2nd	Sadewu
6th	Ruth Clarkson
7th	Tara McCracken
10th	Matthew Allen
19th	Dot Saffin
24th	Denise McDonald
28th	Helen Douglass



*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



**N.B.** We no longer have the facility to collect stamps for ABM to be forwarded through Diocesan Office. The stamps, if you collect them, should be forwarded directly to ABM from now on.

Thank you.

We all are tempted to comfort through selfishness and indulgence. We are all tempted to success, to be somebody, no matter what the cost. We are all tempted to power; to run things, to run people, to be in charge. These are inclinations that we need to be aware of, inclinations that we need to confront.

During Lent the Church invites us to live with Jesus in his desert experience, to undergo trial with him and to come out of the desert at the end, ready to share a time of fulfilment with him in the kingdom of God.

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### Please note

Fr Neil will be out of the parish at training at St Barnabas in Adelaide from Monday, 22nd February until Friday, 26th February. He will be available from the Saturday, 27th.



**A HUGE thank you to Kym Jones and Jeff England for their work in erecting the new bin enclosure at the back of the Ashworth Room. It is a wonderfully neat job and hopefully will deter people from rummaging through the bins after hours!**

It is so good to arrive at church and not see rubbish scattered far and wide where people have gone through the bins and left everything lying around the place.

Again, thank you to Kym and Jeff for all their hard work!

### 'HAT Day'



There is to be a fun **HAT** Day to be held on **Sunday, 28th February** following the 9.30am service.



Please bring along your favourite hat—and a friend—and share in the fun and games.

BYO food and drink please.

### Don't forget

If you have recently updated your phone (and/or contact details) - please don't forget to let the Parish Office know so that your updated information can be placed on our data base to ensure you continue to receive timely Parish information.

Thank you

### 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; Alice Gladigau; Wendy Monger & Don Currie; 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.*

*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 also be found at the back of the church.*



### 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 donations being distributed to the organisations a month about.

We ask that as you make your shopping list, you put on a few extra items to support our community in need. Please 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 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
Mon & Thurs	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 Thursday	3.00pm	Bible Study group @ Elizabeth Hodges'
2nd & 4th Saturdays	10.00am	Bible Study in church Vestry
Sat, 20 March And continuing on Saturdays	4.00-5.00pm 10.00-11.00am	Lenten study at Christ Church Lenten studies
Thurs, 25 Feb	3.00pm	Bible Study @ Elizabeth Hodges' home
Sun, 28 Feb	following 9.30am service	HAT day (bring your favourite hat and a friend) (BYO food & drink)
Fri, 5 March	6.00pm 7.00pm	World Day of Prayer @ Christ Church World Day of Prayer @ St Luke's, Mt Schank
Thurs, 11 March	3.00pm	Bible Study @ Elizabeth Hodges' home
Sat, 20 March	8.45am—4.00pm	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
<b>Sun, 21 March</b>	<b>following 9.30 service</b>	<b>Annual Vestry Meeting</b>
Sun, 28 March	2.00-5.00pm	Child Safe Environments refresher