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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 Lyndon Sulzberger
Fr Neil (Nalini),

Parish Counsellors, Christ Church

Richard Strickland, Helen Douglass, Richard Mills, Brian Smith,
Dick Hamson, Graham Savage, Faye Hill, Robyn Sweetnam

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 so 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**

Easter 2 : 18th April 2021



Lord Open the Eyes of our Minds



We extend a warm welcome to all visitors to our church

Please make yourself known to the Parish Priest or Wardens

From Fr Neil

LORD OPEN THE EYES OF OUR MINDS

On this third Sunday of Easter, the Church invites us to celebrate the living Christ, who is our advocate. Through his death and resurrection, he advocates for us. Ignorance and doubt keeps us in fear and darkness, while Christ illumines and strengthens our faith.

The major problem of the Jewish leaders who crucified Christ was ignorance. They thought they knew God and were advancing his course. On the contrary, they were actually working against it. Hence, they remained stubborn.

One important point which all the readings of this Sunday have in common is the relationship between ignorance and faith. Peter observed the ignorance of the Jewish leaders. Hence, he addressed them: *“It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just...Now brothers, I know that neither you nor your leaders had an idea of what you were doing.”*

They were waiting for the fulfillment of God’s promises. However, when He came, they ignorantly rejected him. Hence, John writes: *“Anyone who says I know him and does not keep his commandments is a liar refusing to admit the truth.”* Ignorance of God’s command and will, leaves one with a false impression that he knows the truth. It makes one think that he is fighting for God, when actually the contrary is the case.

We should be different because, *“the time of ignorance is over” (Acts 17, 30-31)*. It is over through the risen Christ, our advocate. Therefore, we must constantly seek divine counsel and illumination from Christ our advocate. Most importantly, we must constantly repent and receive forgiveness. John assures us today that: *“We have an advocate before the Father who is Just, he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away...”*

In the gospel, Christ continues to strengthen the faith of his disciples by illuminating their minds with the scriptures. Even though they heard him preach, and saw his miracles, they were ignorant of what the scriptures said about Him. St Jerome reminds us that: *“Ignorance of the scriptures is ignorance of Christ.”* Ignorance of God’s word and commandments is a major stumbling block to faith. Jesus knew this, so, *“He opened their minds to scriptures...you see how it was written...”* Hence, Paul constantly prayed: *“May the Lord open the eyes of your minds” (Eph 1:18)*. Indeed, our minds need the illumination from the light and glory of the risen Christ.

REPORT THIS AD

Today’s gospel also reveals something very important. Often, we think that only Thomas doubted the resurrection of Christ. Of course, according to the gospel of John 20: 19-21, (which we read last Sunday), it seemed so. However, without contradicting John, Luke simply takes us further, by revealing that Thomas was not alone in this boat. Jesus asked his disciples: *“Why are you agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts?”*

READINGS FOR Sunday, 18th April 2021—Easter 2			
Acts 3. 13-19	Ps 4	1 Jn 2. 1-6	Luke 24. 35-48
Server	Julienne Feast		
Readers	Rick and Lynn Fisher		
Intercessions	Sue Christopher		
Sound desk	Robyn Ashby		
Morning Tea	Diane Burton / Alice Gladigau / Barbara Wardley		
READINGS FOR Sunday, 25th April 2021—Easter 3—Anzac Day			
Acts 4. 8-12	Ps 118. 1-9	1 Jn 3. 1-2	John 10. 11-18
Server	Julienne Feast		
Readers	modern		
Intercessions	Julienne Feast		
Sound desk	Trevor Christopher		
Morning Tea	David and Ruth Clarkson / Vivienne Ortega		



ROSTERS FOR		APRIL
GARDENING		Vivienne Ortega
MOWING ROSTER		Richard Strickland
FREEZER MINISTRY		Julienne Feast
<small>(Please remember to label, date and list all the ingredients in each container)</small>		
<p>N.B. Due to COVID restrictions, we are currently unable to hand out home cooked goods to people presenting for Emergency Relief. However, pre-prepared goods such as frozen packaged foods are acceptable. If you can help by donating some pre-packaged frozen foods, it would be most appreciated.</p>		

PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR



For April

8th	Joan Tremelling	16th	Glen Solomons
10th	Darryll Grant	19th	Nora Smibert
11th	Sandy Coulson	24th	Kelvin Smibert
14th	Roger Jones	30th	Sue Ongley

For May


17th	Lance Kuhl
17th	Cliffie Cox
25th	Jenny Bowman

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



Open Our Eyes, Lord!

Strategic Planning Team Survey

We would like to thank all those who responded to the recent Parish Survey conducted by our team. We really appreciated people's thoughts, honesty & integrity in their replies.

The team will be meeting again on **Wednesday, 21st April @ 10.00** in the Ashworth Room.

If you happened to "miss the boat" with the survey and would still like to respond then please do so. Additional responses can be left anytime in the box on the Vestry door.

Members of this team are Fr Neil, Kaylene Barreira, Sue Charlton, Faye Hill, David Glover, Rick Fisher, Trevor Christopher and Jeff Bowman

Of course, Jesus knew that most of his disciples doubted, even though they did not manifest it out publicly. So, he did everything humanly possible to convince them. He visited them, eat and drank with them. He even allowed them to touch his wounds. How many of us attend Sunday Eucharist and yet, do not believe in the Eucharist?

May the risen Christ illuminate our minds that we may believe in him.
Alleluia.

Peace be with you!

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Children's activities during the 9.30 am service at Christ Church are *in recess until the first Sunday in May*, when preparations occur for the Mothering Sunday service, to be celebrated this year at Christ Church on Mother's Day.

Thank you to the many parents, grandparents, carers and Op Shop volunteers and others who warmly encourage, inspire and assist us to present a range of engaging activities. Helping hands and creative minds are always welcome!

Kaylene Barreira

OP SHOP NEWS - SHOPPING BAGS IN DEMAND

The Op Shop has been extremely busy since it re-opened in the new year, so much so that it is in urgent need of CLEAN PAPER, PLASTIC OR MATERIAL shopping bags to use for customer's purchases.

If you have any that you no longer require please drop them into the Op Shop during opening hours or label them and leave in the Vestry.

MOTHERS UNION



The Mothers Union Meeting will be held in the Ashworth Room on Tuesday, 20th April 2021 at 2.00pm.

All are most welcome.

COVID restrictions will apply

Hostesses: Judy Geddes and Glenyse Nott

Anne Ashworth
President

Pray for those who are unwell and for each other

Bishop David McCall; Val Linder; Sue Ongley; Maree & Bob Lynch; Joe Maier; June Willcourt; 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; Sandy Coulson

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.

We remember especially at this time the members of the Royal Family as they mourn the death of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

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 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 at Christ Church as follows:

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

and 1 service at St Luke's, Mount Schank on the 2nd Sunday of each month
Maximum of 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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1st Tues/month	10.00am	St Mary's Boandik service
1st & 3rd Fri/month	1.30pm	Boandik Lake Terrace East service
2nd & 4th Thurs	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 Thurs	3.00pm	Bible Study group @ Elizabeth Hodges'
2nd & 4th Sat	10.00am	Bible Study in church Vestry
Sat, 17 April	8.30am	Garage Sale and Mini Market
Tues, 20 April	2.00pm	Mothers Union meeting in Ashworth Room
Wed, 21 April	10.00am	Strategic Planning Group meeting in Ashworth Room
Thurs, 22 April	3.00pm	Bible Study @ Elizabeth Hodges' home
Tues, 4 May	3.15pm	Fundraising Team meeting in Ashworth Room