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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 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

**Prayer during COVID 19**

Our heavenly Father, we come before you with contrite hearts, yearning for your comfort and your grace. In the midst of COVID 19 spreading across the globe, we ask in your mercy that you would stop this plague and restore harmony and health to the nations, and especially Australia.

And we pray for the families, especially those who have lost loved ones to this disease, or those suffering from its effects. May we know the peace that passes understanding, as we place our trust in Jesus, in whose powerful name we pray. Amen.

**The Anglican Pastoral District of Mount Gambier**

**Christ Church  
Mount Gambier**

**St Luke's  
Mount Schank**

**St Thomas  
Port MacDonnell**

**Sunday after Ascension : 16th May 2021**



*You are my witnesses*



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

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

*From Fr Neil*

**YOU ARE MY WITNESSES**

Jesus goes up to heaven and he meets Gabriel the angel. And Gabriel says, "What are you doing up here?" And he said, "Well, I came back a little early." And Gabriel said, "Why?" "Well," he said, "they crucified me." And then Gabriel says to him, "That means that your mission failed." And he said, "No," he said, "I entrusted my disciples to carry on the mission for me." And then Gabriel, being a little cynical, says, "Suppose they fail?" And Jesus looks and he says, "I've got no other plans."

The unfortunate thing about the Ascension is that most people feel that when Jesus goes up there, he stays there. But we Christians know that Jesus has never really left us. If the person of Jesus that the disciples grew to know so well enters into eternal life and glory, the coming of the Holy Spirit wakens them up on Pentecost to know that the Risen Lord is with us.

In today's gospel, Jesus says, "proclaim the good news to all creation".

We must not look up to heaven lamenting the absence of the Lord like the disciples did in the first reading today. We must face here on earth what God asks us to do and keep our feet firmly on the ground. We must set out to bring his gospel, his Good News to the ends of the earth. This is why any attempt to keep Christians in an attitude of dependency and immaturity without real responsibilities and voice in the Church is contrary to the meaning of the feast we are celebrating today.

St Teresa of Avila has a very nice saying that sums this all up when she writes: "Christ has no body. Christ has no body now on this Earth but yours, no hands but yours. Your eyes are the eyes by which he looks upon the world with compassion. Yours are the feet by which he walks about doing good. Yours are the hands by which he blesses us now. All are yours, yours and yours."

READINGS AND ROSTERS FOR:			
Sunday, 16th May 2021—Sunday after Ascension			
Acts 1. 1-11	Ps 47	Eph 1. 15-23	Mark 16. 15-20
Server	Julienne Feast		
Readers	David Clarkson / Anne Ashworth		
Intercessions	Sue Christopher		
Sound desk	Robyn Ashby		
Morning Tea	Dianne Burton / Alice Gladigau / Barbara Wardley		
Flowers	Robyn Sweetnam		
Sunday, 23rd May 2021—Pentecost Sunday			
Acts 2. 1-11	Ps 104. 26-32	1 Cor 12. 1.13	John 20. 19-23
Server	Julienne Feast		
Readers	Bill Hudd / Robyn Ashby		
Intercessions	Julienne Feast		
Sound desk	Trevor Christopher		
Morning Tea	David and Ruth Clarkson / Vivienne Ortega		
Flowers	Rhonda Strickland		



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

## PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR



### For May

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

### For June

4th June Willcourt  
5th Rick Fisher  
9th Bev Hamson  
11th Vivienne Ortega  
19th Ryan Searcy  
24th Alice Gladigau

***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

***Cliffline Cox—pictured below—turns 100 years of age on Monday, 17th May 2021. What a milestone—we wish her a very happy birthday and wonderful celebration!***



We are no longer living in an age of change; rather we are living through the change of an age. I dream of a “missionary option” that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church’s ways of doing things and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelisation of today’s world rather than for her self-preservation. *Evangelii Gaudium*.

Part of the work of evangelisation and mission is to help our people experience and embrace who they are as sons and daughters of God. The depth of their identity can be unlocked only in an encounter with Jesus Christ. Fostering such an encounter and supporting their journey toward Christ will, in turn, propel them out on mission.

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### *Who is Bill Jackson?*

A historical Australian fiction book by Kelvin Smibert

Copies available from the Parish Office or Kelvin Smibert @ \$25.00 a copy.

### **Mothers’ Union**

The Mothers’ Union meeting will be held in the Ashworth Room on Tuesday, 18th May 2021 at 2.00pm.



“Stepping Stones on Faith for Family Life” will be our topic.

All are most welcome.

COVID restrictions will apply.

Hostesses : Anne Ashworth and Denise McDonald

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); Shirley Stacpoole; Esma Pratt (Donna's grandmother); Jean Hawkes; Sandy Coulson; Terry Wilson; Anne Barry (Glen Solomons' godmother)

*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 family and friends of Marion McCall as they mourn the death of Bishop David last week. Bishop David's funeral will be held on Wednesday, 19th May at 1.00pm in St Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide. People will need to register to attend in person—details to follow early next week. The service will also be live streamed—access details to follow next week.*



### 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 100 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**

**Strict observance of all social distancing and sanitizing regulations are in force for your protection and the protection of all attendees at services**

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
Fri, 14 May - Sat, 15 May		Synod in Murray Bridge
Tues, 18 May	2.00pm	Mothers' Union meeting in Ashworth Room
Wed, 19 May	5.00pm	Parish Council meeting in Ashworth Room
Wed, 19 May	1.00pm	Bishop David McCall's funeral in St Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide (people will need to register to attend [details to follow])