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Pew Sheet

All notices/information for pew sheet to Parish Office by 9.00am Thursday mornings please

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Details for giving by Direct Debit : The Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier
BSB : 105-002
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 Neil (Nalini); Fr Wayne Corker; Fr Lyndon Sulzberger

Parish Counsellors, Christ Church

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



As a Christian community, we acknowledge and pay respect to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional custodians of the lands on which we gather and meet.

We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and future.

The Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier

**Christ Church
Mount Gambier**

**St Luke's
Mount Schank**

**St Thomas
Port MacDonnell**

Trinity 8 : 25th July 2021



*The Hand of the Lord feeds us
Psalm 145; 16*

N.B. The usual services, events, rosters etc. and the Bell Tower Op Shop are not operating during the current COVID 19 total lockdown—but will resume as soon as Government rulings permit.

Please see separate notice regarding ZOOM events scheduled

From Fr Neil

THE HAND OF THE LORD FEEDS US : Psalm 145; 16

Through many ways God proves that he owns the world and that he loves all that he has made and specially cares for His people. Without this loving act of God, humanity and indeed all living things would not be able to survive even for a second in this world despite their own efforts. It is in him we live and move and have our being and we owe our life to Him.

God, in the first reading used his chosen and great prophet Elisha to take care of the needs of his people of old. God acted through Elisha to prove that his concern and priority is how to satisfy our needs; he does not need anything and even if he does like in the case of Elisha, our own needs are of paramount importance to him and a priority to be attended to. He shows his generosity and selflessness in his relationship with his people. This was the reason for Elisha giving out what was meant for him to the people. Here like in the gospel of today, God multiplied the little barley loaves and fresh grain. It was an impossible mission for his servant just as in the case of Jesus in the gospel was also an incredible thing for Phillip. The servant of Elisha saw as humans that such quantity of food cannot go round to a hundred people; too insufficient to manage.

This was a similar scenario in the gospel when Phillip reported to Jesus that two hundred dinarii would not be able even to give the crowd a little pebble.

What humans see as impossible becomes not only possible with God but too simple and easy. This is why Luke made us aware that with God all things are possible (Lk. 1: 37). St Paul advises us Christians to live a life worthy of our calling. Be humble, kind, patient, bear with one another in love and to be like Christ and do what he does. Let us be charitable and then maintain the unity of the spirit given to us. We share one call, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father who is above all, through all and is in all. May God make us aware of our duty and demands of our call as Christians.

Let us observe that it was the charity of others to Elisha and the reserved food of the lad that they made available for the satisfaction of the needs of others. What would Elisha have used if the person did not give him those gifts? What would Jesus have used if the little boy did not make available his little food security to Jesus? Is it not possible that some people in that crowd reserved theirs for personal and selfish consumption? God needs you to do the miracle of saving and serving the other's needs would you resist him?

Some excuse themselves that what they have is little and not enough to share but that is escapist attitude. "One day a man was walking along the beach when he noticed a figure in the distance. As he got closer, he realized the figure was that of a boy picking something up and gently throwing it into the ocean. Approaching the boy, he asked: 'What are you doing?' The youth replied: 'Throwing starfish in the ocean. The sun is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them in, they'll die.'

READINGS AND ROSTERS FOR			
Sunday, 25th July 2021—Trinity 8			
2 Ki 4. 42-44	Ps 145. 8-21	Eph 4. 1-6	John 6.1-15
Server	Not applicable		
Readers	Not applicable		
Intercessions	Not applicable		
Sound desk	Not applicable		
Sunday, 1st August 2021—Trinity 9			
Exod 16. 2-15	Ps 78. 16-30	Eph 4. 17-24	John 6. 24-35
Server	To be advised if COVID restrictions lifted		
Readers	To be advised if COVID restrictions lifted		
Intercessions	To be advised if COVID restrictions lifted		
Sound desk	To be advised if COVID restrictions lifted		



congratulations!

to Sandy Coulson who has recently stepped into the role of Priest's Warden.

If you are struggling in any way at all in the current total lockdown — need some help, or just need to talk to someone — please contact :

**Fr Neil
or Sandy Coulson**

**0478 085 894
0429 116 910 / 8723 0851**

PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

FOR JULY

2nd Lynn Fisher
3rd Donna Winckel
5th Judy Geddes
7th John Allen
16th Robert Sims



FOR AUGUST

1st Sue Christopher
2nd Warwick Hummerston
2nd Millicent Kasule
2nd Eleanor Hogg
18th Anne Ashworth
19th Kathy MacIntosh
21st Alexander Lynch
21st Emily Lynch

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

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle



This fundraising event held last Saturday raised \$629.25 for ac.care. Despite the freezing cold and windy conditions our volunteers rugged up in their thermals to keep the cold at bay throughout the day!!

Thank you to those who braved the conditions and also Maree McIntyre for cutting up the onions.

Fundraising Team

'Son,' the man replied: 'don't you realize there are miles and miles of beach and hundreds of starfish? You can't possibly make a difference!' After listening politely, the boy bent down, picked up another starfish, and threw it into the surf. Then, smiling at the man, he said: 'I made a difference for that one'. (Loren Eiseley, The Star Thrower).

God makes abundant our insufficiency to become not only sufficient but abundant and overflowing. When with good heart we allow God in our littleness and show charity, God of providence would surprise us by what he would do in our lives.

CARE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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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 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 all understanding, as we place our trust in Jesus, in whose powerful name we pray. Amen.

FORTHCOMING ZOOM EVENTS

Sun, 25 July	5.00pm	Evening Prayer
Wed, 28 July	10.00am	Strategic Planning meeting
Wed, 28 July	5.30pm	Evening Prayer

The church now has a reliable and secure ZOOM licence.

If you need help setting up zoom on your computer, tablet or smart phone, the following people can provide assistance:

Robyn Ashby	0438 831 084
Rick Fisher	0409 800 680

Pray for those who are unwell and for each other

Val Linder; Sue Ongley; Maree & Bob Lynch; June Willcourt; Joe Maier; Wendy Monger & Don Currie; Alice Gladigau; John & Phillis Beaven (brother & sister-in-law of Alice); Shirley Stacpoole; Esma Pratt (Donna's grandmother); Terry Wilson; Anne Barry (Glen Solomons' godmother); Allan Hincks

Pray for the repose of the souls of those near and dear to each one of us and for those whose yearly remembrance occurs 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 (currently CLOSED)

The Bell Tower Op Shop is in a monthly partnership with ac.care and with the church's 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 would love to say hello and thank you for your donations.

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

N.B. The Op Shop is currently closed during the COVID 19 lockdown.

Donations cannot be accepted during this time.

Services and events in the Parish when restrictions are lifted

Fr Neil conducts 3 services weekly at Christ Church as follows:

Friday 11.00am
Sunday 8.00am and 9.30am
Maximum of 33 attendees per service

And 1 service at St Luke's, Mount Schank on the 2nd Sunday of each month

Numbers attending weddings and funerals are limited within the body of the church due to COVID 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 Thursday	3.00pm	Bible Study group @ Elizabeth Hodges'
2nd & 4th Saturdays	10.00am	Bible Study in church Vestry

This Sunday 25 July 9.30am On-line service
The link to view this service will be emailed to all by Saturday evening. It will also be available on the parish website

Sat, 4 Sept Garage Sale and Mini Market

PLEASE SEE SEPARATE NOTICE IN PEW SHEET REGARDING FORTHCOMING ZOOM MEETINGS YOU CAN JOIN IN WITH