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Pew Sheet

All notices/information for pew sheet to Parish Office **no later**

9.00am Thursday mornings please

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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, Bishop Michael Hough

Parish Counsellors, Christ Church

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

The Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier


**Christ Church
Mount Gambier**

**St Luke's
Mount Schank**

**St Thomas
Port MacDonnell**

Epiphany 3 : 23rd January 2022



 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 the Elders—past, present and future.

***Wearing of face masks is mandatory, so please remember to wear your face mask when attending any services, the Bell Tower Op Shop or meetings at the church.
You must also register using the QR code or by manually filling out an attendance sheet.***

From Fr Neil

The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me

God manifests and gives Himself to us in different ways. One of the most sublime ways God gave and continues to give Himself to us is in His Word. The Word of God is at the centre of our lives and of all we do as Christians. May the power in the Word of God continue to lead us to a deepened relationship with God and with those around us.

The book of Nehemiah in the scriptures tells an inspiring story of the encounter between Ezra and the people of Israel. The people had come back from exile in Babylon and they were in a period of reconstruction and restoration. Their lives were shattered and they were deeply hungry and thirsty for the living word. Ezra, the priest stood on a wooden pulpit, opened the word of God in the sight of the people and read it to the assembly. All the men and women listened to him attentively and wept when they heard the words of the law. These words touched them so deeply and made them to cry. Psalm 19:7 perfectly describe the word of God as spirit and life.).




When Jesus came into the world, he was very clear about his mission, which was to proclaim the word of God. He went to into the synagogue and he was invited to proclaim the word of God. He quoted a passage from the book of the prophet Isaiah. He declared: "The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord" (Luke 4:18-19). Those who listened to him were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth (Luke 4:22).

It is wonderful to see how people respond to the word of God and this is because the word of God is not just ordinary word but word that is spirit and life. The prophet Isaiah says the Word of God is food and drink that fully satisfy (Isaiah 55:1-11); the Apostle Paul asserts that the Word of God is the wisdom that leads to salvation (2 Timothy 3:14-4:5). In the book of Hebrews we read: "The word of God is something alive and active (Hebrews 4:12 – 16) and Ephesians 6:17 describes the word as "The Sword of the Spirit".

The word of God has powerful effect on those who read and listen to it.

The [prophet Jeremiah](#) says it produces joy and happiness (15:16) and it is a consuming fire and a pounding hammer (23:29). Jesus encourages his disciples to

Sunday, 23rd January 2022—Epiphany 3			
Nehemiah 8. 2-10	Ps 19. 7-14	1 Cor 12. 12-30	Luke 1. 1-4; 4. 14-21
Server	Julienne Feast		
Readers	Bill Hudd / Robyn Ashby		
Intercessions	Julienne Feast		
Sound desk	Trevor Christopher		
Flowers	Rhonda Strickland		
Sunday, 30th January 2022—Epiphany 4			
Jer 1. 4-5, 17-19	Ps 71. 1-13	1 Cor 12. 31-13. 13	Luke 4. 21-30
Server	Darren Schunke		
Readers	Trevor Christopher / Darren Schunke		
Intercessions	Rick Fisher		
Sound desk	Bill Hudd		
Flowers	Elizabeth Hodges / O Green		

ROSTERS FOR	JANUARY
GARDENING 	Volunteer required
 MOWING ROSTER	Rick Fisher
FOOD and FREEZER MINISTRY 	N.B. Due to COVID restrictions, we are unable to hand out home cooked goods to people presenting for Emergency Relief. However, pre-prepared goods such as frozen packaged foods are acceptable.

A few copies of the Diocese of The Murray 2022 Prayer Diary are now available at the back of the church for those people interested.



PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

FOR JANUARY

6th Peter Searcy
 8th Robyn Ashby
 13th Neil Geddes
 17th David Clarkson
 27th Lorraine Sims

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

be in constant touch with his word, “If you make my word your home, you will indeed be my disciples, you will learn the truth and the truth will set you free” (John 8:31-32).

The Word of God is to be read personally, in our families and in the ecclesia community. The Word of God is to be listened to with all attentiveness. The Word is to be meditated and reflected upon. The Word of God is to be prayed. The Word of God is to be celebrated. Through these means, the Holy Spirit leads us to the profundity of the Word and to discover the hidden secrets therein which transform us and lead us to become what we have read and listened to, what we have meditated and reflected upon, what we have prayed and celebrated; to become living and mobile letters of the Word of God. In the words of the Second Reading (1 Cor 12:12-30) the hidden power in the Word of God leads us to become one body in Christ and to use all of the gifts of God in us to build up this One Body of Christ for “just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink”. The power in the Word of God conforms us to the likeness of Christ and makes clearer and brighter the image of God in us!

May the power in the Word of God that we encounter every day be the foundation of our lives for “Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life”; Amen.

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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.

Do you Know?

In the vestry above the TV is a box framed tapestry. It is surrounded in mystery! No one seems to know of it's origins but it was obviously deemed very important to preserve it for future generations.

It has been identified by Dr Linda Walker (Curator of the Needham 22 Faithful Gifts exhibition) to be of outstanding beauty.

If you know anything about the object or know someone who might, please contact Bill Hudd on 0477 504 223. Many thanks.

What? PARISH RETREAT
 @ Tarooki Campside, Robe

When? 1st—3rd April 2022

Cost? \$160 pp inc. accommodation and food

The retreat numbers are being limited to 40 attendees, so if you would like to take part, please contact Fr Neil or leave a message at the Parish Office.

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; Shirley Stacpoole; Terry Wilson; Anne Barry (Glen Solomons' godmother); Allan Hincks; Vern Petschel (Faye's uncle)

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.

Please pray for the family and friends of Robert (Ned) Brown who passed away recently.

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—preferably 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. is not allowed during this time of COVID 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.

N.B. Please remember to wear a face mask and register via the QR code or manually complete an attendance sheet when attending the Op Shop. Thank you.

The birthday listing has gone missing from the church!!

If anyone knows of its whereabouts, it would be very much appreciated if could you please let the church office know. Many thanks.

Services and events in the Parish

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

Friday 11.00am
Sunday 8.00am and 9.30am
Maximum of 100 attendees per service @ Christ Church

And 1 service at St Luke's, Mount Schank on the 2nd Sunday of each month
Maximum of 31 attendees per service @ St Luke's

Numbers attending services 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
1st & 3rd Thursdays	3.30-4.00pm	Tea and coffee
Thursdays	4.00-5.00pm	Charismatic prayer group in hall

Sun, 27 March	following 9.30am service	Annual Vestry Meeting
1-3 April		Parish Retreat at Tarooki Campsite, Robe

National Church Life Survey forms

Please place your completed NCLS form in the box at the back of the church as soon as possible.

Thank you