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

9.00am Thursday mornings please

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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 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



If you wish to make a bequest to the church, please follow the instructions on the Regulation for Bequests form which is available from the back of the church.

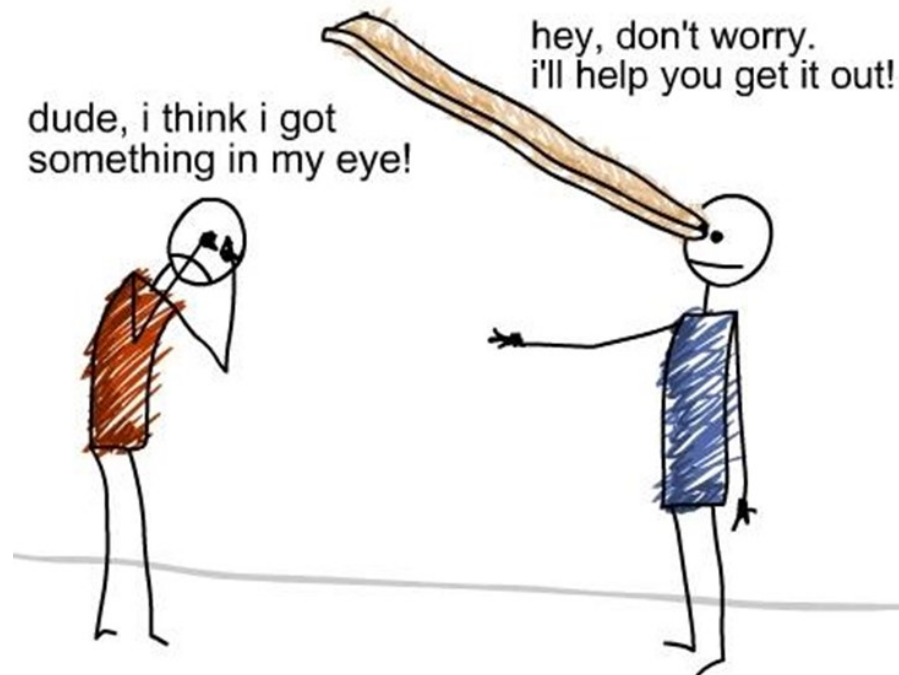
The Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier

**Christ Church
Mount Gambier**

**St Luke's
Mount Schank**

**St Thomas
Port MacDonnell**

Ordinary Sunday 8 : 27th February 2022



Examine yourself before others



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

EXAMINE YOURSELF BEFORE OTHERS

This Sunday's Gospel is addressed to Jesus' followers, whom he considers to be eventual leaders and teachers in his Church. Jesus drew on the realities of his time. For example, eye disease was widespread in ancient Israel, before the advancements in medicine that we enjoy today. In the time of Jesus, people with eye disease were often shunned and tended to band together for assisting one another and protecting themselves. As such, it would be common that blind people would be leading other blind people. Jesus used the familiar situation of "the blind leading the blind" to explain that the best scenario is that someone who can see is best equipped to lead one who cannot see.



Called to produce good out of the good treasures faith has placed in the believer's heart (Luke 6:45), each Christian is called to be like the teacher (Luke 6:40). However, this striving to imitate the Lord can be weakened and stunted altogether when one allows a judgmental attitude to take root in one's life. Constantly criticising others, and always passing judgmental their motives and actions, results from the "power of sin," part of its sting (1 Corinthians 15:56). This perishable attitude leads to spiritual death.

In today's Gospel Jesus gave teachings that remind us to look at ourselves more than others. Once we do that and achieve good changes and free ourselves of evil ways, we will bear much fruit.

Thus, bearing good fruit begins with making ourselves good. This requires much self-reflection, self-examination, and a ton of humility. And that is always the hardest part. We all have tendencies to look at everyone before we look at ourselves. It is the other who must be wrong or wanting. We have eagle eyes for the mistakes of others while being blind and neglectful of ourselves. We give ourselves all the benefits of the doubt. Understanding, patience, and mercy are always available to self.

For Jesus, the above attitude is not productive. Change, if needed will not happen. Why? Because the other who is the object of criticism is also looking at us and is doing the same. In other words, we see each other's defects, but we do not see our own. And when we do not see our own defects, change will not happen. Change begins with self. Rarely does one change because of the other. In most cases, we are offended. If and when we admit our defects, change comes very gradually or minimally.

Sunday, 27th February 2022 : Ordinary Sunday 8			
Eccles 10. 8-14	Ps 92. 5-15	1 Cor 15. 54-58	Luke 6. 39-45
Server	Julienne Feast		
Readers	Jeff Bowman / Fran Laslett		
Intercessions	Julienne Feast		
Sound desk	Trevor Christopher		
Flowers	Jan Hunt		
5.30pm, Wednesday, 2nd March 2022 : Ash Wednesday			
Joel 2. 12-18	Ps 51. 1-13	2 Cor 5.16—6.2	Matthew 6. 1-21
Server	Julienne Feast		
Readers	tba		
Sunday, 6th March 2022 : Lent 1			
Deut 26. 1-11	Ps 91. 1-12	Romans 10. 5-13	Luke 4. 1-13
Server	Darren Schunke		
Readers	Brian Smith / Raylene Milligan		
Intercessions	Anne Ashworth		
Sound desk	—		

ROSTERS FOR	FEBRUARY
GARDENING 	Richard Strickland
 MOWING ROSTER	Darryl Grant
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.

Bush Church Aid

It's box opening time again. Please return your box to the Parish Office as soon as possible to enable the money to be counted and forwarded to BCA.

Thank you

PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR



FEBRUARY

1st Heather Allen
 4th Peter Coulson
 6th Pam Miller
 8th Sandra Grant
 9th Maree McIntyre
 10th Fran Laslett
 13th Lisa Searcy
 14th Val Linder
 27th Glenyse Nott

MARCH

2nd Sadewu
 2nd Coral Chaffey
 6th Ruth Clarkson
 7th Tara McCracken
 8th Amanda McKinnon
 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

The Gospel challenges us to have a clear vision and to bear good fruit, for the deepening our adherence to Christ and to be sound “teachers,” even if in small and hidden ways. Jesus indicated that good people produce goodness, which flows from the heart. We speak from what is in our deepest self. In another place in the Gospels, Jesus says that where our treasure is, there our heart will be also (see Matthew 6:21).

The words of Saint Paul to the Corinthians, the second reading for this Sunday, sum up well what we are being called to: “Be steadfast and persevering, fully engaged in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain when it is done in the Lord”.

cf. Internet

ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS

All committee leaders/conveners etc. are reminded that your report for the Annual Meeting to be held on Sunday, 13th March is required by the Parish Office **NO LATER than Friday, 4th March** to allow sufficient time for the booklets to be collated.

Thank you.

MORE FUNDRAISING NEWS

Our first Mini Market will be held on **Saturday 26th March** from 8.30am – 12.30pm. At this stage we plan to have the following: Garage Sale, Plants, Craft & a Food stall. We are hoping to have a coffee van again. If anyone else would like to convene a stall please contact Jeff B 0487 486 260 no later than 13th March.

PLEASE NOTE

For some time we have been concerned about the impact of our volunteers in the shed having to lift & move heavy items. As a result we have made the following decision:

“In the interests of the safety & well being of our volunteers, we will no longer accept donations of furniture or other items which are heavier than 20 kg, e.g. wardrobes, lounges, recliners, sofa beds etc. Whilst we appreciate people’s generosity we need to protect our volunteers from the risk of injuries that might be incurred by lifting or manoeuvring heavy items.”

Fundraising Team

We now have a Facebook page. If you use FB just key in Christ Church Mount Gambier and you will reach the site.

Please 'like' the page and if there is anything you would like to post related to our Church please do. We have 2 admin people Sandy and Faye who approve items before they are posted.

Please contact Sandy Coulson on 0429 116 910 if you have any queries.

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.	

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.

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;

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—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.

Please note

With the passing of the Parochial Administration Ordinance 2021 at Synod last year, the date for the Annual Meeting (previously known as the Annual Vestry Meeting) has been set for all parishes in the Diocese to be held on **SUNDAY, 13th MARCH 2022.**

Please mark this important date in your diary and be part of the support mechanism and decision making of our Parish for the forthcoming year.

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Does anyone know the history of the giant cypress/pine tree next to the driveway on Bay Road. If you have any relevant info please contact Robyn Sweetnam on 0498 968 394.

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 Thurs	4.00-5.00pm	Fr Neil visits Mt Gambier Prison
Mondays and Thursdays	5.15-6.30pm	Meditation Group in Ashworth Room
Tuesdays	5.00pm	Evening Prayer via ZOOM
Wednesdays	1.00-3.00pm	Craft Group meets in Ashworth Room
3rd Tuesday	2.00pm	Mothers' Union meet in Ashworth Room
1st & 3rd	3.30-4.00pm	Tea and coffee
3rd Thursdays	4.00-5.00pm	Charismatic prayer group in St Margaret's Chapel

Wed, 2 March	5.30pm	ASH WEDNESDAY service (a day of fasting & prayer)
Thurs, 4 March	7.00pm	World Day of Prayer @ Uniting Church, Elizabeth Street
Sat, 5 March	10.00am	Lenten Studies commence @ Christ Church (led by Fr Neil) (Bible Study groups will also commence their Lenten Studies)
8—10 March		Diocesan Clergy Training
Thurs, 10 March	9.30am	Men Do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry
Sun, 13 March	following 9.30am service	Annual Meeting (previously known as Annual Vestry Meeting)
Tues, 22 March	3.15pm	Fundraising meeting in Ashworth Room
Sat, 26 March	8.30am	Mini Market and Garage Sale
Sun, 27 March		Mothering Sunday
1-3 April		Parish Retreat at Tarooki Campsite, Robe