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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 Neil (Nalini); Fr Wayne Corker; Fr Lyndon Sulzberger, Bishop Michael Hough

**Parish Counsellors, Christ Church**

Richard Strickland, Helen Douglass, Richard Mills, Brian Smith,  
Lynn Fisher, Dick Hamson, Graham Savage, 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**

**Easter 3 : 8th May 2022**



*Listen to the Good Shepherd*



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 no longer mandatory.  
However, you may—as a matter of personal choice—choose to wear one  
when attending any services, the Bell Tower Op Shop  
or meetings at the church.  
Hand sanitizing is still strongly recommended.***

*From Fr Neil*

**LISTEN TO THE GOOD SHEPHERD**



Voice is the first identity property because voice belongs to the ear. Appearance belongs to the eyes. Before you see someone, you hear. If it is someone you already know then when you hear his voice, you know him before his appearance. If the voice is coming from a good person you want to see, then you are happy but if from an evil person, you hide. The ears, in this way, gives you security. So you are likened to a sheep by today's Gospel. A sheep is likely to hear two voices that actually determines its destiny – for good or for bad, namely the shepherd's or the wolf's voice. The sheep feeds it while the wolf feeds on it. So the sheep's security lies on the soundness of its ears especially when the shepherd is not close. His voice must never be mistaken. He must be accustomed to the shepherd's voice.

The Gospel reading (Jn 10:27-30) of today directed our attention to the intimate relationship between Christ the Good Shepherd and the sheep; "the sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me". Christ the Good Shepherd speaks to us every day and in different forms and through different means. It is through listening to the Good Shepherd that we come to know Him and by knowing Him deeper and closely, we are attracted to build personal and intimate relationships with Him. It is by listening to the Good Shepherd that we are disposed to follow Him and to do what He commands us to do and by following Him we place ourselves in the farthest distance and in a place where it is impossible for the Evil One to steal us from Him.

The imagery of the gate reinforces Jesus' claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. God had given us Jesus to be the appropriate door towards salvation. His teachings and actions were everything we need to know, see, and believe in order to obtain the Kingdom. There are a lot of gates in the world. There are gates to fame, riches, power, and knowledge, to name a few. All of those gates lead to worldly achievements. But, as human beings, we are not only meant for these worldly purposes. Our destiny is through death into eternal life. And only Jesus represents that gate to salvation

The modern time is faced with many difficulties and challenges in listening and understanding the voice of the Good shepherd. The presence of countless number of voices, which often come in the forms of noise or disguised perilous voices, inviting us to different and vicious forms of life, has deafened some people that they neither hear nor are they able to distinguish the voice of the Good Shepherd. This was seen in the group in the first reading (Acts 13:14, 43-52) who "prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said". We confront these blasphemies everyday of our lives; in the forms of ideologies, philosophies, lies, modern movements that do not want to hear anything about God and

<b>SUNDAY, 8th May 2022 : Easter 3 Mother's Day</b>			
Acts 13. 43-52	Ps 100	Rev 7. 9-17	John 10. 27-30
Server	Julienne Feast		
Readers	David Glover / Julienne Feast		
Intercessions	Rick Fisher		
Sound desk	Trudy-Anne Doyle		
Flowers	—		
Morning Tea	Raylene Milligan / Beryl Heard / Jenny Tilby		
<b>SUNDAY, 15th May 2022 : Easter 4</b>			
Acts 14. 21b-27	Ps 145. 8-21	Rev 21. 1-6	John 13. 31-35
Server	Darren Schunke		
Readers	David Clarkson / Anne Ashworth		
Intercessions	TBA		
Sound desk	Robyn Ashby		
Flowers	Rhonda Strickland		
Morning Tea	Diane Burton / Vignia Kuhl		

<b>ROSTERS FOR</b>	<b>MAY</b>
GARDENING 	Richard Strickland
 MOWING ROSTER	Richard Strickland
FOOD and FREEZER MINISTRY	<b>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.</b>

From: Richard Mills – Rosters co-ordinator

For one reason or another we have lost some people from our various rosters. Would you consider volunteering to cover one of the available vacancies please? The filled rosters are also open to any new faces who would like to add their name to the current lists of helpers. The more names we have, the easier the sharing of the tasks becomes – even a commitment to once per month or even once every 2 months or even just as a reserve.

Please consider if you would like to be added to any of the following needs in our 9.30 Sunday service:

READERS **	MORNING TEA **
SERVER	EUCHARISTIC ASSISTANT
ELEMENTS	SOUND DESK **
INTERCESSIONS **	FOOD BASKET
WELCOMER	SIDES PERSONS

**\*\* URGENT CURRENT NEED**

Any necessary training will be provided, and you will be “broken in” gently ! Please contact me on 0409 722 030 or email [rmillsse@bigpond.com](mailto:rmillsse@bigpond.com) or talk with any of the existing roster members. Hope you can help ....

Warm regards

the Gospel message etc. As against all of these, only the Voice of the Good Shepherd invites and strengthens us to truly live. Listening to and obeying this voice that speaks of peace, we join this huge and uncountable number of people who “will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their Shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water”. Where is His voice heard? The voice of the Good Shepherd is heard in the Church through her celebrations of the mysteries of Christ and her witness to the truth of the Gospel.

*The Danger* of the sheep may be getting tired of following the Shepherd through the dark valleys. It may become afraid of the steep mountains and decide to go away. To go away means to go astray from the sheepfold. And such a sheep may hear a voice and mistake it for the voice of the Shepherd and be lost forever.

To hear God’s voice is to be responsible but to follow Him is to gain eternal life.  
Don’t just be a hearer but also be a doer of the Shepherd’s bids!

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**FUNDRAISING NEWS – THERE’S PLENTY OF IT!!**

The Fundraising Team have the following events planned for the next couple of months. Your help with any of these events would be greatly appreciated.

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May Election Day : Sausage sizzle**

7.30am – 12.30pm.

At least 3 helpers required each shift: cook, serving, taking money.

Please put your name on the roster in the church if you can help.

Setting up from 7.00am.

Enquiries: Jeff Bowman 0487486260

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May : Garage Sale & Mini Market**

8.30am – 12.30am

Stalls will include **Produce, Craft & Plants** as well as the **shed**.

Setting up from 7.00am

We would like to have at least **ONE FOOD** stall such as soup on the day.

If anyone is willing to make soup and/or oversee the selling of it or has another idea, please contact Jeff B 0487 486 260 before 15<sup>th</sup> May.

**WOOD RAFFLE**

We have been offered a TRAILER LOAD OF WOOD to raffle during June/July and are planning to commence selling tickets at the Mini Market. **Please contact Jeff if you would be willing to sell tickets at the Mini Market for a couple of hours. Either 8.30am – 10.30am or 10.30am – 12.30pm.**

We would also appreciate parishioners taking a booklet of tickets to sell as we did last year with the Petrol Raffle. Tickets will be available after 28<sup>th</sup> May.

The raffle will be drawn at our **Parish Meat Pie & Mash Luncheon** in the hall on **Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> July**. More details about this event closer to the time.

**KEEP THIS DATE FREE : SUNDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

Parish Meat Pie & Mash Luncheon.

*God could not be everywhere : He created mothers*

You see, in the congregation on any given Sunday, including this one, there are going to be many different kinds of women. All of these women are infinitely precious in the sight of God and infinitely worthy of your respect, because they’re human. Some have had agonizing miscarriages and stillbirths that traumatized them, but never knew the wonder of holding their own living son or daughter and bringing them home from the hospital.

Some struggled for years with infertility or waiting to adopt, and are relieved and thrilled to have even one child, but they’re still sad they won’t have a big family. Some are birth mothers who long to see their babies again, but never will. Some have such terrible health problems that it would kill them to have another baby, much as they’d loved one and this is quite a heavy cross they’re carrying with little support. Some are just not very fertile because God built their body differently.

All of these women are mothers. They are mothers to the children of the Parish Family even if they are unmarried or have no children.

They deserve the respect and honour you rightly want to pay to the vocation of motherhood. May God the Mother bless all the mothers and women in the world.

*Happy Mother’s Day!*

**Pray for those who are unwell and for each other**

Val Linder; Sue Ongley; Maree & Bob Lynch; 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.**

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**PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR**

**MAY**

4th Bob Lynch  
17th Cliffie Cox  
25th Jenny Bowman  
30th Catherine Gerard

**JUNE**

5th Rick Fisher  
6th Val Collins  
9th Bev Hamson  
19th Ryan Searcy



*We wish them all a very happy birthday!!*



**If you would like your name on the birthday list, please contact the Parish Office so that your details can be included.**

**Thank you**

*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	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
1st & 3rd 3rd Thursdays	3.30-4.00pm 4.00-5.00pm	Tea and coffee Charismatic prayer group in St Margaret's Chapel

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Thurs, 12 May	9.30am	Men Do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry
Sat, 21 May	7.30am	Election Day Sausage Sizzle
Sat, 28 May:	8.30am	Garage Sale & Mini Market
Tues, 7 June	3.15pm	Fundraising Team meeting

**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.