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Pew Sheet

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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,
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**

Pentecost Sunday : 5th June 2022



Pentecost

Holy Spirit we welcome you



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 emerging.

***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

HOLY SPIRIT WE WELCOME YOU

Today we celebrate the birthday of the Church with the descent of the Holy Spirit. The Pentecost is the celebration of Christians about the fulfilment of the promise of Christ to send us the Holy Spirit which happens fifty days after the resurrection. It is properly called the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles since Pentecost is an old Jewish Agricultural feast that they were mandated to celebrate. It is called Harvest Festival which is an annual event. (Cf. Ex. 23: 16, Lev.23: 15-22, Deut.16: 9-12). The book of Exodus commands the Israelites to celebrate it, while the book of Leviticus and Deuteronomy spelt out how and when it should be celebrated.



The coming of the Holy Spirit on that day is very significant giving it a new meaning and making it a New Testament celebration. It is the beginning and flagging off of the gatherings of the Disciples of Christ-the new Church (inauguration of the Church). It marks the empowerment of the new people of God sending them on mission. Since it is a harvest festival, it could mean the prefiguring of the day the Holy Spirit would harvest the good fruits of the people of God who heeded to the teachings of Christ the Son of God.

In John 14:18 Jesus calls the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete . The word Paraclete is from the Greek parakletos, meaning the advocate, intercessor, counsellor, comforter (Isaiah 11:2; John 14:16; 15:26; 16:7); Author of the Scriptures (2 Peter 1:21; 2 Timothy 3:16); Convictor of Sin (John 16:7-11); the Intercessor (Romans 8:26); the Revealer (John 14:17; 16:13; 1 Corinthians 2:12-16); Spirit of Life (Romans 8:2); etc.

The Holy Spirit brings a rebirth into the life; he renews our old sinful nature into the nature of God which is of holiness. He is the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, Spirit of counsel and might, Spirit of knowledge and devotion, Spirit of the fear of God, who when is received produces enormous fruits: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility and self-control.

Before the Pentecost, the disciples were locked up in the Upper Room in an atmosphere of fear and anxiety. The doors and windows of the Upper Room were thrown wide open. There was a radical transformation that pushed the apostles out of the Upper Room with the zeal to love; to change the world. They healed, prophesied and made converts and gave their life for Jesus. The whole community noticed something exceptional.

SUNDAY, 5th June 2022 : Pentecost Sunday			
Acts 2.1-11	Ps 104. 26-32	1 Cor 12. 3-7,12-13	John 20.19-23
Server	Julienne Feast		
Readers	Denise McDonald / Helen Douglass		
Intercessions	Anne Ashworth		
Sound desk			
Flowers	Jan Hunt		
Morning Tea	Helen Douglass / Denise McDonald / Maree McIntyre		
SUNDAY, 12th June 2022 : Trinity Sunday			
Prov 8. 22-31	Ps 8	Rom 5. 1-5	John 16. 12-15
Server	Julienne Feast		
Readers	Margaret Boardman / Rita Johnston		
Intercessions	Rick Fisher		
Sound desk	Trudy-Anne Doyle		
Flowers	Jan Hunt		
Morning Tea	Raylene Milligan / Beryl Heard / Jenny Tilby		

ROSTERS FOR	JUNE
GARDENING 	Fran Laslett
 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.

“Yes, I can do that”

Thank you to those people who have already responded to the questionnaire.

We look forward to receiving your response if you have not as yet returned the questionnaire to the Church Office

Fundraising News

GARAGE SALE AND MINI MARKET

This event held on Saturday, 28th May was again well supported by the local community. Although the number of visitors was probably slightly down on our previous market, sales were still extremely satisfying. Thank you to all those who assisted with the stalls and other aspects of the morning such as setting up and cleaning up. A summary of each stalls’ takings is provided below:

Shed	505.25
Produce	627.60
Plants	724.10
Craft	217.00
Wood Raffle	88.00
Donations	110.00
TOTAL	\$2271.95

To cap off a very successful morning the Op Shop took \$927.40 which we believe is a record for any one day. Thank you to our Op Shop volunteers who continue to provide wonderful service to customers from near and far.

WOOD RAFFLE

Thanks to the generosity of Theo Savanakas from the Greek Community who has donated a **trailer load of wood**, we are able to hold a wood raffle over the next few weeks. Peter Burchell from Baxter Hire has kindly donated a **wheelbarrow** which will be the second prize. Third prize will be some **kindling and firefighters**.

Tickets will be in booklets of 10 and will cost \$2 each. We plan to draw the raffle on **Sunday, 17th July** at our *Meat Pie and Mash* lunch.

To help with the sale of tickets, we would appreciate as many parishioners as possible taking a booklet of tickets to sell. **They can be collected from and returned to the Church Office on Sundays, Tuesdays (9.30am – 11.30am) or Thursdays (10am - 12 noon.)**

We would appreciate all booklets being **returned by Thursday, 14th July.** Thank you in anticipation.

**Jeff Bowman
For Fundraising Team**

My dear friends, what do we do today with the gifts of the Spirit we have received? May we allow the Holy Spirit to use us as the messengers of peace and love in our communities. The fire which rested upon the heads of apostles is a symbol of transformation, renewal and power. Let us allow this fire to burn down the self (pride) which is a stumbling block to our spiritual growth. Our church buildings represent the Upper Room. When we leave this Upper Room and having been set on FIRE, can we be able to see the level of immorality, hatred, injustice and abject poverty in our neighbourhood? Can we be able to do something about them with the gifts and fruits of the Spirit we have received?

Come Holy Spirit, come and fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of love.

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We Pray for Peace in the World

God of peace and Justice, we pray for people in places where there is war, violence and civil unrest.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those in power — that wisdom, discernment and compassion guide their decisions. Help them hear the cries of their people.

Above all we pray for the people of the Ukraine, Russia and Sri Lanka—at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them and provide for their needs.

Amen.

Can you help solve a mystery??

An amount of \$100 is being deposited monthly directly into the Diocesan bank account in Murray Bridge—and they in turn forward it to Christ Church. If this direct debit is yours, could you please change the banking details to those shown on the back page of the pew sheet so that the money comes direct to the parish.. Many thanks.

