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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,
Lynn Fisher, Dick Hamson, Graham Savage, Sandy Coulson

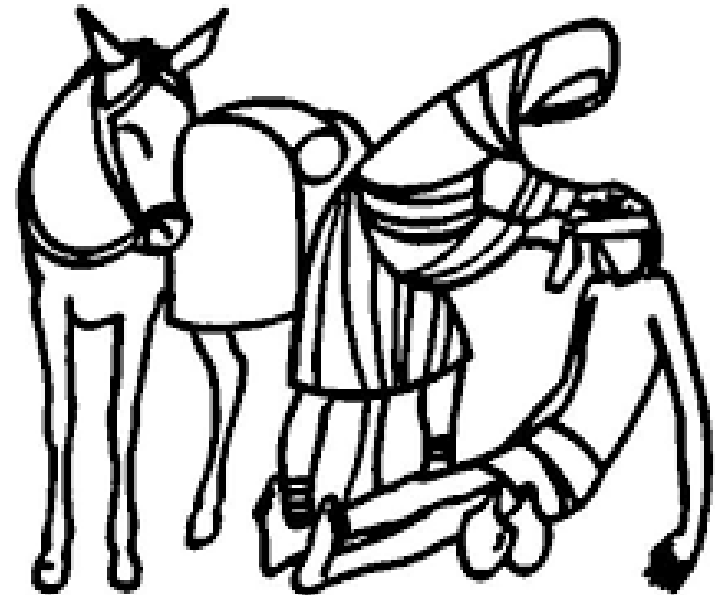
If you wish to make a bequest to the church, please follow the instructions on the Regulation for Bequests form which is available from the back of the church.

The Anglican Parish of Berrin (Mount Gambier)

**Christ Church
Berrin (Mount Gambier)**

**St Luke's
Parreen (Mount Schank)**

Trinity 4 : 10th July 2022



Be a good Samaritan

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.



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From Fr Neil

BE A GOOD SAMARITAN

In today’s Gospel we have the parable of the Good Samaritan. The commandments of God are neither mysterious nor remote. They are within our reach and understanding; and they are summed up in the command to love God and our neighbour. These twin commandments are like the two wings of a bird. And as much as a bird cannot fly on only one wing, so we cannot claim to love God while we hate our neighbour. In a world where many limit their help and support to members of their own families, race or those who have some kind of affiliation with them, Jesus teaches us in this parable that CHARITY, LOVE AND COMPASSION HAS NO LIMITS OR BOUNDARIES.



Parables are not simple stories. They teach not only valuable lessons, but they also contain hidden meanings. The Parable of the Good Samaritan is a good example. It teaches about love of neighbour, but there are symbolisms. Origen, a highly distinguished early Christian Church and scholar, described the allegory as follows:

“The man who was going down is Adam. Jerusalem is paradise, and Jericho is the world. The robbers are hostile powers. The priest is the Law; the Levite is the Prophets; and the Samaritan is Christ. The wounds are man’s disobedience; the beast is the Lord’s body; the inn, which accepts all who wish to enter, is the Church. ...The manager of the inn is the head of the Church, to whom its care has been entrusted. And the fact that the Samaritan promises he will return represents the Saviour’s second coming”.

For some people, the Parable of the Good Samaritan is difficult to accept. For the Jews during the time of Jesus, there is no such thing as a Good Samaritan. For them, all Samaritans are bad. But the parable is teaching them the lesson that, just as not all Jews are good, so also, not all Samaritans are bad. This is a lesson against stereotyping, rash judgment and sweeping generalizations. There is no such thing as a totally bad group of people, or totally bad person. In each one of us, there is something good, for we are God’s creations, and there is something bad because we are weak and are prone to sin. We should not judge, so that we will not be judged. In our experience, it happened many times that the person whom we judged as bad turned out to be more helpful, and the person who looks nice and talks well is the one who took advantage of us.

The Levite and the priest did not go near the victim, not because they lacked compassion, and not because they did not care. But it was obvious that they had a different priority: they did not want to be ritually unclean. They did not want to come near the wounded man for they were not sure if he was alive or dead. If it happened that he was dead, that would mean they would be rendered unclean

SUNDAY, 10th July 2022 : Trinity 4			
Deut 30. 10-14	Ps 69. 31-38	Col 1. 15-20	Luke 10. 25-37
Leader	Fr Neil		
Readers	David Glover / Julienne Feast		
Intercessions	Julienne Feast		
Sound desk	Trudy-Anne Doyle		
Flowers	Robyn Sweetnam		
Morning Tea	Raylene Milligan / Beryl Heard / Jenny Tilby		
SUNDAY, 17th July 2022 : Trinity 5 — Morning Prayer			
Gen 18. 1-10a	Ps 15	Col 1. 24-28	Luke 10. 38-42
Leader	Julienne Feast		
Readers	David Clarkson / Anne Ashworth		
Intercessions	—		
Sound desk	Richard Mills		
Flowers	E Hodges / O Green		
Morning Tea	—		

ROSTERS FOR	JULY
GARDENING 	Helen Douglass
 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”

Don't forget to complete and return your form to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Fundraising News

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**.

Thank you all those people who have taken booklets of wood raffle tickets to sell. We would appreciate all booklets being returned to the church office by **Sunday, 10th July**.

To assist with the sale of tickets we are planning to sell them in front of **COLES on THURSDAY, 7TH JULY** & if required **FRIDAY, 15TH JULY**. We will be located inside the building out of the weather. If you are able to help for a couple of hours please put your name on the roster which is located in the church. We need to have at least 2 people each shift.

The raffle will be drawn next Sunday, 17th July.

Please note: The Meat Pie and Mash lunch has been postponed to a later date to be advised

Jeff Bowman

Do you have an interest in Workplace Health & Safety???

As a legal requirement, Parish Council needs someone to take on this role sooner rather than later. If you are at all interested, please speak to Fr Neil or one of the Wardens for further information.

The Diocese has designated July as **ac.care month** (rather than on a specific Sunday in July).

Shane Maddocks, CEO of ac.care, has recorded a message that can be viewed by going to the following link:

<https://youtu.be/M7I5S7UWYBE>

Donna Jones, Registrar, has tendered her resignation effective from the end of July.

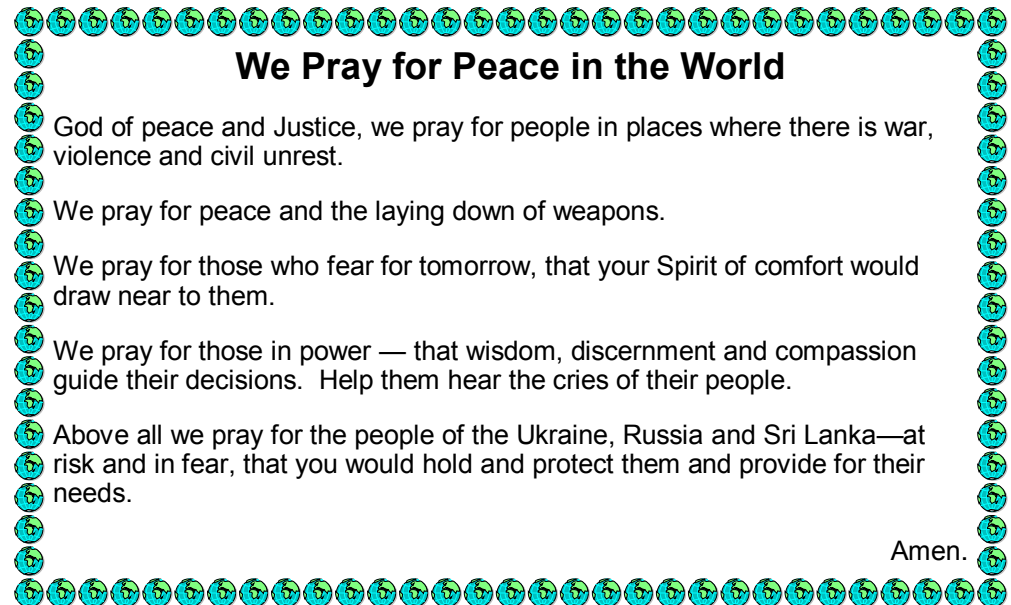
Please pray for Donna and her family as they embark on a new direction, and keep in your prayers the committee tasked with finding a replacement for her Registrar position.

and had to undergo the tedious process of ritual cleansing. That means a lot of trouble for them. This happens to many of us. We have genuine compassion for the unfortunate persons, and we want to help. But we do not want to get involved; we do not want to get into trouble. Take for example the justice system. There are crimes that remain unsolved because there are no witnesses who are willing to testify. They witnessed the crime, and they know the perpetrators. But they are afraid to testify for that would put their person and family into trouble. So, the criminal remains on the loose to commit another crime with impunity.

Never allow responsibilities to hinder you from helping others or doing the right thing. It is the ability to show love even to your enemy that makes you good, hence the Samaritan is good. In one of his reflections, Martin Luther King said that the first question that the priest and the Levite asked was: “If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?” But then the Good Samaritan came by, and he reversed the question: “If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?”

“Let us touch the dying, the poor, the lonely and the unwanted according to the graces we have received and let us not be ashamed or slow to do the humble work”.
Mother Teresa

cf.internet



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.

BON VOYAGE to Fr Neil and family

They will be away from the Parish from 12th July to 10th August 2022 to travel home to Sri Lanka to see their families for the first time in a number of years. We pray for their protection and safe return.



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



JULY

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

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

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); Robert Hodges; Sandy Coulson; Betty and Max Wright

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.

Services and events in the Parish

There are 4 services conducted weekly at Christ Church as follows:

	Friday	11.00am
Sunday	8.00am and 9.15am	<i>(note changed time)</i>
	10.30am	in hall
	<i>(N.B. The 10.30am service will not be held whilst Fr Neil is away : 12/7 to 10/8)</i>	

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

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2nd & 4th Thurs	4.00-5.00pm	Fr Neil visits Mt Gambier Prison
3rd Thurs		Pro Life meetings
Mondays	5.15-6.30pm	Meditation Group in Ashworth Room
Wednesdays	1.00-3.00pm	Craft Group meets in Ashworth Room

Sun, 10 July		ac.care Sunday
Thurs, 14 July	9.30am	Men Do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry
Tues, 19 July	3.15pm	Fundraising Team meeting
Wed, 20 July	4.00pm	Parish Council meeting in Ashworth Room
Sun, 24 July	@ 9.15am service	2 baptisms : Sybilla Rymill and Spencer Foy

RECYCLED RUNWAY UPDATE

- A record number of bags have been sold to entrants—68 bags, plus 18 in the unmodelled category. Not all of these will result in entries lodged.
- The entries will be shown on the runway at St Martins School on 27 August. Tickets will be sold via 'sticky tickets' from the start of August. See Trudy-Anne if you have any questions.