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**Details for giving by Direct Debit :** The Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier  
BSB : 105-002  
A/c number : 041 398 740



**We pray for the Diocese of The Murray and Parish Council Members**

Bishop Keith Dalby; 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 10 : 21st August 2022**



*Enter through the narrow gate*



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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or meetings at the church.  
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*From Fr Neil*

### Enter through the narrow gate

There is a double-edged message in today’s readings. On the one hand, we are told that the blessings of God’s kingdom are for all peoples, not just a select few. On the other hand, we are warned not take for-granted that we are ‘*on the inside track*’ and have a pre-booked place at the royal banquet. Rather, we should try our best to enter ‘*by the narrow gate*’ (Lk 13:22), that is, to keep our minds and heart focused on Jesus and follow his example.

VISION OF INCLUSIVENESS; The universalist note is picked up in the concluding sentences of the Gospel (Luke 13:22-30), where Jesus observes that “people from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the Kingdom of God”. But now the inclusive vision underwrites the prophetic warning that is the chief point of the entire passage. Those who might consider themselves “insiders” and so be complacent about their inclusion had better take note. Too late, they may wake up to find themselves excluded, while, to their anguish and chagrin, they see many included whom they would have considered outsiders

**GOD’S WAYS ARE NOT OUR WAYS;** Here, once again, we encounter the sense, so strong in Luke’s Gospel, that conversion of heart is not something people can afford to put off indefinitely. God’s ways are not our ways. Daily the Gospel challenges the narrowness of our thoughts and the limits of our generosity. To allow this to happen is, in effect, to go in by “the narrow gate”, the gate that strips us of the “baggage” our selfishness makes us acquire. The hospitality of God is ample and generous. In the preaching of Jesus – continued down to our day in the preaching of the Church – we are all invited to the banquet. The choice is ours.

The image plays powerfully on the feelings of his audience: imagine how you’d feel in that situation – out on the street for the night in a strange city, the door slammed brutally in your face. How you’d envy those (“from east and west, ...”) who’d got in before you. In a world that is engulfed in secularism and desire for comfort and luxury, the Gospel message sounds so unkind and harsh. We have to be reminded time and again that following Jesus means taking up the cross and dying to one’s self. Discipline, struggles, hard work and sacrifices are part of being true Christians.

<b>SUNDAY, 21st August 2022 : Trinity 10</b>			
<b>8.00am Morning Prayer;</b>		<b>9.15am Eucharist;</b>	
<b>10.30am Hall service</b>			
Isa 66. 18b-21	Ps 117	Heb 12. 5-7, 11-13	Luke 13. 22-30
Leader	Darren Schunke		
Readers	Rick and Lynn Fisher		
Intercessions	Sue Christopher		
Sound desk	Robyn Ashby		
Flowers	Roma Driscoll		
Morning Tea	Diane Burton / Virginia Kuhl		
<b>SUNDAY, 28th August 2022 : Trinity 11</b>			
<b>8.00am Eucharist;</b>		<b>9.15am Pathways + Healing service;</b>	
<b>10.30am Hall service</b>			
Prov 2. 1-15	Ps 68. 1-8	Heb 12. 18-24	Luke 14. 7-14
Server	Rick Fisher		
Readers	Jeff Bowman / Fran Laslett		
Intercessions	Ann Ashworth		
Sound desk	Trevor Christopher		
Flowers	Rhonda Strickland		
Morning Tea	The Men		

ROSTERS FOR	AUGUST
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>



## WANTED—GARDEN CO-ORDINATOR

Someone to co-ordinate the gardening and mowing roster, getting the volunteers together every six months or so to discuss what needs to be done in the garden, and organising the occasional working bee.

Please let the Parish Office know as soon as possible if you would like to take on this not-too-onerous a task.

## ABM Synod Stamp Stampede

Please see the notice at the back of the church or in the Vestry regarding the appeal by ABM for stamps, postcards and other postal items to be collected and taken to the next Synod.

## 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.

This situation is becoming **EXTREMELY URGENT**—so please commit this matter to prayer.

A Christian who avoids discipline and sacrifice, and instead loves the easy and comfortable life, is not a true Christian – he cannot enter through the narrow door. The Christian way is like a climb up a mountain pathway towards a peak that can never be reached in this world. It is a road of thorns, sufferings, pain, trials and temptations; and persecution. It is the way of the Cross. However this way may be, whatever challenges we meet along this way, we ought to patiently strive through trusting in God's omniscience. May we endure the pains that at the moment seem wearisome knowing that later, these pains will bring us the peaceful fruits of righteousness, (Heb. 12:11) – entry into heaven.

We should leave to God the question of who will go to Heaven. It's not a question for us to answer. What should concern us is what God wants from us? What gateway is he setting before us? Perhaps, like the poet Robert Frost, we are being invited to opt for the road '*less travelled by*' and that may make '*all the difference*'. Cf. Inter

## 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.





### The Bell Tower Op Shop opening hours are:

Monday to Friday	10.00am to 3.00pm
Saturday	9.30am to 12.30pm

**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



#### AUGUST

1st	Sue Christopher	18th	Anne Ashworth
2nd	Millicent Kaule	19th	Kathy McIntosh
2nd	Eleanor Hogg	21st	Alexander Lynch
13th	Warwick Hummerston	21st	Emily Lynch

*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); 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:

	<b>Friday</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.00am and 9.15am</b>	<i>(note changed time)</i>
	<b>10.30am</b>	in hall

And 1 service at St Luke's, Mount Schank on the 2nd Sunday of each month @ 11.30am

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2nd & 4th Thurs	4.00-5.00pm	Fr Neil visits Mt Gambier Prison
3rd Thurs	7.p.m	Pro Life meetings
Wednesdays	8.a.m-	Ministers' prayer and Association meeting
Mondays	5.15-6.30pm	Meditation Group in Ashworth Room
Wednesdays	<u>1.00-3.00pm</u>	<u>Craft Group meets in Ashworth Room</u>
Sat, 20 August		Bunnings Sausage sizzle
Wed, 24 August	4.00pm	Parish Council meeting in Ashworth Room
Sat, 27 August		Recycled Runway @ St Martin's School
Sat, 3 Sept		Garage Sale and Mini Market
Sat, 26 Nov		Garage Sale and Mighty Market

### RECYCLED RUNWAY UPDATE

- About 45 entries have been received and look amazing! We are on track for the fashion parade on 27 August.
- If anyone has a very small amount of leftover red paint (don't buy any) to freshen up a concrete mushroom—diameter approx. one foot, please let Trudy-Anne know on 0466 788 262.
- 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.