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Pew Sheet

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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 Mount Gambier (Berrin)

**Christ Church
Mount Gambier (Berrin)**

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

Trinity 16 : 2nd October 2022



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.
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when attending any services, the Bell Tower Op Shop
or meetings at the church.
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From Fr Neil

LORD INCREASE OUR FAITH

The Gospel talks about two important things in Christian life: faith and service. Faith – when a man has true faith, he becomes powerful because he lets God work through him. Serving the Lord – God is the Master; we are just His servants. A true servant does everything the master wants him to do. He may not understand fully the command. He just obeys God’s will, with faith, humility and docility.



The depth of our relationship with God depends on our faith in Him! It is in this light that we can understand the request of the disciples of our Lord in the Gospel (Luke 17:5-10); “Lord increase our faith”. In other words, ‘Lord, deepen our relationship with you; our understanding of you; our love of you; our quest for you!’ This is so because faith is a relationship, a communion and an ascent to God. How deep is this relationship with God in your life? A life lived outside faith in God is futile, and sad! A life lived without faith in God is dead! It is the certainty of this power of faith, the grace that flows from it that makes St Paul to remind Timothy in the Second Reading of today (2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14) “I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you”. It is only an activated faith that flourishes God’s gifts in us. A person of Faith is productive through the great impulse his/her faith inspires in him/her.

“Lord, increase our faith!” This is the earnest prayer of the disciples. Have we ever prayed for an increase of faith? Many times, we pray for an increase of income, wealth and power. Rarely, if ever, do we pray for an increase of faith. Imagine what we can do when we have faith. The Lord said that if we have faith the size of a mustard seed, we can command a mountain to move, and it will obey us. He is not exaggerating. When a person has true faith, it is not anymore, he who works; it is already God who works through him. So, there is nothing impossible anymore for a man with faith, for there is nothing impossible with God.

Faith Works Regardless of Size. Faith does not work according to size, if there is any iota of faith at all in you, you will do wonders. Faith, by itself, is big enough to enable us to do the impossible. Jesus used the concept of a mustard seed to illustrate the point that when it comes to faith, size does not matter.

Faith is Patience in Tough Times; Having shown the power of faith to accomplish the impossible, Jesus goes on to explain how faith works. Like good servants who have worked all day for their master, we do not get rewarded immediately. The servant must wait for the Master to finish his meal before he can have something to eat. This means believing in God is one thing but being rewarded for our faith entirely depends on God. The servant does not grumble when the Master refuses to thank him for the work well done, instead he waits for the Master. Simply put, faith is patience. No wonder the book of Hebrews describes faith as the “assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1). In other words, to have faith is to always remember that we are merely servants of God; the Master who knows how best to take care of His Children, the Master who will not give us scorpion when we ask for egg and will not give us a snake when we ask for fish (cf. Luke 11:11-13).

SUNDAY, 2nd October 2022 : Trinity 16			
8.00am Eucharist		9.30am Eucharist	
Hab 1. 1-4, 2.1-4	Psalm 95. 1-9	2 Tim 1. 6-8, 13-14	Luke 17. 5-10
Server	Trevor Christopher / Darren Schunke		
Readers	Denise McDonald / Helen Douglass		
Intercessions	Anne Ashworth		
Sound desk	Richard Mills		
Flowers	Elizabeth Hodges / O Green		
Morning Tea	Helen Douglass / Denise McDonald / Maree McIntyre		
SUNDAY, 9th October 2022 : Trinity 17			
8.00am Eucharist		9.30am Pathways Service	
2 Ki 5. 10-17	Ps 98	2 Tim 2. 8-13	Luke 17. 11-19
Server	Sue Christopher		
Readers	Rite Johnston / Margaret Boardman		
Intercessions	Rick Fisher		
Sound desk	Darren Schunke		
Flowers	Jan Hunt		
Morning Tea	Raylene Milligan / Beryl Heard / Jenny Tilby		

ROSTERS FOR	OCTOBER
GARDENING 	Helen Douglass
 MOWING ROSTER	Graham Savage
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.



**INDOOR GAMES IN CHURCH HALL
from 3.00—5.00pm**

Every Saturday—all welcome.

There are board games for all to enjoy—so come and join in the fun.

GARAGE SALE and MINI MARKET NEWS

We have changed the date of our final Garage Sale & Mini Market for this year from 26th November to **SATURDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER** to avoid a clash with the “Festival of Carols & Culture” which is planned for Sunday 27th November. We hope to have several stalls such as **Produce, Craft, Cakes & Plants** as well as some attractions for children. We would also like to be able to offer **morning tea**. **If anyone is willing to organise this or another stall/attraction please contact Jeff B on 0487486 260.**

Fundraising Team

Some photos from the Pet Service



**Patronal Festival of St Luke’s, Mount Schank
Sunday, 16th October at 11.30am
(please note change of date)**

Presided by Bishop Keith Dalby
followed by lunch at the Bellum Hotel

All Welcome



The Righteous Shall Live by Faith; Our first reading today addresses one of the questions that often baffle us as Christians; “why do we continue to experience misfortunes despite our holiness and uprightness?” The Prophet Habakkuk wonders: “Why do you make me see wrongs and look upon trouble?” In response, God says to him: “For still the vision awaits its time; it hastens to the end – it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come. It will not delay the righteous shall live by his faith” (Hab. 2:2-4).

This simply teaches us that faith in God is not a shield against tough times; it is rather a defence that keeps us going in tough times. Faith is remaining steadfast when it seems as if our prayers are falling on deaf ears. Faith is deciding never to give up on God no matter what happens. As Job was tested, we are faced with various forms of testing daily, but faith alone keeps us going.

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Fr Neil will be away from the parish in Adelaide from Friday, 7/10 to Sunday, 9/10 inclusive—attending the 175th Anniversary of the Diocese of Adelaide.

He will also be on leave from the Tuesday, 4/10 to Thursday, 6/10.

The Diocese of Adelaide is celebrating its 175th Anniversary from 7/10 to 9/10. There will be a dinner at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre on Saturday, 8/10. Ticket cost is \$50 per head. Guest speaker is the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby. Please advise Chris Lubcke at assistantregistrar@murray.anglican.org if you wish to attend.

The Eucharist is a strictly ticketed event (free) which will be held Sunday, 9 October at 10.30am at St Peter’s Cathedral, 27 King William Road, North Adelaide. You can register your Ticket [through Eventbrite here](#).

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.*

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.

PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR



OCTOBER

1st	Margaret Boardman	24th	Elizabeth Hodges
3rd	Roma Driscoll	26th	Jeff Bowman
15th	Tim Hawkes	27th	Rita Johnston
17th	Otfried Linder	28th	Diane Burton

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:

Friday	11.00am
Sunday	8.00am and 9.30am
	10.45am in hall (1st & 3rd Sundays)
	<small>(commencing after school holidays)</small>

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	8.00am 1.00-3.00pm	Ministers' prayer and Association meeting Craft Group meets in Ashworth Room
Mondays	5.15-6.30pm	Meditation Group in Ashworth Room
Wednesdays	1.00-3.00pm	Craft Group meets in Ashworth Room
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Sat, 1 Oct—Mon, 3 Oct		Op Shop seasonal changeover
Thurs, 13 Oct	9.30am	Men do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry
Sun, 16 Oct	11.30am	St Luke's Patronal Festival
	(note change of date)	
Tues, 18 Oct	2.00pm	Ladies do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry
Sat, 12 Nov		Garage Sale and Mini Market

Lych Gate

Parish Council has approved the repairs to the Lych Gate.

However, the cost will be quite considerable, so if you are in a position to contribute to the repair costs, please put it in an envelope marked **LYCH GATE REPAIRS** and either put it in the collection plate or return it to the Parish Office.

Op Shop seasonal change-over

The seasonal change-over for the Op Shop is happening on the long weekend, Saturday, 1st to Monday, 3rd October.

If you are able to help at all with this process, particularly on the Saturday morning, please let Gill Doyle know as soon as possible on 0438 867 146.