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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

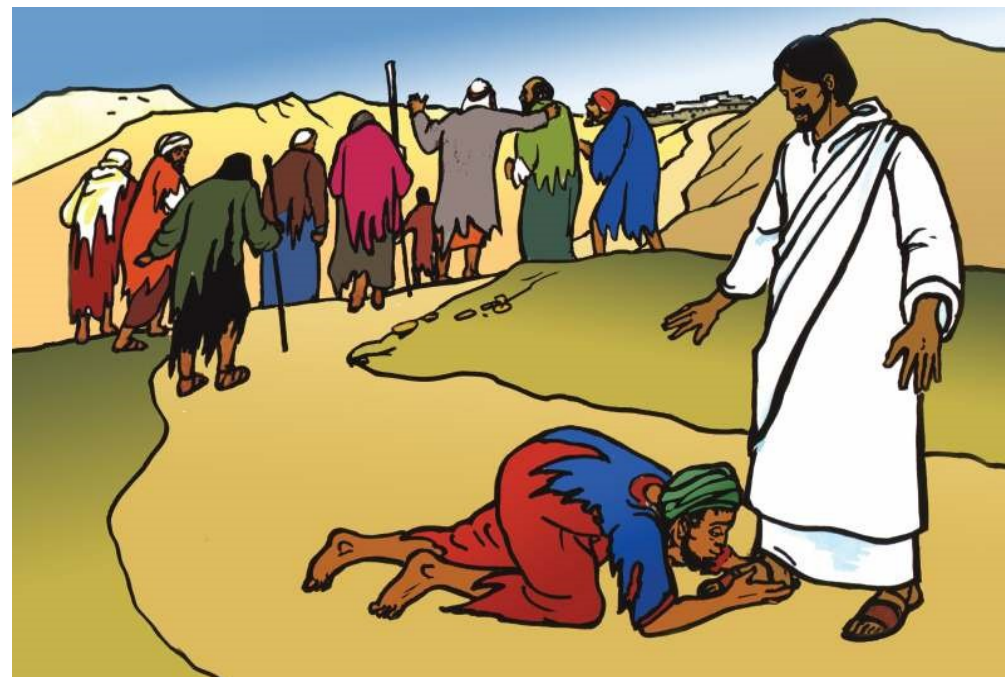
If you wish to make a bequest to the church, please follow the instructions on the Regulation for Bequests form which is available from the back of the church.

**The Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier (Berrin)**

**Christ Church  
Mount Gambier (Berrin)**

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

**Trinity 17 : 9th October 2022**



*Thank you Lord, heal me*



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*

**THANK YOU LORD, HEAL ME**

The healing of Naaman the Syrian in 2 Kings 5:14ff was a consequence of God’s mercy and the cleansing of the ten lepers in Luke 17:11ff was a direct result of compassion. “...Jesus was met by ten lepers who stood way off and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy”; in response Jesus said “Go and show yourselves to the priests, they were healed while on their way”.

The Samaritan leper, because of his thanking God, was really whole, in body and in soul, for that time as well as for eternity because he was saved indeed (Lk. 17:19). Naaman’s sincere gratitude to Yahweh brought him faith in Yahweh and he was determined to serve him faithfully. Naaman’s obedience to Elisha healed him and his faith in Yahweh healed his sins. While humility obtained for him the cure of his skin disease, gratitude won him a far greater grace: faith in the true God, “Truly I know there is no other God, in all the earth except in Israel” (2 Kgs. 5:15). Jesus was pleased to see the Samaritan leper on his return to praise God for saving him. He expected all of them to return not for their praise of him but so he could complete the healing work he had begun in them and bring them to faith. The other nine must have gone home happily with their certificates of fitness issued by the priest; the Samaritan leper however, went home not just healed but saved too.

Sincere gratitude does not add anything to God’s greatness; rather it profits us for salvation, we may do well to remember that always. Psalm 103:2 exhorts us: “Bless the Lord my soul, and never forget all his benefits”. It was Shakespeare’s King Lear who said in the day of his tragedy: “How sharper than a serpent’s tooth it is to have a thankless child”. It is a salient call for us to be thankful to God and one another. Gratitude is the attitude of a sensitive soul appreciative of its gifts. It is a sign of a good heart which, while it enjoys the gifts, is never forgetful of the giver of gifts. The nine lepers of our gospel were so engrossed with the blessings they had received and forgot their benefactor; this of course saddened him.

Today’s gospel passage states that Jesus healed the lepers. While cure has to do with the alleviation of some bodily ailment, it is solely a physical change. Healing, though, goes so much farther, touching on a radical change of heart, mind and soul. We may not be lepers, judging by our physical appearance and health; but we may be spiritual lepers. However, there is great news for us: Jesus can cure both physical and spiritual leprosy! Sin is spiritual leprosy. As leprosy disfigures a person physically, so sin disfigures us in spirit. In other words, sin distorts the “image and likeness” of the All-Holy God. Again, as physical leprosy makes its victims lose their fingers, toes, etc. so sin makes us lose “aspects” of our souls.

<b>SUNDAY, 9th October 2022 : Trinity 17</b>			
<b>8.00am—Morning Prayer</b>		<b>9.30am—Pathways Service</b>	
2 Ki 5. 10-17	Ps 98	2 Tim 2. 8-13	Luke 17. 11-19
Server	Sue Christopher		
Readers	Rita Johnston / Margaret Boardman		
Intercessions	Rick Fisher		
Sound desk	Richard Mills		
Flowers	Jan Hunt		
Morning Tea	Raylene Milligan / Beryl Heard / Jenny Tilby		
<b>SUNDAY, 16th October 2022 : Trinity 18</b>			
<b>8.00am—Eucharist</b>		<b>9.30am—Eucharist</b>	
<b>11.45am—Eucharist @ St Luke’s Patronal Festival</b>			
Exod 17. 8-13	Ps 121	2 Tim 3. 14-4.2	Luke 18. 1-8
Server	Darren Schunke		
Readers	Rick and Lynn Fisher		
Intercessions	Sue Christopher		
Sound desk	Robyn Ashby		
Flowers	Jan Hunt		
Morning Tea	Dianne Burton / Virginia Kuhl		

<b>ROSTERS FOR</b>	<b>OCTOBER</b>
GARDENING	Helen Douglass
MOWING ROSTER	Graham Savage
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>



**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 26<sup>th</sup> November to **SATURDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER** to avoid a clash with the “Festival of Carols & Culture” which is planned for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Lych Gate**

Parish Council, at the last Parish Council meeting, approved necessary 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 place it in an envelope marked **LYCH GATE REPAIRS** and either put it in the collection plate or return it to the Parish Office.



**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 collective heart of these ten lepers united together in prayer, calling Jesus with one heart, one mind was very powerful “Son of David, take pity on us”. See how fitting it is. They came together and prayed to the Lord and they became alright. It is a common experience that many are prone to remembering God when things go wrong than when everything is going on well. People tend to become more religious when they are in desperate need and God seems to be the only hope left. It is not surprising therefore, how Namaan in the first reading sought the God of Israel all the way from Syria. Perhaps he had tried out so many things which failed. No wonder still, the ten lepers recognized Jesus when they were in a great need. They were so united as they sought solutions. But as soon as they were healed, they forgot Jesus, and every man went, each his own way.

Let us be grateful and pray for the healing of all our parishioners.

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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.



to the Diocese of Adelaide on their 175th Anniversary.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them especially this weekend as they celebrate this wonderful milestone.

**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



#### 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:

<b>Friday</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.00am and 9.30am</b>
	<b>10.45am</b> 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
Thurs, 6 Oct	5.00pm	Pro Life public meeting @ Catholic Church
Thurs, 13 Oct	9.30am	Men do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry
Sun, 16 Oct	11.30am	St Luke's Patronal Festival
	<b>(note change of date)</b>	
Tues, 18 Oct	2.00pm	Ladies do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry
Wed, 26 Oct	5.30pm	ac.care's AGM @ Main Corner Complex
Sun, 30 Oct	9.30am	Healing Service
Sat, 12 Nov		Garage Sale and Mini Market



Thank you to all those people who helped with the Op Shop change-over on the long weekend.

Your help was very much appreciated.