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Pew Sheet

All notices/information for pew sheet to Parish Office **no later than** 9.00am Thursday mornings please

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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 Mount Gambier (Berrin)

**Christ Church
Mount Gambier (Berrin)**

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

**15th January 2023
Epiphany 2**



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

My dear People of God,

Wishing you all good health, peace, prosperity and joy in this New Year of 2023.

I hope you are having a wonderful time with your family and friends during the holidays.

At the start of this year we have made three resolutions : Pull back, Pick up, Put down.

Pull back from judgement.

Pick up on the positive.

Put down the emotional garbage.

We are on a journey like the Wise Men. The three met God in the midst of their normal daily living; they were at their respective tasks when God gave them a sign. God can and does speak to us anywhere and at any time.

When they saw the "light", by putting their tasks on hold, they put a commitment to their conviction. They put their faith in God and commenced a journey. The story of the Wise Men helps us to see that there is something special, something remarkable that awaits us at the end of the journey.

With the grace of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit let us begin our journey together to encounter Jesus and to make Him known in this year 2023.

While thanking you immensely for your support, dedication and service to the Lord and His people, can I kindly request you to pray, love and care for one another and to give your generous cooperation to me and the Parish Council to achieve the tasks ahead of us.

Thanks and may God richly bless you and your family.

SUNDAY, 15th January 2023 : Epiphany 2 8.00am—Eucharist / 9.30am—Eucharist @ Christ Church, Mt Gambier			
Isaiah 49. 1-7	Ps 40. 1-14	12 Cor 1. 1-9	John 1. 29-42
Server	Darren Schunke		
Readers	Brian Smith / Raylene Milligan		
Intercessions	Sue Christopher		
Sound desk	Trudy-Anne Doyle		
Flowers	Rhonda Strickland		
SUNDAY, 22nd January 2023 : Epiphany 3 8.00am—Eucharist / 9.30am—Eucharist @ Christ Church, Mt Gambier			
Isaiah 9. 1-4	Ps 27. 1-10	1 Cor 1. 10-18	Matthew 4. 12-25
Server	Julienne Feast		
Readers	Trevor and Sue Christopher		
Intercessions	Julienne Feast		
Sound desk	Trevor Christopher		
Flowers	Rhonda Strickland		

ROSTERS FOR	JANUARY
GARDENING 	Helen Douglass
 MOWING ROSTER	Richard Strickland
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.

Diary dates for January to April 2023

MONTH	DATE	Activity 2023	Organised by	Comments
JANUARY	1 ST	New Year Eucharist		
	8 th	Feast of Epiphany	Choir	
	15 th	9:30am Communion	Choir	
	22 nd	9:30am Communion	Choir	
	29 th	AUSTRALIA Day Service	CMG	
		City Wide – Church together	Ministers'	Association
FEBRUARY	2-5 th	Future vision workshop - Clare	Diocese	
	5 th	9:30am Pathways	CMG	
	12 th	9:30am Communion	Choir	
	19 th	9.30 am Communion	Choir	
	22 nd	ASH WEDNESDAY 5:30pm Service		
	25 th	9:30 am LENTEN STUDIES BEGIN		
	26 th	9:30am Pathways	CMG	LENT 1
MARCH	3 rd	6.30 pm World Day of Prayer		
	5 th	9:30am Communion	Choir	LENT 2
	12 th	9:30am Pathways	CMG	LENT 3
	18 th	9:30am Retreat for the lay faithful		
	18 th	3.30pm Interfaith prayer for PEACE		
	19 th	9:00am Communion	Choir	LENT 4
	19 th	Vestry Meeting		
	26 th	9:30am Pathways—lamentation	CMG	LENT 5
APRIL	2 nd	PALM SUNDAY Stations of the cross	Sunday	School
	3 rd	Chrism Mass		
	6 th	MAUNDY THURSDAY		
	7 th	GOOD FRIDAY		
	8 th	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil		
	9 th	EASTER DAY		
	16 th	9:30am Pathways	CMG	
	23 rd	ANZAC Day Service	Choir	
	30 th	9:30am Pathways- Healing service	CMG	
	30 th	City wide – Church together	Ministers'	



N.B. The Parish Office and church will be closed from Friday, 30th December 2022 and the church will re-open on Tuesday, 17th January 2023.

This means that the next pew sheet won't be published again until mid-January.

However, Fr Neil will still be available—just give him a call on his mobile.

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.

A Tour to Sri Lanka and A Pilgrimage To The Holy Land

Pilgrims from Australia and Sri Lanka could join the Pilgrimage under the spiritual guidance of Fr Neil Fernando, Parish priest, Christ Church, Mount Gambier, South Australia.

5th July to 25th July 2023

If you are interested in joining this tour, please speak to Fr Neil as soon as possible.



The Bell Tower Op Shop opening hours are:

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

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PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

JANUARY

3rd Wendy Mango	17th David Clarkson
6th Peter Searcy	27th Lorraine Sims
8th Robyn Ashby	
13th Neil Geddes	



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; Glenys Smith

Pray for Otfried and his family as they mourn the death of Val—who died on 29th December 2022. Her funeral will be held in its entirety at Christ Church on Wednesday, 18th January 2023 @ 11.00am. A light luncheon will be held in the hall and Ashworth Room following the service.

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 (commencing in the New Year)

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

(N.B. There will be no services at Mt Schank during January 2023)

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2nd & 4th Thurs	4.00-5.00pm	Fr Neil visits Mt Gambier Prison
3rd Thurs	7.00pm	Pro Life meetings
Wednesdays	8.00am 1.00-3.00pm	Ministers' prayer and Association meeting Craft Group meets in Ashworth Room (Craft will resume on Wednesday, 1st February 2023)
Mondays	5.15-6.30pm	Meditation Group in Ashworth Room
Thurs 2nd— to Sun 5th Feb 2023	2.00pm Thurs— to 12.00pm Sun	Future Vision Workshop @ Seven Hills, Clare (see letter from the Bishop)
5th—15th July 2023 16th—25th July 2023		Tour to Sri Lanka Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

URGENT : Volunteer Needed: to administer the records of the Memorial Garden for the Parish.

This involves:

Keeping records of all names, dates and interment and location of ashes in the Garden.

Liaising with Parishioners in regard to engraving and ordering of plaques.
Working with Finance volunteers to ensure payments are received and recorded.

Answering queries in regard to the Memorial Garden records.

This role has been efficiently managed by Maree Lynch over the years and is now vacant.

If you are interested in this position and/or have any questions, please contact Robyn Ashby or Lynn Fisher.