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Pew Sheet

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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

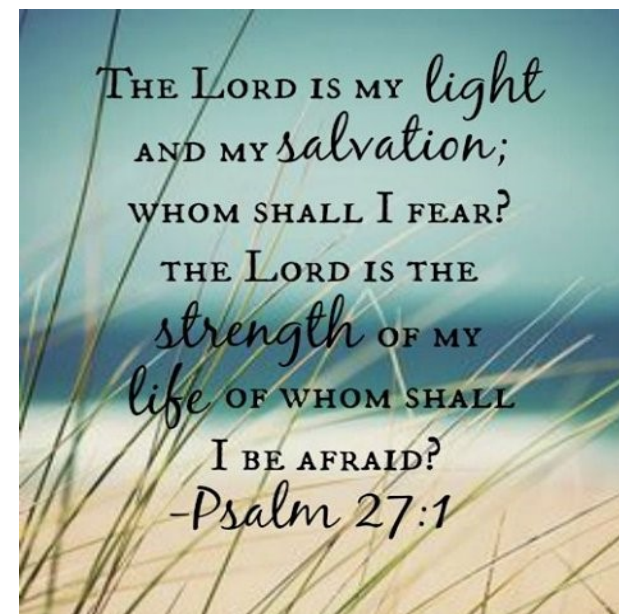
If you wish to make a bequest to the church, please follow the instructions on the Regulation for Bequests form which is available from the back of the church.

The Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier (Berrin)

**Christ Church
Mount Gambier (Berrin)**

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

**22nd January 2023
Epiphany 3**



The Lord is my light and my help



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

THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY HELP

We see in today's Gospel that Jesus begins his public ministry saying "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand". This is the reason why John the Baptist made such a great impact with so many. He provided a way in which people could understand that not all is bad, that God is very near to them. As a matter of fact he was literally physically with them in Jesus Christ. Jesus provided the hope that many were longing for. He provided a way of living that changed people's lives and empowered them to develop their full potential and in turn to help others to do the same.

He brought those who were caught up in destructive life styles into life by providing mercy and dignity. He brought the sick and the wounded out of the darkness of pain and illness into the light of wholesome healing. He gradually led Zaccheus from a life immersed in greed and selfishness into a realization of the importance of justice and in sharing what one has with others. He gradually brought Martha and Mary out of the darkness of grief and despair because of the death of their brother into the light of hope and life. He brought the good thief out of the darkness of hopelessness into the light of eternal life. Indeed, Jesus was truly a light in the midst of darkness.

He is still my light today. He is still my hope and my guide today. He still invites me to let him walk into these areas of my life that needs his healing touch so that I may be led out of my darkness to enjoy His light and His peace.

The Australian of the Year is Lee Kernaghan a country singer. For more than a decade, he has raised over a million dollars for people who are struggling in our rural communities. Our prime minister remarked that Lee's music connect us "to the spirit of the bush, but more importantly he gives hope and pride to those on the land when they need inspiration most". Let us never underestimate what we can do. Every act of charity, every word of encouragement, every time we walk with each other in time of joy and in time of need, every time we are faithful to our responsibilities, we bring light in the midst of darkness. It is very easy to be overwhelmed by darkness, it is very tempting to give up. It is very easy to let ourselves

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		
SUNDAY, 29th January 2023 : Epiphany 4 8.00am—Eucharist / 9.30am—Eucharist @ Christ Church, Mt Gambier			
Micah 6. 1-8	Ps 15	1 Cor 1. 18-31	Matthew 5. 1-12
Server	Julienne Feast		
Readers	Bill Hudd / Robyn Ashby		
Intercessions	Rick Fisher		
Sound desk	Richard Mills		
Flowers	Robyn Sweetnam		

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 and February 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



Bunnings Sausage Sizzle SATURDAY, 4th FEBRUARY

Your help is needed !!

Volunteers are required for the next Bunnings sausage sizzle
between 8.45am – 4pm.
Raising funds for **ac.care**.

Please write your name on the form at the back of the church if
you can help. All volunteers are required to wear enclosed shoes.
Thank you for volunteering.

Enquiries to Jeff Bowman 0487 486 260

be carried by the misfortunes that we encounter. Because of Jesus Christ who lives in us, let us not simply curse the darkness, but let us light up a light. It may be small. It may not seem too much, but at least it is a sign that what seems to be a tragedy can be turned into a triumph.

When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. You have been called and chosen to bring light and hope to others and to build the Kingdom of God. Are you ready?

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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 Monger	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

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.

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 and Thursdays	5.15-6.30pm	Meditation Group in Ashworth Room
Thurs 2nd Feb to Sun 5th Feb	2.00pm Thurs— to 12.00pm Sun	Future Vision Workshop @ Seven Hills, Clare (see letter from the Bishop)
Sat, 4 Feb	8.45am—4.00pm	Bunnings Sausage sizzle
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.