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

Bishop Keith Dalby; Fr Des Ackland (Raelene)
Please pray for Fr David Price and Lesley as they embark
on the next chapter of their lives.

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

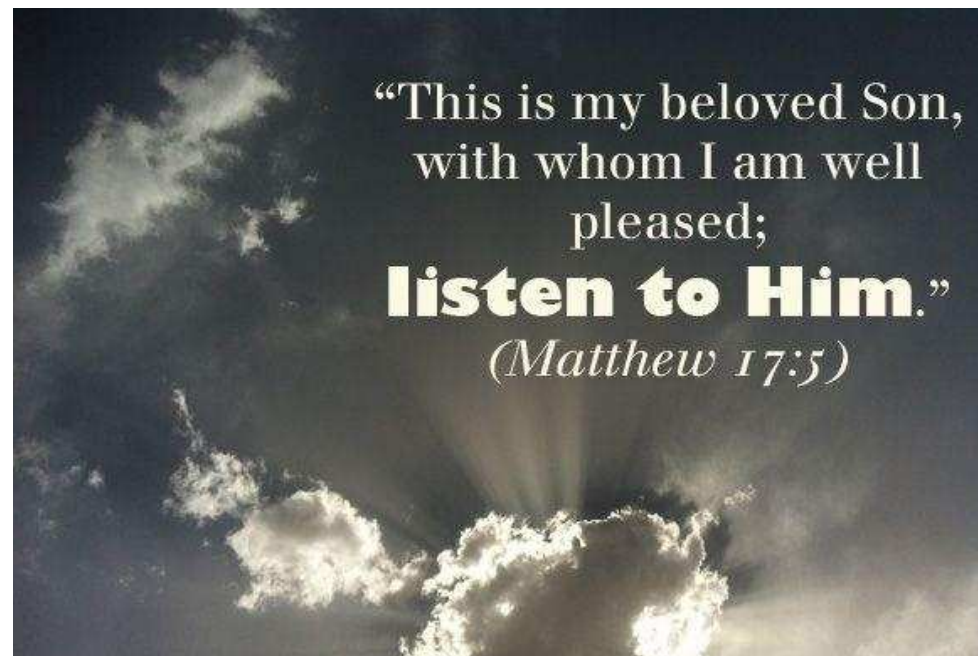
If you wish to make a bequest to the church, please follow the
instructions on the Regulation for Bequests form
which is available from the back of the church.

The Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier (Berrin)

**Christ Church
Mount Gambier (Berrin)**

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

**19th February 2023
Last Sunday after Epiphany—
Transfiguration**



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.

Listen to my beloved Son

The Feast of the Transfiguration is ultimately about vision. The Lord brought Peter, James, and John up a high mountain in order that they might come to see. What a grace for Peter and James and John to see Jesus transfigured. They got a preview of the glory of Jesus risen from the dead and his glory in heaven. It was also a preview of the glory we all hope to share in heaven. This was a very special grace for Peter and James and John.

Moses and Elijah also appeared and spoke with Jesus. Moses received the Law from God on Mount Sinai and Elijah could be regarded as the greatest of the prophets, certainly here he is a representative of the prophets during Jesus' transfiguration. So we have the Law and the Prophets, as the Old Testament was often called, with Jesus on the mountain. The Old Testament was pointing forward to Jesus as we heard in that beautiful prophecy of Jesus in our first reading from Dan 7. Now two great figures of the Old Testament, Moses and Elijah, appeared on the mountain with Jesus transfigured, to confirm that Jesus is indeed the expected Messiah.

Mountain climbing documentaries can offer some interesting lessons. So what mountain do we so often hear about in our day? - Mt. Everest. The highest altitudes are called the "death zone". These heights are dangerous to men as without the assistance of carried oxygen bottles, men begin to literally die without oxygen – the Holy Spirit – Ruach "the Breath of God," we won't make it. Without the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit we will not survive the equivalent death zone, as it were, of the Spiritual Life. We must not rely on our own strength, but trusting in the promises of Christ, rely on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit.

The point is that the vision they experience comes only after a difficult climb. In our own life, suffering and difficulties usually bring about new vision, open new vistas, and bring deeper understanding. Suffering is not something we enjoy, to be sure, but it is part of the climb.

Throughout the difficult climb and suffering, and through immersion in His word, God often grants us this vision. When we see His glory we become fully awake. So great is this glory that Peter, James, and John do not know what to say! Those who have every really experienced a glimpse of God's glory know that it cannot be reduced to words. It is ineffable, unsayable, unspeakable! There is an old saying: "Those who know, do not say. Those who say, do not know". Peter is babbling at this point and suggests building booths or tents to capture this glory. He probably had in mind the Feast of Booths, wherein the Jewish people remembered the great Exodus, the time in the desert, and the giving of the Law. It was one of the great festivals of the year. Hence Peter's suggestion is a way of saying, "Let's celebrate this! Let's extend the time in a week-long feast!" But Peter needs to understand that this is but a brief glimpse. There are still troubles ahead and another mountain to climb (Golgotha). For now, though the vision is wonderful.

SUNDAY, 19th February 2023 : Last Sunday after Epiphany 8.00am—Eucharist / 9.30am—Eucharist @ Christ Church, Mt Gambier			
Exodus 24. 12-18	Ps 2	2 Peter 1. 16-21	Matthew 17. 1-9
Server	Darren Schunke		
Readers	Lynn and Rick Fisher		
Intercessions	Sue Christopher		
Sound desk	Trevor Christopher		
Flowers	Jan Hunt		
WEDNESDAY, 22nd February 2023 : Ash Wednesday 5.30pm @ Christ Church			
Joel 2. 1-2, 12-17	Ps 51. 1-7	2 Cor 5. 20b-6.10	Matthew 6. 1-15
SUNDAY, 26th February 2023 : First Sunday in Lent 8.00am—Eucharist / 9.30am—Pathways Service @ Christ Church, Mt Gambier			
Genesis 2. 15-17; 3.1-7	Ps 32	Romans 5. 12-21	Matthew 4. 1-11
Server	Julienne Feast		
Readers	Jeff Bowman / Fran Laslett		
Intercessions	Julienne Feast		
Sound desk	Rick Fisher		
Flowers	Jan Hunt		

ROSTERS FOR	FEBRUARY
GARDENING 	Richard Strickland
 MOWING ROSTER	Rick Fisher
FOOD and FREEZER MINISTRY	When preparing meals for the freezer, please remember to list all ingredients in the meal, and the date on which it was prepared. Pre-prepared goods such as frozen packaged foods and meals are still acceptable.

Diary dates for February and March 2023

MONTH	DATE	Activity 2023	Organised by	Comments
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 (Sue)	CMG	LENT 1
MARCH	3 rd	6.00 pm World Day of Prayer @ Christ Church	Choir	Tea/coffee
	5 th	9.30am Communion	Choir	LENT 2
	12 th	9.30am Pathways – Lamentations (Robyn)	CMG	LENT 3
	17 th	10am-4:00pm Workshop for existing and future leaders of the parishes @ Christ Church	Craig Bailey	
	18 th	9.30am – 2:30pm Retreat for the lay faithful		
	18 th	3.00pm Interfaith prayer for PEACE	CMG	Outside
	19 th	9.00am Communion	Choir	LENT 4
	19 th	Annual Meeting		
	26 th	9.30am Pathways - Baptism	CMG	LENT 5

LADIES COFFEE AFTERNOON

Let's start the new year off with our coffee afternoon at the Limestone Coast Pantry at 2.00pm, Tuesday, 21st February. All welcome.

Glenyse Nott
0429 087 947

Pray for those people 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 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.

Now comes the great glory cloud (the *shekinah*) that overshadows them. This vision has been wonderful, but God has more than bright lights to show them. The vision He confers gives direction as well as light. His direction is clear: Listen to my Son. Not only does this instruction complete the vision but it also ensures greater vision in the future.

If we obey Jesus Christ, we will see greater and greater things (Jn 1:50). If we follow Him, He will lead us to the light and we will see all things by it. Where Jesus leads is not always easy. In order to obey the Father's command that they listen to Jesus, they are going to have to accept Christ's instruction that they follow Him to Jerusalem and the cross. Only in this way will they see all things by the light of Easter glory. Do you want to see? Then be willing to make the climb with Jesus. He gives us vision if we climb. He gives us vision if we are immersed in His Word, which is Scripture and Church teaching. If we but take up our cross and follow Him through His passion, death, and resurrection, His greatest vision lies ahead for us.

May God grant us vision.

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Fundraising News!!

GARAGE SALE

Our first major Garage Sale for the year will be held on Saturday, 25th February from 8.30am – 12.30pm. Even though the Op Shop has been opening the shed on a Monday morning it is still full to the brim with donations.

MINI MARKETS

We are planning to hold markets during the year on the following Saturdays:
25th March, 27th May, 30th September, 4th November.

These dates may change depending on other events in the parish but we hope to be able to keep to them if at all possible.

PLANT STALL

If anyone has an excess of "princess lilies" in their gardens at any time Andrew H (0428 104 160) or Jeff B (0487 486 260) would be very glad to take them off your hands. They were very much in demand on our plant stall last year!!

Jeff Bowman
For Fundraising Team

World Day of Prayer at Christ Church : Friday, March 3rd @ 6.00 pm

Celebrated across 170 countries, women of Taiwan have prepared the 2023 prayer service in the hope that God may 'grant you peace – a peaceful relationship with God and with one another'. Please feel free to join us that evening.

If you would like to help prepare and present the service, a meeting will be held in the Ashworth Room next Thursday, 23 February at 10.30 a.m. Please join us if you are available.

Kaylene Barreira on behalf of Mothers' Union.

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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when attending any services, the Bell Tower Op Shop
or meetings at the church.
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PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR



FEBRUARY

1st	Heather Allen	9th	Maree McIntyre
4th	Peter Coulson	10th	Fran Laslett
6th	Pam Miller	13th	Lisa Searcy
8th	Sandra Grant	27th	Glenyse Nott

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***

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

**** note change of dates ****

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.

26th June to 17th July 2023

If you are interested in joining this tour, please speak to Fr Neil as soon as possible. *(Bookings for the Holy Land tour by 15th March, and Sri Lanka by end of May)*

Children's activities resume this week during Sunday's 9.30am service. *If you can help in any way, please make yourself known to Father Neil or Kaylene.*

Assistance will be needed across the wide range of children's ages if individual support is to be offered. This week's activity centres on the theme of transfiguration from the readings of Exodus and in Mathew's gospel, with stories and illustrations that tell of how, high in the mountains, Moses and Jesus, Peter, James and John meet with God.

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

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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
Mondays and Thursdays	5.15-6.30pm	Meditation Group in Ashworth Room
Tues, 21 Feb	2.00pm	Ladies coffee afternoon @ Limestone Coast Pantry
Sat, 25 Feb	8.30am—12.30pm	Garage Sale
Fri, 3 March	6.00pm	World Day of Prayer @ Christ Church
Fri, 17 March	9.30am— 4.00pm	Workshop for existing and future leaders of the Parish @ Christ Church
Sun, 19 March	following 9.30am service	Annual Meeting
Sat, 25 March		Mini Market
Mon, 27 March	10.30am 11.00am	Refreshments Eucharist @ Christ Church, Strathalbyn
LADY DAY		(see notice in Vestry)
26 June—17th July 2023		Tour to Sri Lanka & Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
(NB change of dates)		

Annual Reports

Could all reports for the Annual Meeting please be submitted to the Parish Office no later than Friday, 17th March to enable the information to be collated and distributed. It is preferable if the reports could be forwarded electronically. Thank you.