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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; Fr Des Ackland (Raelene)

and in the Limestone Coast

Archdeacon Neil (Nalini); Fr Wayne Corker; Fr Lyndon Sulzberger, Bishop
Michael Hough

Parish Counsellors, Christ Church

Richard Strickland, Helen Douglass, Brian Smith, Lynn Fisher,
Dick Hamson, Graham Savage; David Glover; Rick Fisher

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)**

**16th April 2023
Second Sunday of Easter**



Peace be with you



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.

PEACE BE WITH YOU

Today is the Second Sunday of Easter. All the time from Easter Day to Pentecost is Easter. It is a reflection on the central mystery of faith and how we are called to live. The Gospel stories for the first part of the Easter Season focus on the various apparitions of Jesus after His resurrection. In some apparition stories we see people finding the Risen Lord in a stranger traveling with them, one finds him in a gardener, some find him as Thomas did in the struggles of their doubts.

Today's gospel talks about the disciples being fearful and behind the locked doors on the night of the Resurrection. They had fled when Jesus was arrested thinking that their fate would be the same. Yet something happened totally unexpected. Jesus appears to them. The risen Lord is the same Jesus, yet different. No barriers to stop him. The disciples had to make a shift in their understanding of Jesus, from their past experience of the human Jesus to their radical faith in the resurrected, glorified Jesus.

The text begins with these words: 'In the evening of that same day....'. It was the Easter Sunday – the first day of the week. The disciples were behind closed doors. Jesus came and stood among them. His greeting to them is 'Peace be with you'. It is an invitation to the apostles to be calm. It is also a blessing: shalom! Shalom means wholeness, wellbeing. Jesus seems to say, I have conquered death, believe in me, and you will experience this same wellbeing.

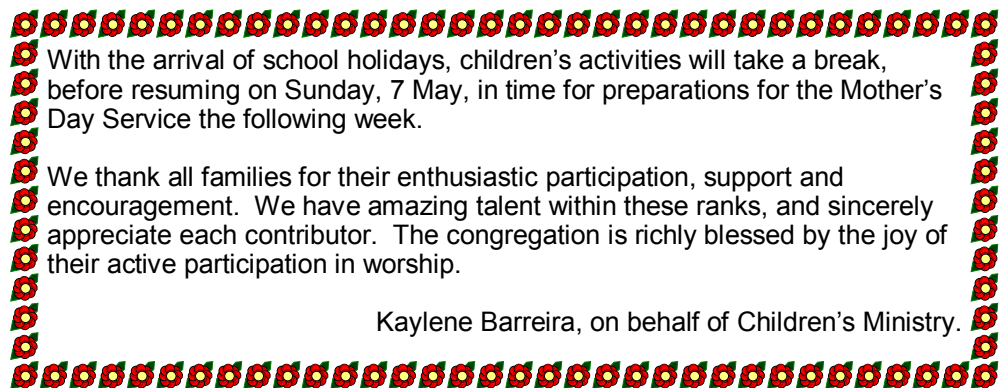
In that encounter between Jesus and the apostles what follows then is commissioning. Jesus sends them out as apostles. As heralds of the Good News. Carrying that same wellbeing and wholeness to the whole world.

The apostles are not going alone on this mission. Jesus goes with them. The Spirit of the Risen Lord goes with them. Verse 22 says, "he breathed on them...". The Hebrew word for breath (Ruah) is the same for the Spirit. Just as God breathed life into Adam (Gen 2:7), Jesus breathes on them His Spirit: "Receive the Holy Spirit". There is no separation between the Resurrection and descent of the Holy Spirit in the Gospel of John. It is only Luke who would separate Easter and Pentecost; just as he connects Easter to the Jewish feast of Passover, he wants to connect the descent of the Holy Spirit to the Jewish harvest festival of the Pentecost, which took place 50 days after Passover to mark the Covenant on Mt Sinai.

Verse 24 tells us that "Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came". Thomas was the missing apostle, the absent apostle. Since he was not part of the community he missed the experience the Resurrection. He has to wait. This is the importance of the believing community (the Church) in our own lives: when we are part of the community it becomes possible for us to experience the resurrection of Jesus.

SUNDAY, 16th April 2023 : Second Sunday of Easter 8.00am—Eucharist; 9.30am—Pathways Service			
Acts 2. 14a, 22-32	Ps 16	1 Peter 1. 1-12	John 20. 19-31
Server	Darren Schunke		
Readers	Jeff Bowman / Fran Laslett		
Intercessions	Anne Ashworth		
Sound desk	Rick Fisher		
Morning Tea	Virginia Kuhl / Dianne Burton		
Flowers	Rhonda Strickland		
SUNDAY, 23rdApril 2023 : Third Sunday of Easter 8.00am—Eucharist; 9.30am—ANZAC DAY Service			
Acts 2. 14a, 36-31	Ps 116 1-4, 11-18	1 Peter 1. 13-25	Luke 24. 13-35
Server	Julienne Feast		
Readers	David Clarkson / Anne Ashworth		
Intercessions	Sue Christopher		
Sound desk	Robyn Ashby		
Morning Tea	The Men		
Flowers	Roma Driscoll		

ROSTERS FOR	APRIL
GARDENING 	Helen Douglass
 MOWING ROSTER	Richard Strickland
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.



With the arrival of school holidays, children's activities will take a break, before resuming on Sunday, 7 May, in time for preparations for the Mother's Day Service the following week.

We thank all families for their enthusiastic participation, support and encouragement. We have amazing talent within these ranks, and sincerely appreciate each contributor. The congregation is richly blessed by the joy of their active participation in worship.

Kaylene Barreira, on behalf of Children's Ministry.

Pray for those people who are unwell and for each other

Sue Ongley; Maree 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.



LADIES COFFEE AFTERNOON

Ladies, it's time for our coffee date again.

Please come and join me at the Limestone Coast Pantry on Tuesday, 18th April @ 2.00pm.

Hope to see you there.

Glenyse Nott

ANZAC DAY

ANZAC Day is being celebrated next Sunday, 23rd April.

Please bring any photos, memorabilia etc. that you might like displayed during the service.



"By his wounds we are healed," Thomas' doubt was healed by touching the wounds of Jesus. We wound others and others wound us. We sometimes have self-inflicted wounds. Being wounded is part of the human condition. As the society is wounded in many aspects over the last couple of years, we must work together unselfishly to bring about the healing of Jesus and the Peace He gives.

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Some images from the Easter services



The attendances at the Easter services this year at Christ Church were very encouraging, with 30 people attending the Maundy Thursday service, 55 people at the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, and 80 people in attendance on Easter Sunday.

The number of people who attended the Easter Vigil at St Luke's, Mt Schank totalled 31.

Thank you to all who attended and to the Liturgy Committee. It was a wonderful Easter celebration.

Services in the Parish and Forthcoming Events

MONTH	DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	ORGANISED BY
APRIL					
	Sun	16 th	9.30am	Pathways Service	Choir
	Tues	18 th	2.00pm	Ladies Coffee Afternoon @ Limestone Coast Pantry	
	Sun	23 rd		ANZAC DAY Service	CMG
	Sun	30 th	9.30am	Pathways- Healing service	CMG
	Sun	30 th		City wide – Church together	Ministers' Assoc
MAY	Wed	3 rd	11.00am	Memorial Service – Darren Ongley	
	Thurs	4 th	2.00pm	Memorial Service—Bob Lynch	
		7 th	9.30am	Communion	Choir
		14 th	9.30am	Pathways – Mother's Day	CMG
		21 st	9.30am	Communion	Choir
		28 th	9.30am	Pathways - Pentecost	CMG
		28 th		Parish Picnic or get together	
June – July		26 th June – 17 th July		Tour to Sri Lanka and Pilgrimage to the Holy Land	

The Bell Tower Op Shop opening hours are:



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

The Op Shop will be closed on Anzac Day, 25th April

Services in the Mt Gambier 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

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.

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
1st & 3rd Fridays		Boandik Service
1st Tuesday of month		St Mary's
1st Friday of month		Healing service
2nd Thursday of month		The Oaks
2nd Tuesday of month		Resthaven

PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

APRIL

8th Joan Tremelling
10th Darryll Grant
11th Sandy Coulson

16th Glen Solomons
24th Jane Reichelt
30th Sue Ongley



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