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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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BSB : 105-002
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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

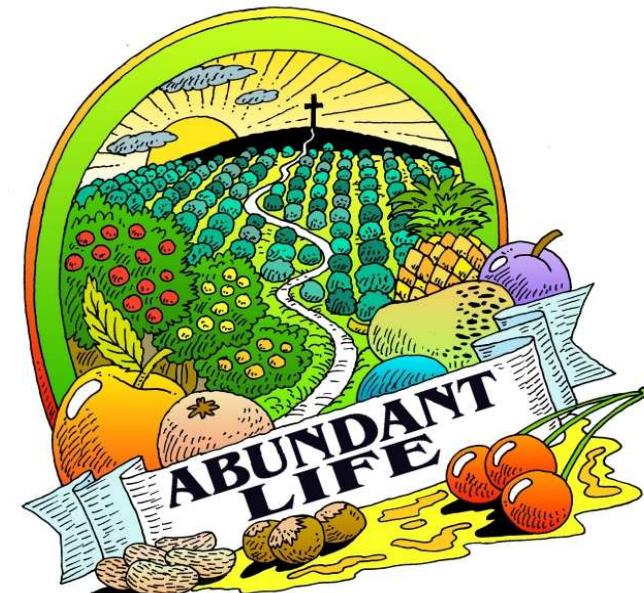
If you wish to make a bequest to the church, please follow the instructions on the Regulation for Bequests form which is available from the back of the church.

The Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier (Berrin)

**Christ Church
Mount Gambier (Berrin)**

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

**30th April 2023
Fourth Sunday of Easter**



Life in abundance in Jesus



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.

LIFE IN ABUNDANCE IN JESUS

This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheep-fold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Psalm 23 is a beautiful way to live, a way that leads to life, peace and true happiness. Jesus in the Gospel today tells us that he came precisely so that may live with that life, peace and happiness described in Psalm 23, "I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full". (John 10:10)

As we listen to these words of Jesus in today's Gospel they take on added meaning because we are in the Easter season. We have celebrated Jesus' death and resurrection. Jesus had to die to himself to live his new life. Jesus has shown us how to live life to the fullest, we must die to ourselves in order to rise to new life. Our secularized world thinks it has the answer to our needs but what it offers only leads us into deeper despair.

SUNDAY, 30th April 2023 : Fourth Sunday of Easter
8.00am—Eucharist; 9.30am—Pathways : Healing Service

Acts 2. 42-47	Ps 23	1 Peter 2. 1-10	John 10. 1-10
Server	Darren Schunke		
Welcomer	Raylene Milligan		
Readers	Julienne Feast / David Glover		
Intercessions	Julienne Feast		
Sound desk	Trevor Christopher		
Morning Tea	The Men		
Flowers	Roma Driscoll		

SUNDAY, 7th May 2023 : Fifth Sunday of Easter
8.00am—Eucharist; 9.30am—

Acts 7. 55-60	Ps 31. 1-5, 17-18	1 Peter 2. 4-9	John 14. 1-14
Server	Darren Schunke		
Welcomer	Jeff Bowman		
Readers	Raylene Milligan /Smith		
Intercessions	Richard Mills		
Sound desk	Trudy-Anne Doyle		
Morning Tea	Raylene Milligan / Jenny Tilby / Beryl Heard		
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; 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.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

There are a few tasks in the Church Office that need a person—or persons—to undertake.

One of them is the Archive cupboard which needs to be reviewed and additional documents/files etc. need to be sorted and filed.

These documents form an important part of the history of Christ Church, and it would be good to bring things up to date.

If you would like to take on this task, please speak to Fr Neil or Lynn as soon as possible.

Thank you

Our new parishioners, Tony and Lilian, are looking for a rental property in Mt Gambier. If you know of anyone who has a house to rent, please let them know as soon as you can.

Only dying to ourselves as we follow Jesus will lead us to the happiness we seek. Jesus teaches us that the way to happiness lies not in filling up each of our wants and needs and desires. The way to happiness lies in a very different choice of life; the way to happiness may be found in sacrificing and taking up our cross with Jesus, reproducing the life of Jesus in our own lives. And so Jesus says, I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture... (John 10:9).

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WE CARE

The WE CARE group are planning on taking backpacks to Sri Lanka in June/July. If you would like to donate a backpack (or two) towards this, please either leave your contribution at the Op Shop or Church Office as soon as practicable.

Thank you

FUNDRAISING NEWS

The fundraising team is conducting a **PETROL RAFFLE & WOOD RAFFLE** over the next few weeks. The raffles will be drawn on **Sunday, 25th June**. Thanks to the generosity again of a couple of parishioners we are able to offer the following prizes for the **PETROL RAFFLE**:

1st prize	:	\$200 petrol voucher
2nd prize	:	\$75 petrol voucher
3rd prize	:	\$25 petrol voucher

Prizes for the WOOD RAFFLE are as follows:

1st prize	:	Trailer load of wood (value \$2500—donated by Theo Savanakas).
2nd prize	:	Wheelbarrow (value \$140—donated by Baxter Hire).
3rd prize	:	Firelighters (value \$20)

To help with the sale of tickets we would appreciate as many people as possible taking a booklet(s) of tickets to sell. Booklets of 10 @ \$2 each. **They can be collected from and returned to the Church Office on Sundays, Tuesdays (10am – 12 noon) or Thursdays (10am - 12 noon.)** Please return all tickets by the **Friday 23rd June**.

We will also be selling tickets at Coles on **FRIDAY, 19TH May and THURSDAY, 22ND June** between **9.30am – 4.00pm**. We will be located inside the building & need to have at least 2 people each session. If you can help please place your name on the roster which is located in the church on the bench near the main door.

Fundraising Team

Fr Neil, Kathy MacIntosh, Bill Hudd, David Glover, Graham Savage, Trevor Christopher, Jeff Bowman (0487 486 260)

Forthcoming Parish Events

MONTH	DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	ORGANISED BY
APRIL	Sat	29th	2.00pm	Memorial Service—Randy Booth	
		29th	3.00pm	Memorial Service—Lyn Killey	
	Sun	30th	9.30am	Pathways- Healing service	CMG
	Sun	30th		City wide – Church together	Ministers' Assoc
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MAY	Wed	3 rd	11.00am	Memorial Service – Darren Ongley	
	Thurs	4 th	2.00pm	Memorial Service—Bob Lynch	
	Sun	7 th	9.30am	Communion	Choir
	Tues	9 th	3.15pm	Fundraising Team meeting—Ashworth Room	
	Thurs	11 th	9.30am	Men Do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry	
	Sun	14 th	9.30am	Pathways – Mother's Day	CMG
	Fri	19 th		WE CARE dinner in hall	
	Sun	21 st	9.30am	Communion	Choir
	Sun	28 th	9.30am	Pathways - Pentecost	CMG
		28 th		Parish Picnic or get together	
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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, Tuesday, 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
 27th Llewellyn Jones
 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