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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

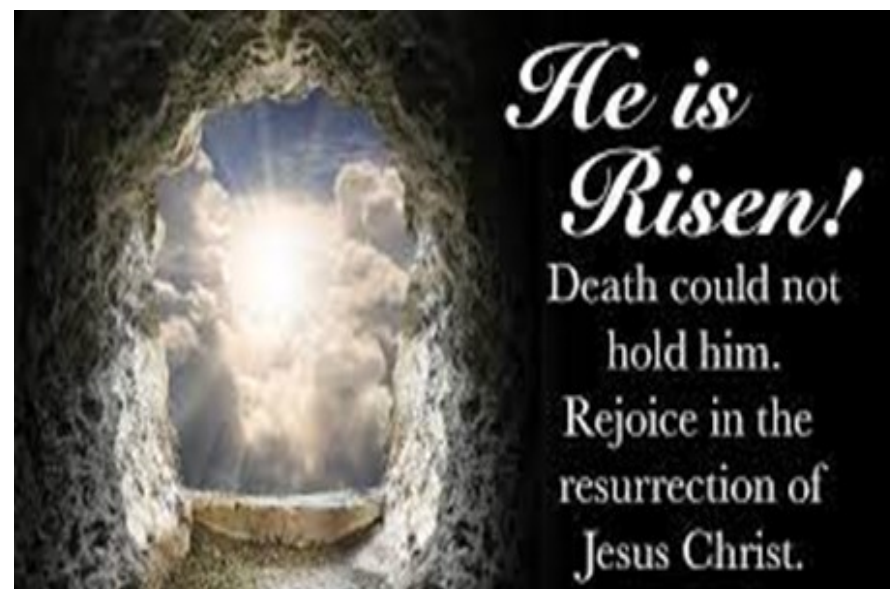
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which is available from the back of the church.

The Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier (Berrin)

**Christ Church
Mount Gambier (Berrin)**

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

**9th April 2023
Easter Sunday**



Jesus is risen—Alleluia



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.

From Fr Neil

JESUS IS RISEN , ALLELUIA

The readings this Sunday lay great stress on the *facts* of Christ's Resurrection: Christ has died, but he is not dead. He has risen! He is alive! The Resurrection renews and restores good over evil, salvation over sin and life over death. Easter teaches us that Death is not the end of the story. Jesus regains his eternal glory with the Father. He is the Lord, who will prevail over all humankind,

He is no longer constricted to a single, brief historical moment or a limited geographical location – Palestine, 2000 years ago. WE can relate to him now, personally. We can be in contact with him... Jesus comes to stay. He comes to share his life with ours, not to teach us how to die and leave us, but how to live and love in this often sad and weary world. That is why the Father gives His only Son into our hands, that we might never be alone again, without his loving care.

The empty tomb, though very important, is not enough. It is not an absence that we seek but a PRESENCE. The Easter readings tell us of this presence. Where? In many places. Outside of the tomb, Mary Magdalene met Jesus after which she excitedly told the disciples, "I have seen the Lord". In the upper room where after Jesus showed His followers His hands and side, Thomas exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!" On the road to Emmaus where the two disciples reflecting on their encounter with Jesus, said, "Were not our hearts burning inside us as he talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?" In the Acts of the Apostles in many occasions. These are definitely real experiences of the Risen Lord's presence.

The Church which proclaims the resurrection of Christ will never be a powerful church – this is not our identity. We are not to be a "powerful church" as the world measures power because all of the world's measurements, judgments and calculations end at the tomb. Rather, we are to be a "risen church" because we live in the dawn of the new day! We are not stopped by the weight of the tomb. The tomb is emptied and broken, and our Lord walks forth from its confines never to return! Everything is different and this is who we are! The risen church – even when hope seems lost – is revived again and again because our bridegroom is risen, and he gives us the power to rise.

SUNDAY, 9th April 2023 : Easter Day—The Resurrection of Jesus 9.00am—Sung Eucharist (this is the only service in the parish today)

Acts 10. 34-43	Ps 118. 1-2, 14-24	Col 3. 1-4	John 20. 1-9
Server	Julienne Feast		
Welcomer	Margaret Boardman / Rita Johnston		
Readers	Julienne Feast		
Intercessions	Julienne Feast		
Sound desk	Trudy-Anne Doyle		
Morning Tea	Raylene Milligan / Jenny Tilby / Beryl Heard		
Flowers	Rhonda Strickland		

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		

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.



Clergy attending the Chrism Mass in Mount Barker on Monday, 3rd April 2023



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.

Fr Neil, the Church Wardens, Parish Council members and parishioners of Christ Church, Mt Gambier and St Luke's, Mt Schank wish you all a blessed and Happy Easter



Participants in the Passion Play last Sunday, 2nd April 2023



Happy Easter

We know from the Scriptures that faith may not take away all of our defects or even keep us from all sin, but it does show us the path on which we are to walk with complete trust in the Lord Jesus and a faithful following of His teachings. Christ is risen! Let us proclaim and act towards each other and the world in a way that leads our neighbours and families toward Him into the Kingdom. The disciples ran all over the world, bringing the good news to others. We should run with them too, bringing the Risen Jesus to those we meet.

I wish you and your loved ones a happy and a holy Easter!

Rejoice and be glad. He is truly risen. Alleluia.

EASTER EGGS

One of the most common symbols of Easter is the Easter egg. Eggs have been associated with Easter from the earliest days of Christianity. But what is the meaning that the egg is meant to convey? Usually when we ask this question, the answer is something like “new life” or “Jesus coming out of the tomb”. These answers are appropriate. But I suggest to you that if we reflect on the egg a bit deeper, we can discover a more complex meaning that is useful for our lives.

The egg contains within it the bird-to-be. But if that bird is to live it must peck over and over again on the inside of the egg until, after a number of days, it breaks through the shell and steps out. None of this can happen without the egg falling into pieces. You see, the egg is not simply about life, it is also about destruction. If the bird is to mature, the egg must be broken. New life demands the shattering of the old. This is what makes the egg such a suitable symbol for Easter.

Easter is not simply about new life or the beginning of springtime. By modelling Jesus' death and resurrection, the egg tells us that we must break what is old if we are to find what is new. We must shatter what confines us if we wish to be free.



Services in the Parish and Forthcoming Events

MONTH	DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	ORGANISED BY
APRIL	Sun	9 th	9.00am	EASTER DAY (only service in parish today)	Choir
	Tues	11 th	3.15pm	Fundraising Team meeting in Ashworth Room	
	Thurs	13 th	9.30am	Men Do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry	
	Sun	16 th	9.30am	Pathways	CMG
	Sun	23 rd		ANZAC Day Service	Choir
	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	
		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 Good Friday, 7th April and Easter Monday, 10th April 2023

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
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