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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 Councillors, 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)**

**21st May 2023
Ascension**



Make disciples of all nations



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.

Make disciples of all nations

The feast of the Ascension of the Lord Year A commemorates the day that Jesus Christ ascended into heaven. He also gave the Great Commission, that all of the world should be saved. In the first reading the ascension of Jesus is recounted and the Apostles are told they will receive the Holy Spirit. In the second reading we hear that Jesus Christ rules heaven and earth. And in the gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to preach the Good News to the whole world.

The first reading from Acts of the Apostles recounts the events of Christ's moment on earth with his apostles before his ascension into heaven. Christ instructs his Apostles here: "Do not leave Jerusalem but wait there for what the Father has promised". Christ encourages his disciple to remain faithful. Most importantly, he reminds them that their success will depend on their ability to walk with the Holy Spirit. These instructions are also meant for us too. It reminds us that before we set out for any business or project, we must commend ourselves to the guidance and counsel of the Holy Spirit.

In the second reading, Paul prays to ask God to send us the Holy Spirit: "May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ give you the Spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you the full knowledge of him". This must be our prayer and wish every day of our life. We must invite the Holy Spirit to take control of our entire mission. We must invite him to lighten the dark spots of our lives as Paul prays: "May he enlighten the eyes of your minds so that you can see the hope his call holds for you". We must ask him to lead the way so that we follow him. This is because his ways and counsels are right.

The Great Commission: This is a command given by Jesus to his disciples to go out to the world and make disciples of all nations. The Great Commission requires the disciples to go out into the world and make disciples of all nations. This emphasizes the importance of reaching out beyond one's own community to share the message of Jesus Christ.

Evangelism: This is the act of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with others. The Great Commission in all three passages emphasizes the importance of evangelism as part of making disciples. **Getting out of our comfort zones:** Making disciples often requires stepping outside of one's comfort zone and engaging with people who may have different backgrounds, cultures, or beliefs. This is emphasized in the Great Commission as disciples are called to go out to all nations.

Holy Spirit: In the first reading, Jesus tells his disciples that they will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon them. The Holy Spirit is also mentioned in the second reading as the source of wisdom and revelation that helps believers understand the hope to which they have been called. In the gospel, Jesus promises to be with his disciples always, even to the end of the age, indicating that his presence will be with them through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is thus a vital component of the Great Commission and evangelism.

So, as we celebrate the Ascension of Christ today and expect the fulfillment of His promise on Pentecost Sunday, let us pray: "Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth".

SUNDAY, 21st May 2023 : Ascension 8.00am—Eucharist; 9.30am—Eucharist			
Acts 1. 1-11	Ps 47	Ephesians 1. 15-23	Matthew 28. 16-20
Server	Darren Schunke		
Welcomer	Faye Hill		
Readers	David Glover / Julianne Feast		
Intercessions	Sue Christopher		
Sound desk	Robyn Ashby		
Morning Tea	Virginia Kuhl / Dianne Burton		
Flowers	Elizabeth Hodges / O Green		
SUNDAY, 28th May 2023 : Pentecost 8.00am—Eucharist; 9.30am—Pathways Service & Baptism and Parish Picnic			
Acts 2. 1-21	Ps 104. 26-36	1 Cor 12. 1-13	John 20. 19-23
Server	Julianne Feast		
Welcomer	Raylene Milligan		
Readers	Bill Hudd / Robyn Ashby		
Intercessions	Julianne Feast		
Sound desk	Rick Fisher		
Morning Tea	Raylene Milligan / Jenny Tilby / Beryl Heard		
Flowers	Elizabeth Hodges / O Green		

ROSTERS FOR	MAY
GARDENING 	Rick Fisher
 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.

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.

Celebration of Ken Norton's life

Ken was the Church Treasurer for the parish for close to 30 years during the time that Fr Brian Ashworth was the Parish Priest. Ken and his wife Elizabeth were very active and faithful parishioners throughout the time they lived in the Mount.

Ken will be well remembered by many of our more "senior" parishioners. The family are holding a celebration of his life on **Sunday, June 18th at 2.00pm** at the Blue Lake Golf Club.

ARCHIVES

It's great to look back at old photos and share memories with friends and family.

The church is like that. It likes to share memories with everyone. Christ Church Mount Gambier has a wealth of treasures and memories. It has old and new—it has photos, records from the church's early beginnings, and it has publications and newsletters, both present and long ago.

The Parish has done an outstanding job in preserving these articles of significance. The importance of this cannot be overstated. The church gives thanks to and recognises all who have helped archive and preserve these valuable memories and records.

The process of archiving and preserving these records and memories is an ongoing process. The records can only be completed by very valuable donations of old photos and memorabilia. Even knowledge to put a name to a photo can be invaluable.

If you feel that you can contribute, it would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to Michael Jamieson or Lynn Fisher. Thank you.

Addendum

To ensure the safety of these documents and memorabilia if they are to stay on-site at Christ Church, it would be advantageous to store them in fire-proof cabinets. The cost of these vary from approx. \$500 to \$1,500 + — and at this point it would be good to acquire 1 or 2 of these cabinets. If you feel that you can contribute towards the cost of this, please speak to Lynn Fisher.

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**:

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

Prizes for the **WOOD RAFFLE** are as follows:

1 st prize	:	Trailer load of wood (value \$250—donated by Theo Savanakas).
2 nd prize	:	Wheelbarrow (value \$140—donated by Baxter Hire).
3 rd 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 **Thursday, 8th June** 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)

..... A BIT MORE FUNDRAISING NEWS

The **Garage Sale** which we had planned to hold on Saturday the 27th May has been **POSTPONED** until further notice due to the lack of suitable stock in the shed.

We would be grateful for any **donations of good quality items** to help build up our stock in preparation for the next sale which we hope to hold towards the end of June or early July.

Also please keep the following dates free if you can:

Saturday 16th September: Mini Market

Saturday 11th November: Mini Fair / Mighty Market.

Jeff Bowman
Fundraising Team



Thank you to all who participated in the working bee last Saturday trimming the pittosporums—they certainly look fantastic after all the hard work!

The Bell Tower Op Shop

Opening hours are:



Monday to Friday 10.00am to 3.00pm

Saturday 9.30am to 12.30pm

Forthcoming Parish Events

MONTH	DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	ORGANISED BY
MAY	Sun	21 st	9.30am	Communion—Ascension	Choir
	Sun	28 th	9.30am	Pathways Service - Baptism	CMG
		28 th		Parish Picnic @ Port MacDonnell	
JUNE		2nd—3rd		Diocesan Synod—Murray Bridge	
	Sun	4 th	9.30am	Communion—Trinity Sunday	Choir
	Sun	11 th	9.30am	Pathways Service—Pentecost	CMG
	Fri	16 th	6.30pm	WE CARE dinner in hall Bookings essential via Eventbrite link: https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/629136763997 (hover your mouse cursor over the link and hit Ctrl and Click)	
	Sun	18 th	9.30am	Communion	Choir
	Sun	25 th	9.30am	Pathways Service—St John : Cadets	CMG
June – July		26 th June – 17 th July		Tour to Sri Lanka and Pilgrimage to the Holy Land	

A very big thank you to the Christ Church congregation for their warm and generous support of the children during their participation in the Family Service to celebrate Mother's Day. Our special thanks go to Glenyse Nott, for recalling for us the Anglican tradition of Mothering Sunday, included as an insert in the Pew sheet, and leading our service, adapted from Mothers' Union resources. Sue Christopher was a wonderful help as we prepared, as was Robyn, Helen and the ladies who kindly provided the morning tea. Thank you, too, to Fr. Neil, Nalini, Julianne, Rick, Lynn and Richard who supported our plans from their inception.

The children were a central part of the family service and the congregation warmly embraced Sujitha Sunder Rajan's presentation of the children's talk, reminding us of the many aspects of a mother's love: tough and strong, full of belief, trust and faith; yet gentle, consoling and comforting, to soothe hurt and nurse injury, whether of mind, body or spirit. Mother-figures and carers, aunties, grans and great-grans, offer so much of themselves to our young ones. Mother's Day is one day when we can join in thanking God for the blessing of their care.

Kaylene Barreira, on behalf of Children's Ministry

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

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

MAY

17th

Cliffie Cox

25th

Jenny Bowman



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

The Food Ministry cupboard and freezer are beginning to look a bit bare. If you can help by donating some tinned and/or packaged goods for the cupboard and some frozen items for the freezer your contributions will be most welcome. Thank you.