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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 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)**

28th May 2023



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.

RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

A Surprise! Into their isolation, Jesus comes. Through closed doors, He walks. Their reaction must have been one of surprise, then joy as they realized who it was. Jesus tells them to get out of their isolation and fear, and go and announce the good news. You are the bearers of the Gospel, the announcers of salvation and forgiveness. You must go, you have a mission.

But they are scared, and unsure, so Jesus promises them the Holy Spirit, because the Spirit will enable them to do what they cannot do themselves. "When the Paraclete comes, whom I will send to you from the Father..." (Jn 15:26). With these words, Jesus promises to send his disciples the Holy Spirit, the ultimate gift, the gift of gifts. He uses an unusual and mysterious word to describe the Spirit: Paraclete. Today let us reflect on this word, which is not easy to translate, for it has a number of meanings. Essentially, it means two things: Comforter and Advocate.

The Paraclete is the Comforter. All of us, particularly at times of difficulty look for consolation. Often, though, we turn only to earthly comforts, ephemeral comforts that quickly fade. Today, Jesus offers us heavenly comfort, the Holy Spirit. The comforts of the world are like a pain reliever: they can give momentary relief, but not cure the illness we carry deep within. They can soothe us, but not heal us at the core. They work on the surface, on the level of the senses, but hardly touch our hearts. He is the very love of God, who does not abandon us; for being present to those who are alone is itself a source of comfort.

What does the hostile spirit, the devil, do? He does everything to cast us down, whereas the Spirit of the risen Lord wants to raise us up. Look at the apostles: The years they had spent with Jesus had not changed them: they were no different than they had been. Then, they received the Spirit and everything changed: the problems and failings remained, yet they were no longer afraid of those them, nor of any who would be hostile to them. They sensed comfort within and they wanted to overflow with the comfort of God. Before, they were fearful; now their only fear was that of not testifying to the love they had received. Jesus had foretold this: "[The Spirit] will testify on my behalf; you also are to testify" (Jn 15:26-27).

The Paraclete is also the Advocate. In Jesus' day, advocates did not do what they do today: rather than speaking in the place of defendants, they simply stood next to them and suggested arguments they could use in their own defence. That is what the Paraclete does, for he is "the spirit of truth" (v. 26). He does not take our place, but defends us from the deceits of evil by inspiring thoughts and feelings. He does so discreetly, without forcing us: he proposes but does not impose. The spirit of deceit, the evil one, does the opposite: he tries to force us; he wants to make us think that we must always yield to the allure and the promptings of vice.

The first advice offered by the Holy Spirit is, "Live in the present". The present, not the past or the future. The Paraclete affirms the primacy of today, against the temptation to let ourselves be paralysed by rancour or memories of the past, or by uncertainty or fear about the future. The Spirit reminds us of the grace of the present moment. There is no better time for us: now, here and now, is the one and only time to do good, to make our life a gift. Let us live in the present! If we give priority to our own projects, our structures, our plans for reform, we will be concerned only about effectiveness, efficiency, we will think only in horizontal terms and, as a result, we will bear no fruit. The Church is human, but it is not merely a human organization, it is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Jesus brought the fire of the Spirit to the earth and the Church is reformed by the anointing of grace, the gratuity of the anointing of grace, the power of prayer, the joy of mission and the disarming beauty of poverty. Let us put God in first place!

SUNDAY, 28th May 2023 : 8.00am—Eucharist; 9.30am—Pathways Service & Baptism and Parish Picnic			
Acts 1. 1-11	Ps 47	Ephesians 1. 15-23	Matthew 28. 16-20
Server	Julienne Feast		
Welcomer	Raylene Milligan		
Readers	Bill Hudd / Robyn Ashby		
Intercessions	Julienne Feast		
Sound desk	Rick Fisher		
Morning Tea	Raylene Milligan / Jenny Tilby / Beryl Heard		
Flowers	Elizabeth Hodges / O Green		
SUNDAY, 4th June 2023 : Pentecost 8.00am—Eucharist; 9.30am—Eucharist			
Exodus 34. 1-8	Ps 8	2 Cor 13. 11-14	Matthew 28. 16-20
Server	Darren Schunke		
Welcomer	Faye Hill		
Readers	Denise McDonald / Helen Douglass		
Intercessions	Rick Fisher		
Sound desk	Robyn Ashby		
Morning Tea	Helen Douglass / Denise McDonald / Maree McIntyre		
Flowers	Jan Hunt		

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 or a date 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.

Ascension and Pentecost tell us that God is still present, still speaks, still sends out disciples to make a difference, and still calls. Not just the St Peter's and the Teresa's and Mandela's, but you and me. What Jesus said at Ascension still remains valid and indispensable: You be My witness. We are the Church, and what we do the Church does. And what we fail to do, the Church fails to do

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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)



The Bell Tower Op Shop

Opening hours are:

Monday to Friday 10.00am to 3.00pm

Saturday 9.30am to 12.30pm



We welcome the family and friends of **Billie Rose Wyatt BOMBSKI** who is being baptised today.

Welcome to our parish family.

Forthcoming Parish Events

MONTH	DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	ORGANISED BY
MAY	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—Pentecost	Choir
	Thurs	8 th	9.30am	Men Do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry	
	Sun	11 th	9.30am	Pathways Service	CMG
	Tues	13 th	3.15pm	Fundraising Team mtg in Ashworth Room	
	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	

Darcy Hodges to represent School Sport SA at the Swimming Championships

Year 6 student, Darcy Hodges, has been selected to represent School Sport SA at the School Sport Australia Swimming Championships, to be held in Sydney from Friday, 25 August to Tuesday, 29 August. Darcy will be representing the 12 years and under team.

We wish her good luck.

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 still 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.