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Pew Sheet

All notices/information for pew
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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 Councillors, Christ Church

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

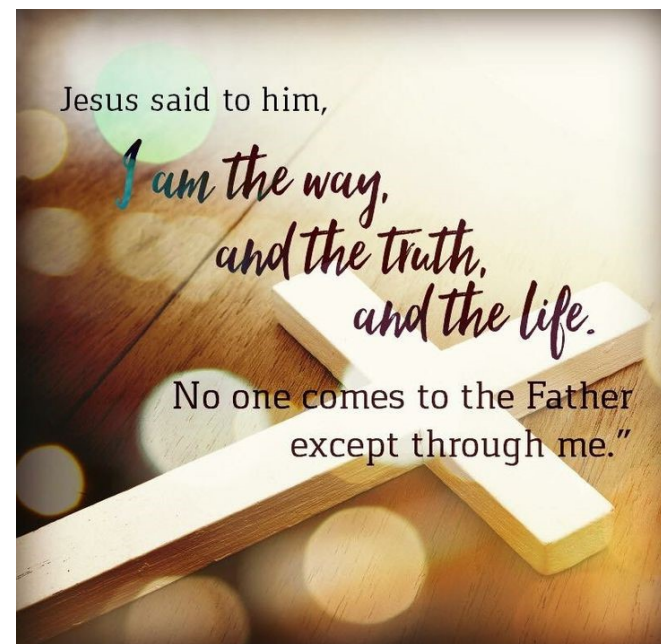
If you wish to make a bequest to the church, please follow the
instructions on the Regulation for Bequests form
which is available from the back of the church.

The Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier (Berrin)

Christ Church
Mount Gambier (Berrin)

St Luke's
Mount Schank (Parreen)

7th May 2023
Fifth Sunday of Easter



Jesus is the way, the truth and the life



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.

Jesus is the way, the truth and the life

The readings for the last few Sundays have been about the Resurrection, but today’s Gospel takes us back in time to an event in Jesus’ life before his Passion. Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father’s house. He promises that where he is going, his disciples will be able to follow. Thomas, who will later doubt the disciples’ reports that they have seen the Risen Lord, contradicts Jesus by saying that the disciples don’t know where Jesus is going or how to get there. Jesus explains that he himself is the way, the truth, and the life. In knowing and loving Jesus, the disciples now love God the Father.

Jesus speaks of leaving, which the disciples do not understand. Throughout the gospel of Mark the questions over and over are, “Who is Jesus?” and “What does it mean to follow Jesus?” So, we focus on the who and what of Jesus. However, in the gospel of John the question becomes where, “Where is Jesus?” In the beginning of the gospel the first disciples ask Jesus, “Where are you staying?” to which Jesus answers, “Come and see”. Pilate asks the same thing, “Where are you from?” Mary Magdalene tells the disciples on Easter, “We do not know where they have taken him”. So, John wants you to ask the “where” question, “Where do I find Jesus?” It is a good and hard question for us because we have to work on it all the time.

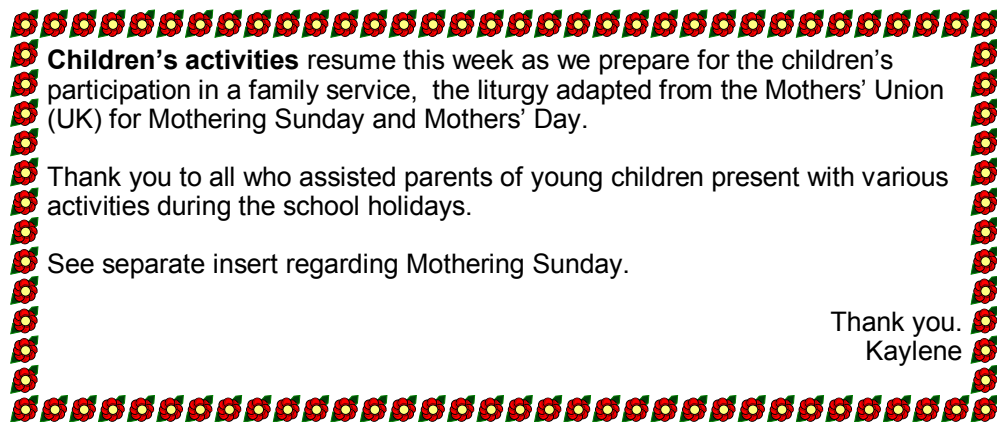
John’s answer in the gospel is that finding Jesus does not refer to a physical location but rather inner communion that comes from belief in him and the Father. When Jesus speaks of many mansions in his Father’s house he does not mean specific places but rather a profound union with him that is in the present and deepens in the fullness of time. So, the question of where does not refer so much to the end place but the where refers to the journey, which is experiencing more and more the inner communion with Jesus. We are invited on that journey all our lives. We need to be aware of the importance that we stay on the journey constantly looking to see where Jesus is along the way.

It is how you live on the journey that is important more than all that you accomplish in life. The end result is not what you have accumulated, or where you live, or how many honours you have received that are so important, but how you have gotten there, how you travelled the journey. Jesus says he is the way. Did you travel with him, looking for him, acknowledging him, sharing him, doing what he did for others? That is living the inner communion Jesus invites us to in the gospel today.

The question is where? Where are you going? What has this time told you about where your life is heading? Has the journey these past weeks, months and years helped you see what is really important in life and what you need to do? If not, it is never too late. Walk the walk and fully enter into the pilgrimage. When we do get to the end of our journey, we will be able to look back over the process, the walk, the journey, the pilgrimage, and say we have done what Jesus did and even more.

cf. Internet

SUNDAY, 7th May 2023 : Fifth Sunday of Easter 8.00am—Eucharist; 9.30am—Eucharist			
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	Robyn Sweetnam		
SUNDAY, 14th May 2023 : Sixth Sunday of Easter 8.00am—Eucharist; 9.30am—Pathways (celebrating Mother’s Day)			
Acts 17. 22-31	Ps 66. 7-19	1 Peter 3. 8-22	John 14. 15-21
Server	Julienne Feast		
Welcomer	Helen Douglass		
Readers	David Clarkson / Anne Ashworth		
Intercessions	Julienne Feast		
Sound desk	Richard Mills		
Morning Tea	Helen Douglass / Denise McDonald / Maree McIntyre		
Flowers	Robyn Sweetnam		
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.		



Children's activities resume this week as we prepare for the children's participation in a family service, the liturgy adapted from the Mothers' Union (UK) for Mothering Sunday and Mothers' Day.

Thank you to all who assisted parents of young children present with various activities during the school holidays.

See separate insert regarding Mothering Sunday.

Thank you.
Kaylene

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.

Urgent : 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.

Other tasks that need at least one (or more) volunteer(s) is the **Mowing roster** and the **Gardening roster**.

There are currently only three people on each of these rosters. To lessen the load on those three people that they are currently experiencing, if you have a particular skill/ experience in either gardening or mowing, your time and efforts would be much appreciated.

If you would like to take on any of these tasks, please speak to Fr Neil or Lynn as soon as possible.

Thank you

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:

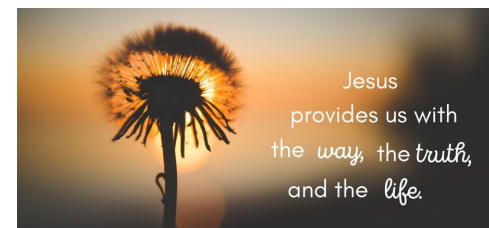
1st prize	:	Trailer load of wood (value \$250—donated by Theo Savanakas).
2nd prize	:	Wheelbarrow (value \$140—donated by Baxter Hire).
3rd prize	:	Firelighters (value \$20)

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
MAY	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
	Tues	16 th	2.00pm	Ladies Do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry	
	Fri	19 th		WE CARE dinner in hall	
	Sun	21 st	9.30am	Communion	Choir
	Sun	28 th	9.30am	Pathways Service—Pentecost	CMG
		28 th		Parish Picnic or get together	
JUNE		2 nd – 3 rd		Diocesan Synod—Murray Bridge	
		4 th	9.30am	Communion—Trinity Sunday	Choir
		11 th	9.30am	Pathways Service	CMG
		18 th	9.30am	Communion	Choir
		25 th	9.30am	Pathways Service	CMG
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

CONGRATULATIONS—Fr Neil

His permanent residency visa has been approved—what a HUGE relief for Fr Neil and his family. This means that in 12 months time, Fr Neil can apply for Australian citizenship. Wonderful news.

2 celebrations coming up!!!!!!!

Services in the Mt Gambier Parish

There are 3 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