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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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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 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)**

**23rd July 2023
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**



The sower went out to sow



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.

The sower went out to sow

On this Sunday we are approximately half way through the Church's liturgical year. It is fitting for us to take stock, to assess the state of our garden.

We check what plants are blooming, what crops are being fruit, what unwanted weeds are appearing. The garden of course is really a metaphor for our heart and the relationship we have with the Master Gardener, God himself.

Accordingly, the three readings are designed to colour what we hear, say, do, so that our harvest will truly reflect the promised hundredfold.

The first reading invites us to notice the splendid qualities of our God-Gardener—justice, strength, protection which inspire hope—and learn from them. In the second reading we learn that it is the Spirit who presides and gives life and meaning to our labour.

The Gospel brings our lessons to a climax and reminds us that the key is deep listening. Anyone who has ears should listen! God will never fail to cast the seeds according to the season. We need a fertile openness that is figured by good and productive soil.

In this way our garden will shine like the sun. Try to imagine a world where everybody's garden is fully blooming. May the Spirit in us pray for the coming of such a kingdom.



SUNDAY, 23rd July 2023 : Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 8.00am—Morning Prayer : 9.30am—Pathways Service

Gen 28. 10-19a Ps 139. 1-11, 23-24 Romans 8. 12-25 Matthew 13. 24-43

Server	Julienne Feast
Welcomer	Helen Douglass
Readers	Trevor and Sue Christopher
Intercessions	Julienne Feast
Sound desk	Rick Fisher
Morning Tea	Kathy MacIntosh / David Glover
Flowers	Robyn Sweetnam

SUNDAY, 30th July 2023 : Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 8.00am—Communion by extension : 9.30am—Pathways Service (Healing and Faith runs deep)

1 Kings 3. 5-12 Ps 119. 129-136 Romans 8. 26-39 Matthew 13. 44-58

Server	Rick Fisher
Welcomer	Jenny Tilby
Readers	Margaret Boardman / Rita Johnston
Intercessions	Julienne Feast
Sound desk	Trudy-Anne Doyle
Morning Tea	Virginia Kuhl / Dianne Burton
Flowers	Jan Hunt

Children's Ministry

Children's activities will take a break for the school holidays and resume on Fr Neil's return with his family from Sri Lanka.

May I take this opportunity to thank all those who assisted, in any way, including parents and grandparents, parishioners and visitors, who happily helped the young children to enjoy the experience of being present at Christ Church with their families.

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; Shirley Stacpoole; Sandy Coulson; Anne Barry (Glen Solomons' godmother); Betty and Max Wright; Glenys Smith;

Please pray for the family and friends of **Julie Winckel** who died on Monday, 10th July.

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.

Wendy Monger's funeral will be conducted at Carinya Gardens on Tuesday, 25th July at 1.00pm.

Cliffie Fox's funeral is to be held at Christ Church Mt Gambier on Tuesday, 25th July at 3.00pm. Following the service, there will be light refreshments served in the Ashworth Room.

Both Wendy and Cliffie were faithful members of our parish family, so it would be good if you are able to attend one—or both—of the services to help celebrate their lives.

ROSTERS FOR	JULY
GARDENING 	Helen Douglass
 MOWING ROSTER	Rick Fisher
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 acceptable.

Fr Neil on leave

Fr Neil, Nalini and boys will be away from the Parish on annual leave and a pilgrimage to the Holy Land—from Sunday afternoon, 25th June to Monday, 7th August 2023 inclusive.

We wish them bon voyage and safe travels—and look forward to welcoming them back to the parish family in August.

The Bell Tower Op Shop

Opening hours are:

Monday to Friday
10.00am to 3.00pm

Saturday
9.30am to 12.30pm



Roster Rumbings !

In trying to frame the service rosters for Aug / Sep it is important to let all know of some difficulties we currently face.

- ♦ Morning Tea on the fourth Sunday each month is not covered !
- ♦ Vacancies exist for:
 - ⇒ a mobile phone photographer to take a few photo's from Sunday's 9.30 service
 - ⇒ a child minder during the same service to allow parents to be free to join in

Can you help please ? Faye Hill takes responsibility every week to take some pictures while Kaylene Barreira can not mind pre-schooler children as well as teach the older kids. If the 4th Sunday can not be manned re: Morning Tea then we will need to opt out on that Sunday – or have some sort of self service option.

Offers of help or ideas greatly appreciated.

Regards, Richard Mills—roster co-ordinator

Forthcoming Parish Events

MONTH	DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	ORGANISED BY
June – July		27 th June – 7 th Aug		Tour to Sri Lanka and Pilgrimage to the Holy Land	
JULY	Sun	23 rd	8.00am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Pathways—How does your garden grow	Julienne CMG—Sue
	Sun	30 th	8.00am 9.30am	Communion by extension Pathways Healing & Faith Runs Deep (RS)	Julienne CMG—Robyn
AUGUST	Sun	6 th	8.00am 9.30am	Communion—Transfiguration	Peter Chapman
	Sun	13 th	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Communion Pathways—Reserved Sacrament Mt Schank	Fr Neil Sue C. Fr Neil
	Sun	20 th	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Communion	Fr Neil
	Sun	20 th	2.30pm	Concert : Songs of Love, Hope, Joy followed by wine and cheese	
	Sun	27 th	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Pathways Service	CMG
SEP-TEMBER		HOME MISSION FUND MONTH			
	Sun	3 rd	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Communion—Father's Day	
	Sun	10 th	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Communion Pathways Mt Schank	
	Sun	17 th	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Communion	Choir
	Sun	24 th	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Communion	

PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

JULY

2nd Lynn Fisher	3rd Donna Winckel
5th Judy Geddes	7th John Allen



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

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

OP SHOP NEWS RE DONATIONS

Whilst our volunteers greatly appreciate people's generosity with donations, we have had to make some changes due to the shed having to be used for the storage of Op Shop and church property.

Consequently we are **UNABLE** to accept the following items until further notice:

Furniture
Electrical items (except new)
Trampolines
Beds
Mattresses

We would appreciate your co-operation with this matter.

Op Shop Volunteers