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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 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

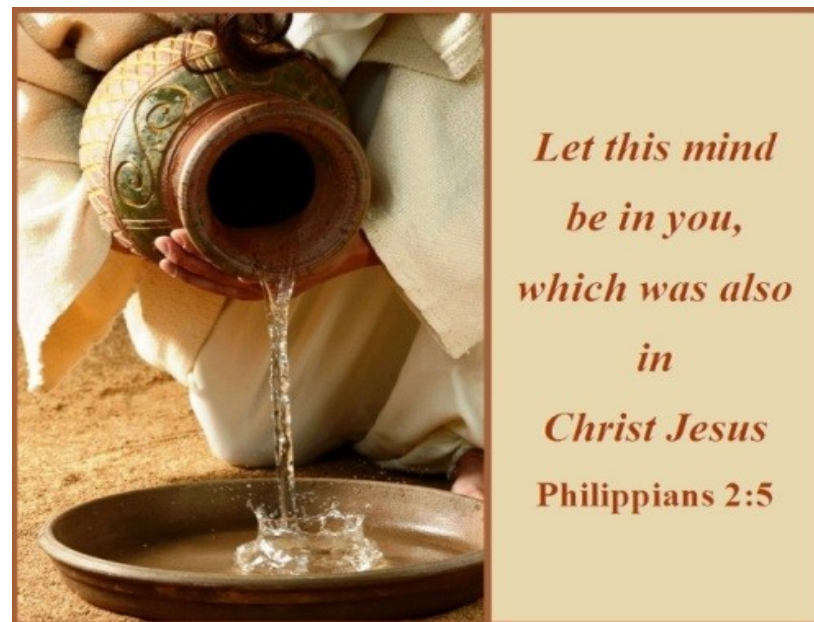
If you wish to make a bequest to the church, please follow the instructions on the Regulation for Bequests form which is available from the back of the church.

The Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier (Berrin)

**Christ Church
Mount Gambier (Berrin)**

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

**1st October 2023
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



Have the mind of Christ



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.

CHANGE YOUR MIND TO HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST

In Phil. 1:27–30 Paul exhorted the Philippian church toward worthy Christian conduct, as he reminded these believers that they were of *one* spirit and *one* mind, for they held to *one* gospel. Amid trials, it is easy for the church to fragment; however, Paul encouraged unity here among the believers as he referenced the common reason for their suffering, which is their belief in Jesus Christ. Just as he had appealed to one spirit and one mind in Phil.1:27,so here in Phil.2:2 Paul wrote of believers having *one* “love, being of *one* accord, [and] of *one* mind.” Indeed, as Paul later writes in Phil. 3:10, there is a fellowship of suffering that comes when Christians face trials. This oneness is between believers and Christ, as well among members of the church itself.

Because of His incarnation, crucifixion, and ascension, Jesus now has been given “the [new] name which is above every name” (Phil. 2:9). This new name is “Lord” (Phil. 2:11) and, as Luke earlier wrote, Jesus “will be called Son of the Highest” (Luke 1:32), which means Christ is ruler of all.

Additionally, as Isaiah prophesied, “His name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, [and] Prince of Peace” (Isa. 9:6). Because Jesus is Lord of all, every knee will eventually bow in submission to Him, including all of the angels, all of redeemed mankind, all of the unregenerate, and even all of the demons. Furthermore, every tongue will ultimately confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Actions Speak Louder than Words. The Gospel, Matthew 21:28-32, presents a parable of two sons—one who initially refuses but later obeys, and the other who agrees but doesn't follow through. This story emphasizes the value of actions over words and highlights true obedience.

Jesus would not have been Mr Popularity. In fact, he seemed to run into conflict regularly with the leaders of his time. His words and actions often challenged the social norms, attitudes, and even prejudices that they reinforced. In today's parable, Jesus continues to portray a God who is interested in reaching out to those on the margins and making outsiders insiders. He concludes the story with a shocking statement: “I tell you truly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you.”

In a culture of honour and shame, tax collectors and prostitutes carry the worst possible social stigma. By crafting the parable in their favour, Jesus reverses the table. The lowly and despised who avail themselves of God's mercy are reckoned righteous. The privileged who see no need of repentance are condemned for their arrogance. In God's Kingdom, the outsiders can really become insiders, and the insiders can become outsiders. There is no one who we can write-off as being too far outside God's reach.

SUNDAY, 1st October 2023 : Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8.00am—Communion : 9.30am—			
Exodus 17. 1-7	Ps 25. 1-9	Phil 2. 1-13	Matthew 21. 23-32
Server	Julienne Feast		
Welcomer	Faye Hill		
Readers	Denise McDonald & Helen Douglass		
Intercessions	Sue Christopher		
Sound desk	Robyn Ashby		
Morning Tea	Denise, Helen & Maree		
Flowers	Robyn Sweetnam		
SUNDAY, 8th October 2023: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8.00am– Communion: 9.30am -			
Isaiah 5.1-7	Ps 80. 7-15	Phil 4.6-9	Matthew 21. 33-46
Server	Julienne Feast		
Welcomer	Trudy-Anne Doyle		
Readers	Margaret Boardman & Rita Johnston		
Intercessions	Julienne Feast		
Sound desk	Richard Mills		
Morning Tea	Raylene Milligan,Beryl Heard, Jenny Tilby		
Flowers	Jan Hunt		

ROSTERS FOR	OCTOBER
GARDENING 	Helen Douglass
 MOWING ROSTER	Graham Savage
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.

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;

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.

It's **Bush Church Aid** box opening time again.

Please bring your donation box to the church for opening as soon as possible so that the funds can be forwarded as soon as possible. Thank You

FUNDRAISING NEWS

We were truly blessed with a beautiful morning for our recent Garage Sale & Mini Market. Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a success. Special thanks to all the “early birds” who ferried boxes of plants & items out of the shed onto trestles. Proceeds from the morning including takings from the Op Shop exceeded \$3300.00 which was a wonderful result. A summary of the takings for the various stalls is provided below.

Produce	\$1118.50
Shed	520.15
Plants	946.70
Craft	232.05
Food	109.40
Donations	50.00
Op Shop	420.40
TOTAL	\$3397.20

Our next market day will most likely be on Saturday 11th November.

Jeff Bowman
Fundraising Team

Australian Anglican Church Calendar 2024

The calendar is available again this year, with St Paul's, Naracoorte featuring.

If you order through the church, the calendars cost \$15.00 each (plus postage).

If 7 to 25 calendars are ordered, the cost will be \$14.00 each (plus postage).

Please place your name on the list at the back of the church if you would like to purchase one of the calendars.



The Word of God today invites us to be open to God's offer of mercy. Wherever we are in our journey of faith and life, whether we are like the first or the second son, God joins us and accompanies us to greater transformation. The Gospel today challenges us also to be a model community of mercy, inclusion, and brotherhood. Like the early Christians, we must show ourselves to be fundamentally counter-cultural in how we live, how we relate, how we welcome outsiders and make them one with us. Instead of the label of 'queue jumpers', we can help the world see them as our fellow travellers. Cf. Internet

Pet Service

A big Thank You to everyone who attended and to those who contributed to the success of the Pet Service held on Sunday 24th September.

- ◇ Kaylene for organizing gift packs
- ◇ Sandy & Robyn for organizing the day
- ◇ For all those who donated pet food
- ◇ To all the pets who came with their people to make the day special.

A special thank you to Trevor and Trina Twilley from South East Animal Welfare League and Maxine Spence from Wet Noses Animal Rescue.



Thank You

Forthcoming Parish Events

MONTH	DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	ORGANISED BY
OCT	Sun	1 st	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Communion	Choir
	Mon-Fri	2 nd - 6 th		Annual Clergy Retreat @ Seven Hill	
	Tues	3 rd	3.15pm	Fundraising meeting in Ashworth Room	
	Sun	8 th	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Communion - Bishop Keith officiating Pathways - Bishop Keith officiating St Luke's Patronal Festival - Bishop Keith	CMG
	Thurs	12 th	9.30am	Men Do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry	
	Sun	15 th	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Communion	Choir
	Tues	17 th	2.00pm	Ladies Do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry	
	Sun	22 nd	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Pathways	CMG
	Sun	29 th	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Communion - Healing Service	
		29 th		City Wide Service - Ministers' Association	

NB Father Neil will be away from the Parish 13th & 14th October to attend Diocesan Council meeting in Murray Bridge.

PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

OCTOBER

1st Margaret Boardman	24th Elizabeth Hodges
3rd Roma Driscoll	26th Jeff Bowman
15th Tim Hawkes	27th Rita Johnston
17th Otfried Linder	28th Diane Burton



We wish all of them 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.

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 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

SOLOS AND PAIRS

It's up and running again!

Dinner at Mac's Hotel has been booked for 5.30pm in the Bistro, Friday 29th September.

Currently, it's a tentative booking for 12 people.

If you wish to attend, please indicate on the sheet at the rear of the church so that definite numbers can be confirmed.

Many thanks

The Bell Tower Op Shop

Opening hours are:

Monday to Friday
10.00am to 3.00pm

Saturday
9.30am to 12.30pm



FAITH RUNS DEEP

Fr Neil is conducting sessions in the church at 10.00am commencing on Tuesday, 5th September. Everyone welcome.