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Pew Sheet

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We pray for the Diocese of The Murray and Parish Council Members

Fr Des Ackland (Raelene); Br Simon Waters (Administrator the The Murray)

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

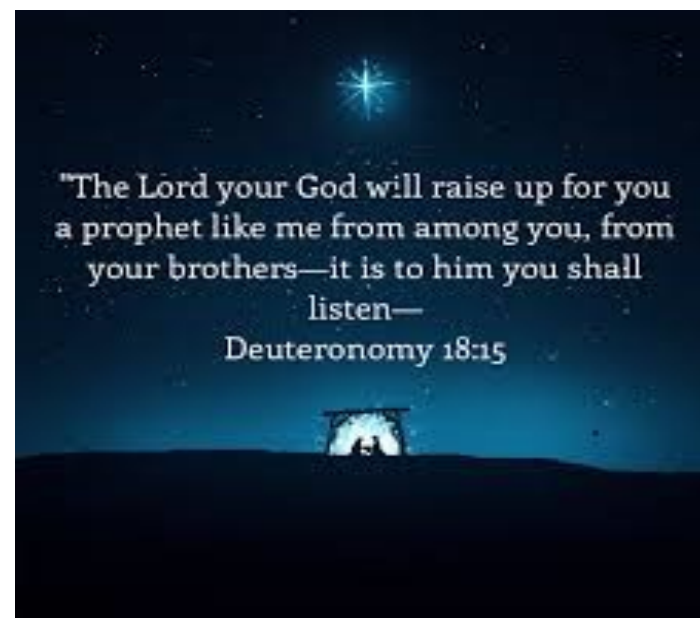
If you wish to make a bequest to the church, please follow the
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which is available from the back of the church.

The Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier (Berrin)

**Christ Church
Mount Gambier (Berrin)**

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

**28th January 2024 — Septuagesima/
Ordinary Sunday 4**



I will raise up for them a Prophet



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.

I will raise up for them a prophet

The readings for today invite us to recognize Jesus and grant him authority in our lives. In the first reading, Moses foretells the coming of a mighty prophet. The Gospel tells how the people were amazed by the way Jesus taught with authority.

- Prophetic Authority and Divine Truth:** The first reading from Deuteronomy speaks of a prophet like Moses, emphasizing the importance of heeding true prophetic voices that convey God's will and truth. This theme of authoritative teaching is echoed in the Gospel, where Jesus' teachings are contrasted with those of the scribes.
- Divine Guidance and Obedience:** Psalm 95 calls for joyful praise and worship of God, recognizing Him as our creator and guide. It emphasizes listening to God's voice and avoiding the hard-heartedness of our ancestors, underscoring the importance of obedience to divine guidance.
- Undistracted Devotion to God:** The second reading from 1 Corinthians discusses the states of married and unmarried life. Theme of undistracted devotion is relevant to understanding different vocations and the ways they can lead to holiness.

In the First Reading, we hear of God's promise to Moses that He would raise up for us a prophet. This is only one of God's many promises that were made and are found in the Old Testament, each of them having been fulfilled through Jesus Christ as revealed in the New Testament. About five weeks ago, we celebrated the arrival of the promised prophet in the incarnation of God through Christ. In a few weeks, we will celebrate the resurrection of the greatest of all prophets, the Lord Jesus.

When reference is made to Jesus as the prophet, it must be understood that the word "prophet" in the days of Moses meant a "mediator" between God and man. Moses was a mediator. He spoke to the people on behalf of God, and spoke to God on behalf of the people. Based on that particular function as mediator between God and man, the Lord God promised to raise a prophet just like Moses who would be a Mediator between God and man. This is seen in Jesus who is the Mediator between God and man. Now, "There is one Mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time." [1 Tim. 2:5-6].

The word prophet is symbolic, meaning the promised Messiah. While the people waited for a great prophet to deliver them, the Heavenly Father sent them someone who was greater than a prophet, His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. The people continued to view Jesus as the promised prophet because He fulfilled all the promises of God the Father through His incarnation as God on earth. [Jn. 6:14, 7:40].

SUNDAY, 28th January 2025 : Septuagesima/Ordinary Sunday 4 8.00am—Communion : 9.30am—Communion (celebrating Australia Day)				
Deut 18. 15-20		Ps 95	1 Cor 8. 1-13	Mark 1. 21-28
Server		Julienne Feast		
Welcomer		Trudy-Anne Doyle		
Readers		Jeff Bowman / Fran Laslett		
Intercessions		Julienne Feast		
Sound desk		Rick Fisher		
Flowers		Rhonda Strickland		
MONDAY, 4th February 2024 : Sexagesima/Ordinary Sunday 5 8.00am—Communion : 9.30am—Communion				
Job 7. 1-7		Ps 147. 1-11	1 Cor 9. 16-23	Mark 1. 29-39
Server		Julienne Feast		
Welcomer		Faye Hill		
Readers		Helen Douglass / Denise McDonald		
Intercessions		Rick Fisher		
Sound desk		Robyn Ashby		
Flowers		Rhonda Strickland		
Morning Tea		Helen Douglass / Denise McDonald / Maree McIntyre		

A couple of memories of Dorothy Mitchell



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; Lynn Fisher

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.



Please remember especially in your prayers the family and friends of **Dorothy Mitchell** who died recently. Dorothy was a long time member of the parish—and a memorial service was held for her at Christ Church on Thursday, 25th January.

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).

PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR



JANUARY

6th	Peter Searcy	17th	David Clarkson
8th	Robyn Ashby	27th	Lorraine Sims
13th	Neil Geddes		

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.



Thank you

ROSTERS FOR		JANUARY
GARDENING		Helen Douglass
	MOWING ROSTER	Richard Strickland

Now, while Moses was only a prophet, not being God, there are parallels between him and Jesus. As Jesus had a unique relationship with God the Father, Moses also had a unique relationship with the Lord, God speaking to Moses face to face. [Exo. 33:11]. Never has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. [Deut. 34:10]. Next to Jesus who performed the most and greatest miracles, comes Moses. "Moses was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of Israel." [Deut. 34:11-2]. The Lord God promised to Moses that He would raise up for the people a prophet like him [Moses] from among their own people. He would put His words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to the people everything that He commands. [Deut. 18:18]. These words echo the words of Jesus in the Gospel of John where it says, "... The word that you hear is not mine, but from the Father who sent me." [Jn. 14:24, 17:8, 17:14].

Concluding God's message that is found in the First Reading, Moses said that if anyone does not heed the words that the prophet speaks in the Name of God, God Himself will hold accountable. [Deut. 18:19]. Reference to our accountability to God is frequently found in the New Testament. [1 Pet. 4:5; Heb. 13:17]. One Bible passage says, "So then, each of us will be accountable to God." [Rom. 14:12].

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Palm crosses

If you have any old palm crosses at home, could you please get them to Fr Neil as soon as possible so they can be burnt in readiness for Ash Wednesday.

Thank you



MOWING ROSTER

There is a vacancy on the mowing roster for this year for the months of April, October and December. If you can help with this task, please speak to Rick Fisher as soon as possible.

Forthcoming Parish Events

MONTH	DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	ORGAN- ISED BY
JAN 2024	Sun	28 th	8.00am 9.30am 6.30pm	Communion Communion City Wide service @ Liberty Church	CMG
FEB	Sun	4 th	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Communion	Choir
	Tues	6 th	3.15pm	Fundraising Team meeting in Ashworth Room	
	Thurs	8 th	9.30am	Men Do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry	
	Sun	11 th	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Communion Pathways Service Communion—St Luke's, Mt Schank	CMG
	Wed	14 th	5.30pm	ASH WEDNESDAY service	
	Sat	17 th		Lenten Studies begin	
	Sun	18 th Lent 1	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Communion	Choir
	Sun	25 th Lent 2	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Pathways Service	CMG
MAR	Fri	1 st	6.00pm	World Day of Prayer	
	Sun	3 rd Lent 3	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Communion	Choir
	Sun	10 th Lent 4	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Communion Pathways Service—Lamentations Communion—St Luke's, Mt Schank	CMG
	Sun	17 th Lent 5	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Communion Annual Meeting	Choir
	Sun	24 th	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Pathways Service—Palm Sunday	CMG
	Mon	25 th		Chrism Mass	
	Thurs	28 th	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday service	
	Fri	29 th	10.00am	Good Friday Service	
	Sat	30 th		Holy Saturday Easter Vigil	
	Sun	31 st		Easter Day	

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

The Craft Group is in recess until
the New Year.

The resume date to be advised.

The Bell Tower Op Shop

Trading hours are:

Monday to Friday
10.00am to 3.00pm

Saturday
9.30am to 12.30pm

Closed on Public Holidays



LENTEN STUDIES

The Lenten Study books are now
available from the Parish Office at a
cost of \$12.00 each.

Fr Neil will be conducting a study
group at the church each Saturday
morning at 10.00am.