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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 of 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
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)

10th March 2024 — Lent 4



God sent his only Son to save us



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.

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The fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called *Laetare* Sunday. *Laetare* is a Latin word that means “rejoice”.

Today’s Gospel reading is taken from John’s Gospel. It consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus’ reply to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night. In the part of the conversation with Nicodemus in today’s Gospel, Jesus referred to an incident reported in the Old Testament. When the Israelites grumbled against the Lord during their sojourn in the desert, God sent venomous serpents to punish them for their complaints. The Israelites repented and asked Moses to pray for them.

The Lord heard Moses’ prayer and instructed him to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. All who had been bitten by a serpent and then looked upon the bronze serpent were cured. By recalling this story, Jesus alludes to the salvation that would be accomplished through his death and Resurrection.

The second part of today’s Gospel is a theological reflection on Jesus’ words to Nicodemus. The Gospel of John is known for this kind of reflection offered within the narrative. The words of the Evangelist are in continuity with the words of the prologue to John’s Gospel. In these reflections, John elaborates on a number of themes that are found in his Gospel: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation.

Have you noticed the types of phrases we use when describing something wonderful? I catch myself saying things like being ‘over the moon’ or ‘on cloud-nine’. A friend talks about being in the ‘seventh heaven!’ Now, that admission may say a lot both of us, but I can’t help thinking that our deepest experiences are those that have a power to lift us up. Such experiences take us out of ourselves. They uplift us and we perceive things differently.

Jesus is always inviting us to see things differently. When Nicodemus sought out Jesus, he was in the dark “both really and symbolically”. He couldn’t see clearly. In the years that followed this late night conversation, Nicodemus became a follower of Jesus and, step by step, was drawn to see things differently. At last he finally *did* see. When at the end, Jesus was really and truly lifted up, Nicodemus was not too far away.

SUNDAY, 10th March 2024—Lent 4				
8.00am—Communion : 9.30am—Pathways (Mothering Sunday)				
2 Chron 36. 14-16, 19-23		Ps 137. 1-6	Eph 2. 4-10	John 3. 14-21
Server		Julienne Feast		
Welcomer		Raylene Milligan		
Readers		Julienne Feast / David Glover		
Intercessions		Julienne Feast		
Sound desk		Trudy-Anne Doyle		
Flowers		No flowers during Lent		
Morning Tea		Beryl Heard / Raylene Milligan / Jenny Tilby		
SUNDAY, 17th March 2024—Lent 5				
8.00am—Communion : 9.30am—Communion : followed by Annual Meeting				
Jer 31. 31-34		Ps 51. 1-10	Heb 5. 7-9	John 12. 20-33
Server		Julienne Feast		
Welcomer		Jeff Bowman		
Readers		Anne Ashworth / David Clarkson		
Intercessions		Sue Christopher		
Sound desk		Trevor Christopher		
Flowers		No flowers during Lent		
Morning Tea		Dianne Burton / Virginia Kuhl		

ROSTERS FOR	MARCH
GARDENING 	Fran Laslett
 MOWING ROSTER	Darryll Grant

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.

Pray for those people who are unwell and for each other

Sue Ongley; Maree Lynch; Joe Maier; Shirley Stacpoole; Sandy Coulson; 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.

PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR



MARCH

2nd	Coral Chaffey	8th	Amanda McKinnon
2nd	Sadewu	10th	Matthew Allen
6th	Ruth Clarkson	19th	Dot Saffin
7th	Tara McCracken	24th	Denise McDonald
		28th	Helen Douglass

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

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*



A Call for Palms – or other foliage — that can be used to spread the way of welcome into Jerusalem on **Palm Sunday, 24th March.**

Gardeners, please have a think. In the gardens of a friend, neighbour or one of the family, is there any suitable fronded or softly, branching foliage to announce with a warm welcome the coming of Jesus to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival?

Please speak soon with Fr. Neil or Kaylene if you can help or have a suggestion.

When we meditate on the crucifix and participate in the Eucharist we also see Jesus lifted up. Perhaps today as I lift my eyes to see him, I might ponder on the mystery of suffering and exaltation and wonder at the love that is lifted up and draws us ever closer, uplifting us as well .

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LENTEN STUDIES



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

The film 'The Chosen' will be shown in the church at 10.00am each Wednesday, and led by Lois from the Millicent Lutheran Church.

All welcome

Traditionally, in the Anglican Church, **Mothering or Refreshment Sunday** falls on the fourth Sunday in the middle of Lent. It is a time to relax from fasting, effort and work; to acknowledge and give thanks for the nurturing love of the family and parish community, remembering particularly our mothers, and all those who support us in a caring role. Children would pick flowers and take them to church, and a fruit cake would be baked from fine wheat flour (which the Romans called *simila* – hence a Simnel cake).

Today, bring flowers from your garden, if you would like. Keep them with you during worship, or leave them in the Vestry for the children to arrange for distribution to the women in the congregation and those whose lives are commemorated in the Memorial Garden, where the children will also lay flowers. We hope you can enjoy this special day.

Kaylene Barreira, on behalf of Children's Ministry.

Annual Meeting and Parish Council nominations

As you are aware, the Annual Meeting is being held next Sunday (17th March) after the 9.30am service.

At the time of writing, only ONE nomination has been received for the PC positions, and several reports are still outstanding!!

All positions on PC (including Synod reps) are currently vacant as this year marks the start of a new triennium, and the positions are for 3 years.

Please consider how you can help support our parish and Fr Neil over the next 12-36 months.

It will be a very sad state of affairs if we can't get enough people to take up this important role!!

Forthcoming Parish Events

MONTH	DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	ORGAN-ISED BY
MAR	Sun	10 th Lent 4 Mother- ing Sunday	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Communion Pathways Service—Lamentations Communion—St Luke's, Mt Schank	CMG
	Thurs	14 th	9.30am	Men Do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry	
	Sat	16 th	10.00am to 3.00pm	Retreat at Christ Church conducted by Fr Alex Bainton (see separate notice)	
	Sun	17 th Lent 5	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Communion Annual Meeting	Choir
	Tues	19 th	2.00pm	Ladies Do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry	
	Sun	24 th	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Pathways Service— Palm Sunday	CMG
	Mon	25 th		Chrism Mass @ Mt Barker	
	Thurs	28 th	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday service	
	Fri	29 th	10.00am	Good Friday Service	
	Sat	30 th	6.00pm	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil @ Mt Schank	
	Sun	31 st	9.00am	Easter Day (1 service in parish today)	
APRIL	Sun	7 th	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Communion & Parish Picnic offsite	
	Tues	9 th	3.15pm	Fundraising team mtg in Ashworth Rm	
	Sun	14 th	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Communion Pathways Service Communion—Mt Schank	
	Sun	21 st	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Communion—celebrate ANZAC Day	

RETREAT

Fr Alex Bainton will be conducting a retreat at Christ Church on Saturday, 16th March 2024 from 10.00am to 3.00pm.

The cost to cover catering will be \$20 per head.

Please place your name on the list at the back of the church if you wish to attend.

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

Mini Market & Garage Sale News

This event held last Saturday (2nd March) was a great success. Thank you to everyone who did their best to ensure its success.

The next Mini Market is most likely to be held in September. A summary of the takings is below:

Shed	\$453.80
Craft	\$292.50
Plants	\$644.90
Op Shop	\$782.10
TOTAL	\$2173.30

Jeff Bowman
For Fundraising Team