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Pew Sheet

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

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

and in the Limestone Coast

Archdeacon Neil (Nalini); Fr Alex Bainton (Cheryl); Bp Michael Hough;

Parish Councillors, Christ Church

Sandy Coulson, Helen Douglass, Brian Smith, Lynn Fisher, Dick Hamson;
Rick Fisher; Robyn Ashby; Sujitha Rajan

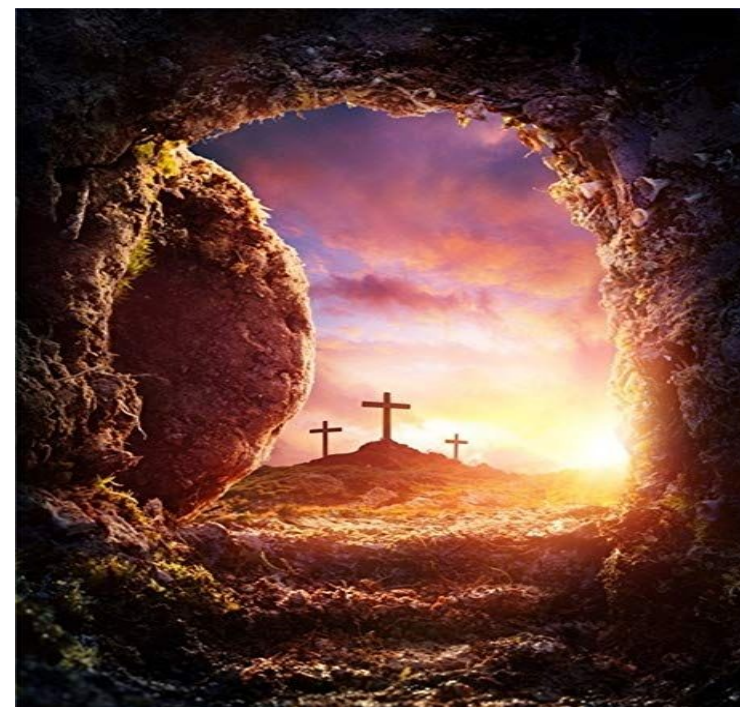
If you wish to make a bequest to the church, please follow the
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which is available from the back of the church.

The Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier (Berrin)

**Christ Church
Mount Gambier (Berrin)**

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

31st March 2024 — Easter Day



Christ is risen indeed—alleluia



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.

CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA

I begin by wishing you all a very happy Easter full of joy with every blessing and the fullness of life in God that we celebrate on this special day. The Feast of Easter, the Feast of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, is the central Feast of our faith and the Church.

The Resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian Faith. It is the greatest of the miracles, for it proves that Jesus is God. That is why St. Paul writes: *“If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain; and your Faith is in vain”* (1 Cor 15:14). *“Jesus is Lord, He is risen”* (Rom 10:9) was the central theme of the *kerygma* (or “preaching”), of the Apostles.

Easter is the guarantee of our own resurrection. Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: *“I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me will live even though he dies...”* (Jn 11:25-26).

Easter is a feast that gives us hope and encouragement in this world of pain, sorrows, and tears. It reminds us that life is worth living. It also gives us strength to fight against temptations and freedom from unnecessary worries and fears.

Easter gives meaning to our prayers: It supports our belief in the Real Presence of the Risen Jesus in and around us, in His Church, in the Blessed Sacrament, and in Heaven, hearing our prayers, and so gives meaning to our personal as well as our communal prayers.

Neither the Jews nor the Romans could disprove Jesus’ Resurrection by presenting the dead body of Jesus.

The Apostles and early Christians would not have fearlessly preached Christ as Savior and faced martyrdom if they were not absolutely sure of Jesus’ Resurrection.

The Apostle Paul’s conversion from a persecutor of Christians to a zealous preacher of Jesus supports the truth of Jesus’ Resurrection (Gal 1:11-17, Acts 9:1, Acts 9:24-25, Acts 26:15-18).

Our celebration of Easter places before us the hope of new life. That which seems too good to be true, is still to come to us. Christ’s resurrection is not an event of the past; it contains a vital power that has permeated this world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force. Often it seems that God does not exist: all around us, we see persistent injustice, evil, indifference, and cruelty. But in the midst of darkness, something new always springs to life and sooner or later produces fruit.

However dark things are, goodness always re-emerges and spreads. Each day in our world beauty is born anew, it rises transformed through the storms of history, and human beings have risen time after time from situations that seemed doomed.

The messengers ask the women, “Why look among the dead for someone who is alive?” As long as the disciples remain locked in the old world with its old logic they will always look for Jesus among the dead: after all, they had seen him die and they had seen him laid in the tomb, with the stone at the tomb’s entrance seeming a cosmic full stop.

THURSDAY, 28th March 2024 : MAUNDY THURSDAY—7.00pm			
Exod 12. 1-14	Ps 116. 11-16	1 Cor 11. 23-26	John 13. 1-15
FRIDAY, 29th March 2024 : GOOD FRIDAY—10.00am			
Various—see separate Good Friday pew sheet for readings			
SATURDAY, 30th March 2024 Holy Eucharist—6.00pm @ St Luke’s, Mt Schank EASTER VIGIL—7.30pm @ Christ Church			
Exod 14. 15-15.1a	Ps 18. 27-31	Rom 6. 3-11	Mark 16. 1-8
SUNDAY, 31st MARCH 2024 : EASTER DAY—9.00am			
Acts 10. 34-43	Ps 118. 19-29	Col 3. 1-4	John 20. 1-9
Server	Julienne Feast		
Welcomer	Helen Douglass		
Readers	Richard Mills / Trevor Christopher		
Intercessions	Julienne Feast		
Sound desk	Richard Mills		
Flowers	Robyn Sweetnam		
Morning Tea	The Men		
SUNDAY, 7th April 2024 : Easter 1—Frances Cook visiting 8.00am and 9.30am—Morning Prayer with communion by extension			
Acts 4. 32-35	Ps 118. 19-29	1 Jn 5. 1-6	John 20. 19-31
Server	Julienne Feast		
Welcomer	Faye Hill		
Readers	Helen Douglass / Denise McDonald		
Intercessions	Richard Mills		
Sound desk	Robyn Ashby		
Flowers	Elizabeth Hodges / O Green		
Morning Tea	Helen Douglass / Denise McDonald / Maree McIntyre		

ROSTERS FOR		MARCH
GARDENING		Fran Laslett
 MOWING ROSTER		Darryll Grant

Pray for those people who are unwell and for each other

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

Please remember in your prayers **Ann Maier and family** as they mourn the death of Joe earlier this week. Joe's memorial service will be held on Tuesday, 9th April.

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

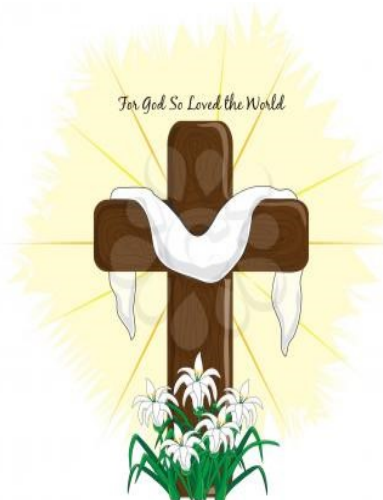
The Bell Tower Op Shop

Trading hours are:

Monday to Friday
10.00am to 3.00pm

Saturday
9.30am to 12.30pm

*Closed on Public
Holidays*



To find Jesus, to encounter him, they must leave the old world with its old logic of death; only then will they enter that experience of deep amazement, which is the Good News, which is our faith.

HAPPY EASTER!

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2024 Parish Picnic—Sunday, 14th April

Whole of Parish invited to our forthcoming family picnic outing being held at Lions Park, Port MacDonnell.



Invitations to friends of our church also - includes past parishioners plus Op Shop volunteers ... hoping the weather is kind for a good time of fun and fellowship with each other on the day.

The days agenda ...

9.00am—one service only at Christ Church. Pathways + Communion.

10.30am—morning tea in Ashworth Room at Christ Church.

11.00am—cars taking part in Mystery Drive route to venue sent out from Christ Church car park Bay Rd exit.

12.30 pm - picnic lunch (BYO) at Lions Park, Port MacDonnell

(on foreshore : Sea Parade : head towards lighthouse, reserve is on corner with Compton Street)

Parking available by entering track on lighthouse side of the park.

1.30 pm—Mini Olympics all ages and conditions ? can be involved - spectators, helper officials, competitors

Male, Female, ages 20 and under, 21-59, 60 and over, Open and Handicap. Events include the 100 mtrs (more like 30), Marathon (2 laps .. 60 mtrs), Novelty - 3-legged race ?, Sack race ?)

2.45 pm—Children's activity - Mystery Clues Hunt. Two groups 7 and under and 8 and over. Older group finds each of 5 clues - younger group looks for mystery item at location revealed by clue.

3.00 pm—Free time to socialise more, explore short walk into Germein Reserve ?, access beach foreshore ?

Leave for home when ready. Hope you had an engaging and enjoyable time.

Lions Park has 1 toilet - disabled capable, fresh drinking water, 2 BBQ's, some shelter, some tables - all with bench seating. Our catering extends to just the ability to man a BBQ - being a picnic outing the idea is that you bring your own food and drinks plus seating arrangements. The area is nicely grassed too so a picnic rug might work also - for those still able to get down (and then up again !)

The Mini Olympics is over a 30-40 metre course so own seating would be good for watching these events.

Inclusive for people also without transport - please call Graham (0417 800 175) or Richard (0409 722 030) and we will try and arrange a lift for you. If you have room in your car for another then please let us know.

Hope you will add to our numbers on the day—to make it a memorable one. Be great if this ultimately becomes an annual event !

Graham Savage / Richard Mills

Forthcoming Parish Events

MONTH	DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	ORGAN- ISED BY
MAR	Thurs	28 th	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday service	
	Fri	29 th	10.00am	Good Friday Service	
	Sat	30 th	6.00pm 7.30pm	Holy Eucharist @ Mt Schank Easter Vigil @ Christ Church (N.B. There will be no Easter Vigil @ Mt Schank this year)	
	Sun	31 st	9.00am	Easter Day (1 service in parish today)	
APRIL	Sun	7 th	8.00am 9.30am	Morning Prayer with Frances Cook Communion by extension	
	Tues	9 th	3.15pm	Fundraising Team mtg in Ashworth Rm	
	Sun	14 th	9.00am From 11.00am	Eucharist (1 service in parish today) Parish Picnic at Port MacDonnell	CMG
	Tues	16 th	2.00pm	Ladies Do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry	
	Sun	21 st	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Communion—celebrate ANZAC Day	Choir
	Wed	24 th	10.00am	"The Chosen" study @ Christ Church	
	Sun	28 th	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Pathways Service	CMG

Commissioning of Parish Council members



Chrism Mass @ Mt Barker



*Sanctify, O Lord, our hearts and minds, and inspire our praise, give us grace to glorify you both in our worship and our work; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.*

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

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R Resurrection
I Identity
S Salvation
E Eternal Life
N New Life