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Pew Sheet

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BSB : 105-002
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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)

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
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)**

14th April 2024 — Easter 2



Make our hearts burn with love for Jesus



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.

From Frances Cook



On the very same day that God raised Jesus from the dead, two of his own disciples were joined by Jesus as they dejectedly walked to Emaus, possibly some 20km west of Jerusalem. Not recognizing Jesus, they were surprised when he appeared not to have heard of “of the things that have been happening there in these days” (Luke 24: 18). So they told the apparent stranger all about it.

Jesus then rebuked them for not understanding that it was necessary that the Messiah suffer and then enter into glory (v. 26). Then he gave them a Bible Study. “Beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.”. Invited to stay with them, when Jesus broke bread with them, “their eyes were opened and they recognized him” (v. 31). But Jesus went from them and then they reflected, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” (v. 32).

Jesus has given us here some extremely important teaching about the Bible and his own relationship to it. It is to be taken very seriously. His two Jewish disciples had likely been brought up through their local synagogue school where they studied what we call the Old Testament day in and day out. They knew it well and yet here, until Jesus opens their eyes, they are unable to see that what has happened before their eyes was foretold and is a fulfillment of the great promises of God. We need Jesus, through the work of the Holy Spirit, to help us to read and apply the Bible and he is very willing and available.

We need also to have very clear, as we see by the way Jesus handled it, that, although the Bible is made of 39 very varied books, it is in fact one book. It is his Word. No wonder he takes it seriously! As one book, Jesus clearly also believes that it tells one story, the story about God’s salvation through him. That means that the whole Bible must be understood as the Word of God and as having as its very centre Jesus Christ himself.

The Old Testament is a book of promise. The New Testament reveals the fulfillment of that promise.

Let me give an example. When you read in Psalm 7, “Vindicate me ,LORD, according to my righteousness,...according to my integrity, O Most High,” does that make you feel a little uncomfortable – presenting your righteousness and integrity to God? Now, what if instead you understand these words as on the lips of Jesus? That makes sense. He is righteous and God has vindicated him in the resurrection. And yes, the Psalm is also talking about us, as by faith in him, we are found in Christ Jesus. His righteousness is our righteousness.

In psalm 4 today v.3 reads: “Know that the LORD has set apart his faithful servant for himself; the Lord hears him when I call to him”. This is about Jesus, the only truly faithful servant and, again, it is about us only but surely as we are found in him.

SUNDAY, 14th April 2024 : Easter 2			
9.00am—Communion (1 service only in parish)			
11.00am onwards—Parish Picnic at Port MacDonnell			
Acts 3. 13-19	Ps 4	1 Jn 2. 1-6	Luke 24. 35-48
Server	Julienne Feast		
Welcomer	Raylene Milligan		
Readers	Margaret Boardman / Rita Johnston		
Intercessions	Julienne Feast		
Sound desk	Trudy-Anne Doyle		
Flowers	Elizabeth Hodges / Ohna Green		
Morning Tea	Beryl Heard / Raylene Milligan / Jenny Tilby		
SUNDAY, 21st April 2024 : Easter 3			
8.00am—Communion : 9.30am—Communion (celebrating ANZAC Day)			
Acts 4. 8-12	Ps 118. 1-9	1 Jn 3. 1-2	John 10. 11-18
Server	Julienne Feast		
Welcomer	Jeff Bowman		
Readers	Raylene Milligan / Brian Smith		
Intercessions	Sue Christopher		
Sound desk	Trevor Christopher		
Flowers	Roma Driscoll		
Morning Tea	Dianne Burton /Virginia Kuhl		

ROSTERS FOR	APRIL
GARDENING 	Helen Douglass
 MOWING ROSTER	Volunteer required

*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.*

Pray for those people who are unwell and for each other

Sue Ongley; Maree Lynch; 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 @ 11.00am.

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

APRIL

8th	Joan Tremelling	16th	Glen Solomons
10th	Darryll Grant	24th	Jane Reichelt
10th	Roger Jones	27th	Llewellyn Jones
11th	Sandy Coulson	30th	Sue Ongley

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*



Thank you

Please check the notice board in the Vestry for the Thank You card from the Castlemaine Steiner School and Kindergarten, Class 8 Glenelg Camp. This is from the group that we accommodated in our hall when they were evacuated from the Glenelg National Park due to the threat of fire in early March.

The children also knitted some bunnies and made pompoms for the Craft Group to distribute.

In the Acts reading, the apostle Peter shows something similar, firstly drawing together 2000 years of Biblical history heading in one direction and then going even further back to Creation: "The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus ... You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead" (Acts 3:13,15). The whole Bible is heading in the same direction.

In 1 John, we read: "But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure." This time the apostle John, having seen the death, resurrection and ascension into heaven of Jesus looks towards his return and tells us how we should be living as Christ's people in this in-between period as we await his return.

So let's read the Bible keenly as the very words of Jesus and absolutely about Jesus.



An exciting time for the Fernando family

Nalini's sister is visiting from Sri Lanka—as is Fr Neil's mother and father.

Please welcome them to Mt Gambier when you get a chance.

A Thank You, plus autumn School Holiday arrangements

A warm thanks to all families who participated in the Easter celebrations this year.

With the autumn school holidays approaching, organized children's activities will be in recess from *this weekend* until May 5, the Sunday before Mothers' Day.

Please feel free to access the toys, colouring sheets and materials in the centre cupboard on the western wall of the Vestry. Adult supervision for children is necessary in the Vestry area. Please return all toys and drawing materials to the cupboard after use.

Wishing all families safe travel and an enjoyable time together.

Kaylene Barreira
On behalf of the Children's Ministry

Forthcoming Parish Events

MONTH	DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	ORGAN- ISED BY
APRIL	Sun	14 th	9.00am From 11.00am	Eucharist (1 service in parish today) Parish Picnic at Port MacDonnell	Choir
	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
MAY	Sun	5 th	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Communion	Choir
	Sun	12 th	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Communion' Pathways—Mother's Day Communion—St Luke's, Mt Schank	CMG
	Sat	18 th	8.30am — 4.00pm	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	
	Sun	19 th	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Communion	Choir
	Tues	21 st	2.00pm	Ladies Do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry	
	Sun	26 th	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Pathways—Trinity Sunday	CMG

CAN YOU HELP ???

The Parish Office air conditioner 'died' a couple of weeks ago, and it has had to be replaced at a cost of \$2,700.

If there is any way you could help defray this cost, a donation placed in an envelope marked "Air conditioner replacement" would be very much appreciated.

Thank you

Parish Picnic

*Today (14th April)
is our Parish Picnic
at Port Mac
following the
9.00am service (the
only service today).*

*Hope to see you
there!!*

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

Op Shop Seasonal Change-over

The Bell Tower Op Shop will be holding its seasonal change-over in the hall on **FRIDAY, 26th APRIL** and **SATURDAY, 27th APRIL** commencing at 9.00am.

This requires considerable physical work such as lifting tubs of clothing off shelving as well as lots of sorting, removing summer stock & displaying new winter stock. Anyone, **particularly men** in the parish who may be able to help for an hour or two, are encouraged to come along.

Enquiries please contact Gill Doyle 0438 867 146 or Jeff Bowman 0487 486 260.