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Pew Sheet

All notices/information for pew
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Details for giving by Direct Debit : The Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier
BSB : 105-002
A/c number : 041 398 740



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 Magdalene

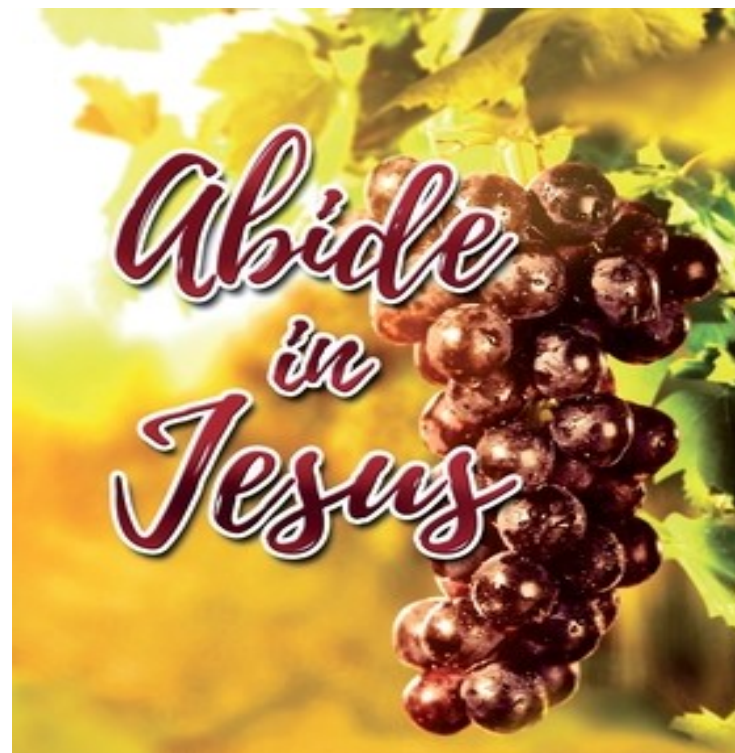
If you wish to make a bequest to the church, please follow the
instructions on the Regulation for Bequests form
which is available from the back of the church.

The Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier (Berrin)

**Christ Church
Mount Gambier (Berrin)**

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

28th April 2024 — Easter 4



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.

ABIDE IN JESUS

While John’s Gospel is the most esoteric and theological, he does use some of the natural concrete metaphors Jesus must have spoken about to ground his teaching and preaching. John takes the vine and the branches as an image of the need for Jesus’ connection with his believers and followers, while today’s example of the Good Shepherd, caring for his sheep, is a further illustration of his desire to get across the message that he offers care for each, security and meaning to those who respond to him faithfully in word and deed.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus’ presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also speaks of God the Father as the vine-dresser, the one who takes care and shows attention for the branches, who prunes, or cuts away what is not good, so that goodness may abound. Some may misinterpret this imagery as meaning God will punish the unwatchful, but that is not the teaching of the Church. Rather, it has to do with the inevitable ups and downs of life, and the fact that God is present in the midst of it all, never abandoning what he has planted, nor desiring the fall or defeat of anyone, but that all may grow stronger, even amidst trials and setbacks.

Almost inevitably the branches of a grapevine need to be cut back, an apt image of necessary cleansing for growth to take place. It is not about destroying what is under cultivation or of tender shoots being wiped out. Rather, the care of the good vine-dresser is to be understood as God’s loving care in Jesus’ work of bringing salvation to God’s people.

Furthermore, the image of the vine-dresser’s care for the vine and its branches, and the trouble taken to create the best conditions possible for obtaining an excellent yield, is likened to God’s infinite loving care for Christ Jesus in the mission of saving souls. The word used by Jesus that best sums up the mystery of the perfect union which must exist between the followers and Jesus and then through Jesus between the followers and God the Father, is the verb “to abide” or “to remain”. Abide and remain express the notion of perfect mutual fellowship or communion. That is what we want with God and God wants with us.

Every follower of Jesus is called to be open to receive Christ’s vital and dynamic influence which comes about by keeping God’s word, which is already within, and seeing it blossom forth, producing good fruit by putting God’s word into practice.

The wonderful words of Jesus, “Abide in me and I in you,” are as important as ever. This is something that is desirable and needed by young and old, by all who follow Christ, in whatever vocation they may have, as single or married laity, as clergy, as consecrated religious, all who are just beginning the journey, in the middle of it or coming to its end.

SUNDAY, 28th April 2024 : Easter 4 8.00am—Morning Prayer : 9.30am—Pathways Service			
Acts 9. 26-31	Ps 22. 23-32	1 Jn 3. 18-24	John 15. 1-8
Server	Julienne Feast		
Welcomer	Helen Douglass		
Readers	Jeff Bowman / Fran Laslett		
Intercessions	Julienne Feast		
Sound desk	Rick Fisher		
Flowers	Roma Driscoll		
Morning Tea	Michael and Genevieve Jamieson		
SUNDAY, 5th May 2024 : Easter 5 8.00am—Communion : 9.30am—Communion			
Acts 10. 25-48	Ps 98	1 Jn 5, 1-5	John 15. 9-17
Server	Julienne Feast		
Welcomer	Faye Hill		
Readers	Rick and Lynn Fisher		
Intercessions	Rick Fisher		
Sound desk	Robyn Ashby		
Flowers	Rhonda Strickland		
Morning Tea	Helen Douglass / Denise McDonald / Maree McIntyre		

ROSTERS FOR		APRIL
GARDENING		Helen Douglass
 MOWING ROSTER		Volunteer required

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.

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*



POT, POTS & MORE POTS

Thanks to the generosity of a member of the local community we have been given a number of attractive plants that need to be potted into large pots. If anyone has any **20cm pots** that are no longer needed please contact Jeff B—0487 486 260.

We would like to repot the plants in preparation for our plant stall at the next Mini Market on the 1st June.

We are all called to take a share in the work of Christ's mission, in the manner and measure determined by God, but with our God-given free will. We are to willingly offer back to God a life on fire for the salvation of all in Jesus Christ.

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ANZAC Day commemoration photos



A B I D E

Ask for guidance,
for love. For your faith
to be made perfect.

Believe He will answer you,
that He is there for you,
that He loves you.

Invest more time in
reading God's Word and
meditating on it.

Direct your attention to
Him when ever you feel
confused or afraid.

Enjoy Him in the beauty
around you, in music, in
loving others.

Forthcoming Parish Events

MONTH	DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	ORGAN- ISED BY
APRIL	Sun	28 th	8.00am 9.30am	Morning Prayer 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 3.15pm	Ladies Do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry Fundraising meeting in Ashworth Room	
	Sun	26 th	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Pathways—Trinity Sunday	CMG
JUNE	Sat	1 st	8.30am	Garage Sale and Mini-market	
	Sun	2 nd	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Communion	Choir



Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

SATURDAY, 18th MAY

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Volunteers are required for the next Bunnings sausage sizzle between 8.45am – 4.00pm. Raising funds for **RED CROSS**.

We also need someone to cut up 6kg of onions.

Please write your name on the form at the back of the church if you can help. All volunteers are required to wear enclosed shoes.

Thank you for volunteering.

Enquiries to Jeff Bowman 0487 486 260

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

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