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We pray for the Diocese of The Murray

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

and in the Limestone Coast

Archdeacon Neil (Nalini); Fr Alex Bainton (Cheryl)

and Parish Council Members, 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)**

**12th May 2024 — celebrating Ascension
and Mother's Day**



*Proclaim the Good News to all creation
and Lord bless our mothers*



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.

Proclaim the Good News to all creation

Today, the feast of the Ascension, marks both an end and a beginning: the end or completion of Jesus’ mission on earth and his return to the Father to reign as Lord of all creation; the beginning of the mission of the Church, empowered by the gift of the Spirit. Our readings today offer us two accounts of the Ascension: the first from the *Acts of the Apostles*, written by Luke; the second from the Gospel of Mark. Both versions teach us important truths of our Christian faith.

In our first reading, Luke tells us that Jesus ‘*was lifted up, while they [the disciples] looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight*’ (Acts 1:9). Taken literally, Luke’s words might give us the impression that Jesus executed a kind of vertical take-off into some remote region of the cosmos beyond the clouds, a place we think of as heaven. In my recent visit to the Chapel of the Ascension on the Mount of Olives confirmed this impression. Located on a site traditionally believed to be the place where Jesus ascended into heaven after his Resurrection, this chapel contains a slab of stone featuring one of Jesus’ footprints as he rose into the clouds! While a relic like this may remind us of the physical presence of Jesus on this earth, it doesn’t really help us to grasp the meaning of the event we are celebrating today.

The ascension of Jesus into heaven is not some mind-boggling physical feat never seen in the history of human endeavour; it is the mystery of Jesus’ return to the Father. As the noted scripture scholar, Tom Wright, explains, what the ascension means is that ‘*Jesus has gone ahead of us into God’s new world, and is already ruling this present world as its Lord, and also interceding for us at the Fathers’ right hand*’. In our second reading, Paul tells us that God ‘*has put all things under his [Jesus’] feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation*’ (Eph 1:22-23). Our gospel reading from Mark conveys the same message, stating that Jesus ‘*was taken up into heaven*’ and ‘*there at the right hand of God he took his place*’ (Mk16:19).

Proclaim the Good News to all creation (Mk 16:15). Mark underlines the universality of this commission. Jesus wants the gospel to be proclaimed to everyone, everywhere. During his earthly life, his proclamation of the Kingdom of God was limited primarily to the Jews. Now the boundaries of his mission are expanded to include all humanity, and extend to all creation. We think of Giotto’s famous painting of St Francis preaching to the birds. All creatures great and small are embraced by the gospel of God’s love.

By virtue of our baptism, we are called and empowered to go out and proclaim, in word in deed, the Good News to all creation. The task may seem beyond our strength as the forces that resist us are truly daunting. But we shall not be overwhelmed for we are never alone. Jesus continues to work with us through his Spirit, drawing us and all creation to its final destiny in him.

SUNDAY, 12th May 2024 : celebrating Ascension Day 8.00am—Communion : 9.30am—Pathways (celebrating Mother's Day) 11.30am—Communion @ St Luke's, Mt Schank			
Acts 1. 1-11	Ps 47	Eph 1. 15-23	Mark 16. 15-20
Server	Julienne Feast		
Welcomer	Raylene Milligan		
Readers	Julienne Feast / David Glover		
Intercessions	Julienne Feast		
Sound desk	Trudy-Anne Doyle		
Flowers	Rhonda Strickland		
Morning Tea	Beryl Heard / Raylene Milligan / Jenny Tilby		
SUNDAY, 19th May 2024 : Pentecost 8.00am—Communion : 9.30am—Communion			
Acts 2. 1-11	Ps 104. 26-32	1 Cor 12. 1-13	John 20. 19-23
Server	Julienne Feast		
Welcomer	Jeff Bowman		
Readers	David Clarkson / Anne Ashworth		
Intercessions	Sue Christopher		
Sound desk	Trevor Christopher		
Flowers	Rhonda Strickland		
Morning Tea	Dianne Burton / Virginia Kuhl		

ROSTERS FOR		MAY
GARDENING		Richard Strickland
 MOWING ROSTER		Richard Strickland

Pray for those people who are unwell and for each other

Sue Ongley; Maree Lynch; Shirley Stacpoole; Sandy Coulson;

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 pray for the Smibert family as Kelvin's ashes are to be interred in the Memorial Garden on Wednesday, 22nd May.

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



MAY

25th Jenny Bowman

We wish her 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.

Please mark your calendars:

Solos & Pairs will be held on the second Friday of each month at the Park Hotel @ 12.00pm.
All welcome.



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*



Prayer of Gratitude for Mothers

Heavenly Father, bless all the mothers in the parish family. We thank You for the gift of motherhood as we celebrate the loving sacrifice of mothers, both biological and spiritual, who nurture and guide us in Your ways.

Grant them the strength to face the daily challenges with courage and the wisdom to guide their children toward a life of faith and service. Encourage them when they are weary and inspire them when they feel overwhelmed.

Bless them with joy, strength, and love to continue their selfless devotion. Grant them health, peace, and fulfillment as they pursue their calling. May they feel deeply appreciated and honoured not just today, but every day

Happy Mothers' Day to all

The children will again this year offer their prayers and a small sprig of flowers, wishing the women of the congregation every blessing on Mothers' Day.

We also remember those loved ones who have gone before us and will lay flowers in the Memorial Garden.

Should you have flowers to spare in your garden, please bring them with you and leave them in the Vestry or in the baskets provided in the front porch.

Remember to bring a photo too, if you wish, of your dear Mum, or yourself as a young Mum, Grandie or Great Grandie!

Wishing all a happy day!

Kaylene Barreira, on behalf of Children's Ministry

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

Forthcoming Parish Events

MONTH	DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	ORGAN-ISED BY
MAY	Fri	10 th	12.00pm	Solos & Pairs luncheon at Park Hotel	
	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
	Sun	9 th	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Communion Pathways Service Communion—St Luke's, Mt Schank	CMG
	Thurs	13 th	9.30am	Men Do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry	
	Fri	14 th	12.00pm	Solos & Pairs luncheon at Park Hotel	
	Sun	16 th	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Communion	Choir
	Tues	18 th	2.00pm	Ladies Do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry	
	Fri— Sun	21 st to 23 rd		SYNOD in Mt Gambier	
	Sun	23 rd	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Communion (Synod)	Choir & CMG
	Sun	30 th	8.00am 9.30am TBA	Communion Pathways—Healing Service City Wide churches service	

Preliminary planning for Recycled Runway

The catering group for the Recycled Runway to be held later in the year are in the process of preparing some of the food for the night. This food will then be frozen in readiness for the occasion.

If you are able to assist with the cost of purchasing any of the ingredients for this event, please place your donation in an envelope marked **“Donation towards Recycled Runway catering”** as soon as possible.

Your help in defraying the overall cost of this will be very much appreciated. Thank you.

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

A Mother's Day Prayer

Dear God, this Mother's Day we lift up all mothers in prayer, celebrating the joy they bring to our lives.

Bless them with moments of laughter and precious memories with their children.

May their hearts be filled with happiness, their spirits lifted with love and their days brightened by hope.

Lord, let us remember the mothers we have lost, may their love continue to shine brightly in our hearts. Amen.