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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

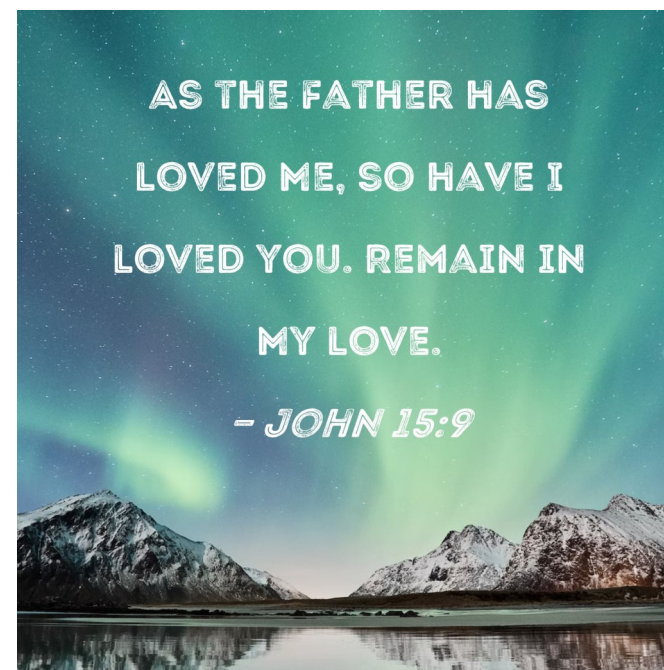
If you wish to make a bequest to the church, please follow the
instructions on the Regulation for Bequests form
which is available from the back of the church.

The Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier (Berrin)

**Christ Church
Mount Gambier (Berrin)**

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

5th May 2024 — Easter 5



Remain in His love



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.

REMAIN IN HIS LOVE

In the first reading, Peter teaches us that God shows no partiality in His love and that there are no boundaries to abiding in love. God loves everyone, both the Jews and the Gentiles, and He wants everyone to be saved through His son, Jesus. That is why God welcomed the Roman centurion Cornelius as the first non-Jew to become a Christian.

One of the early Church’s first struggles was to decide whether God was calling the early Christians to be a sect entirely within Judaism, or one that extended outward and welcomed others who believed in Jesus. The decision to yoke the Jews and the Gentiles together was a tough one for the Judeo-Christians and a welcome sign for the converts from pagan religions. In today’s first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, we see the start of the process. The episode begins earlier in Acts, in Chapter 10, where Peter and the Roman centurion Cornelius (a good pagan), are given interlocking visions. Acts describes how the Heavenly messenger instructed Cornelius to send to Joppa for Peter. In a trance, Peter heard a voice bidding him to eat non-kosher foods. Peter called this unthinkable, but the voice insisted that what God had purified no one might call unclean. This formerly pagan centurion and his family were to be the first fruits from which the worldwide Gentile mission was later to begin. The Holy Spirit, guiding the church, would use the example of Cornelius to prompt Paul in transforming the early church from an exclusively Jewish establishment to a dominantly Gentile and western European reality.

During his meeting with Cornelius, Peter made a speech giving Cornelius and his pagan household and friends the assurance that everyone “*who fears Him is acceptable to God*” and “*God shows no partiality*”. As they all received the anointing of the Holy Spirit while listening to Peter’s preaching, Peter ordered them to be baptized then and there. This story teaches three lessons: 1) Authentic changes must be expected as part of the Church’s ongoing mission under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. 2) New directions result ultimately from the Holy Spirit’s guidance rather than from merely human decisions. 3) The ecclesiastical leadership has the right and obligation to teach and carry out Divinely willed new instructions.

Today’s Responsorial Psalm (Ps 98) also directs our attention toward God’s marvelous love and kindness in offering salvation to the whole world. In the second reading, John defines God as love and explains that He expressed His love for mankind by sending His son to die for us humans “*as expiation for our sins*”. This Divine love gives us the command, and so the duty, to love one another as we have been loved by God. Since God has loved us

SUNDAY, 5th May 2024 : Easter 5 8.00am—Communion : 9.30am—Communion			
Acts 10. 25-48	Ps 98	1 Jn 4. 7-10	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		
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		

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; 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

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.



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*



DID YOU KNOW ???

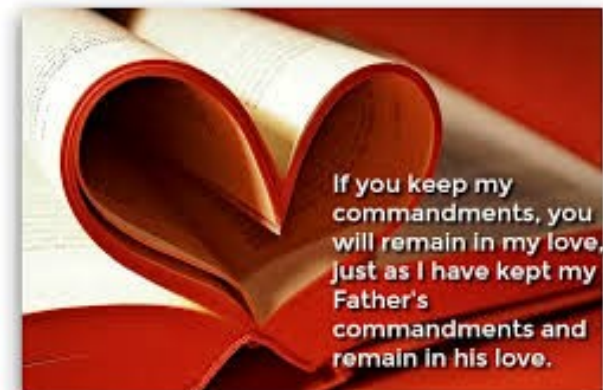
- The gastric juices of a snake can digest bones and teeth, but not fur or hair.
- A newborn hedgehog starts to get its spines within 24 hours of birth.
- During the time of Peter the Great, any Russian man who wore a beard was required to pay a special 'beard tax'.
- High heeled shoes were originally designed for male aristocrats.

first, we can and should love God in return, love ourselves properly, and love one another. After telling the parable of the vine and branches, Jesus, in today's Gospel, teaches the disciples that are to obey his commandment of love just as Jesus has obeyed his Heavenly Father's will by fulfilling His commandments and remaining inseparably bonded with his Father. Jesus' unconditional, forgiving, selfless, sacrificial love for us must be the criterion of our love for others. The highest expression of this love is our willingness to lay down our lives as Jesus did, for people who don't deserve it. The goal and result of our abiding in love, in God, will be perfect joy. Jesus no longer calls us slaves but now calls us "friends". He tells us that he has chosen us, and that, if we use Jesus' name, we can ask the Father for anything

"Bearing fruit" is an easy image. A healthy branch of a fruit tree will do what it is intended to do: i.e. produce good fruit by being attached to a healthy tree. Using this metaphor, Jesus is saying that a "healthy disciple" must DO what Jesus intends ALL good disciples to do – manifest good "fruit," the results intended by Jesus that come from being "attached to" Jesus. The example is modelled by Jesus himself: he shared everything with his followers, and even willingly gave up his life for them – the deepest expression of love available to a human.

One of the fruits of the Spirit is Love (Gal 5:22-23). The "fruit" that Jesus wants to be seen in the life of every one of his disciples is Love. In fact, Jesus commands his followers to manifest this love at all times, and that love is expressed in the way they care for one another within the community. That is how we "remain on the tree" of life forever!

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Forthcoming Parish Events

MONTH	DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	ORGAN-ISED BY
MAY	Sun	5 th	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Communion	Choir
	Thurs	9 th	9.30am	Men Do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry	
	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	
	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

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.