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BSB : 105-002  
A/c number : 041 398 740



### 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)

### and Parish Council Members, Christ Church

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

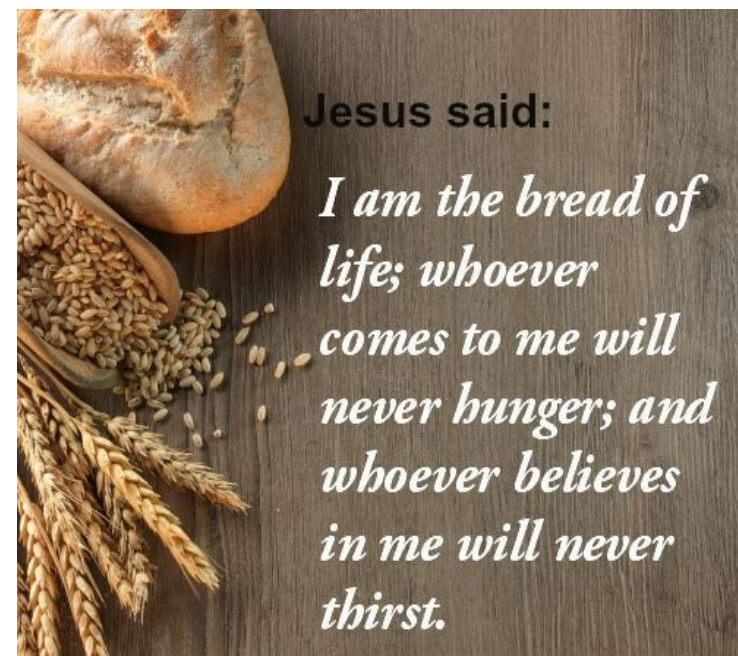
If you wish to make a bequest to the church, please follow the  
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which is available from the back of the church.

## The Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier (Berrin)

**Christ Church**  
**Mount Gambier (Berrin)**

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

**28th July 2024 — Trinity 9**



*Jesus is the bread of life*



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 Fr Neil

JESUS IS THE BREAD OF LIFE

The feeding of the five thousand is just one of those passages that sticks with you. You never really forget about it. It's one of the great feel-good stories of the Bible. Even if you didn't grow up in church you've probably heard this story at some point. This story is prominent in part because it's recorded in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. In fact, this is the only event outside of the crucifixion that all four of the gospels record.

We're actually told an important detail in the passage: this wasn't a charity project, rather it was a test. And specifically, Jesus was testing his disciples. Where will they turn in midst of impossible circumstances? And it's there we see the key component of this passage for us: We must depend on God in the midst of our difficult circumstances.

We see really two things in Jesus feeding the five thousand: first, we should expect to have our faith tested (vv. 1-10). Second, we should look to the Lord and expect him to provide for us abundantly (vv. 11-15).

The young boy had enough food only for himself; the food was the food of the very poor - the barley loaf. Given with love, it seemed to multiply. Whatever the meaning of this miracle, one of its lessons is that God can make much of what we offer. Our attempts to live in his love and follow him are nothing without him. The small offering of the young man fed the people; we never know where our efforts to love, to help, to support others may bear fruit.

The boy with the small lunch seems to have had little to offer, but what he brought fed the crowds. We often feel that we have little to offer in the service of Jesus. His work now depends on our co-operation with him. What is offered in love - though it looks small - can have large effects. Our prayer time is our daily offering of love and care for others in the immediate circle of our lives and a connection to the larger world of neighbourhood, country and universe.

'A large crowd kept following him': am I in that crowd? Hidden in the middle? Do I risk standing out, being seen by others? Being seen by him?

The Passover, recalling how the Israelites were fed with manna in the desert, is 'near'. Jesus is giving a sign here of who he is, the new Moses, leading those with faith in him into true freedom. I mingle with the crowd, observing what happens around me, accepting his overwhelming bounty, watching him relate to each individual person???

The crowd had motives for following Jesus - physical healing for themselves or their loved ones, the political liberation they thought he had come to bring. What are my motives? What is he offering me?

| SUNDAY, 28th July 2024 : Trinity 9<br>8.00am—Morning Prayer : 9.30am—Pathways Service |  |                                                        |              |               |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 2 Ki 4. 42-44                                                                         |  | Ps 145. 8-21                                           | Eph 4. 1-6   | John 6. 1-15  |
| Bell Ringer                                                                           |  | Trevor Christopher                                     |              |               |
| Servers                                                                               |  | Julienne Feast / Jane Reichelt                         |              |               |
| Welcomer                                                                              |  | Helen Douglass                                         |              |               |
| Offering : 8.00am<br>9.30am                                                           |  | Roma Driscoll<br>Richard Mills / Sandy Coulson         |              |               |
| Sound desk : 8.00am<br>9.30am                                                         |  | Richard Mills<br>Rick Fisher                           |              |               |
| Live streaming                                                                        |  | David Hill                                             |              |               |
| Music                                                                                 |  | CMG                                                    |              |               |
| Intercessions                                                                         |  | Julienne Feast                                         |              |               |
| Readers                                                                               |  | Robyn Ashby / Bill Hudd                                |              |               |
| Morning Tea                                                                           |  | Michael and Genevieve Jamieson                         |              |               |
| Flowers                                                                               |  | Maree McIntyre                                         |              |               |
| PowerPoint preparation                                                                |  | Robyn Ashby                                            |              |               |
| SUNDAY, 4th August 2024 : Trinity 10<br>8.00am—Communion : 9.30am—Communion           |  |                                                        |              |               |
| Exod 16. 2-4, 12-15                                                                   |  | Ps 78. 16-30                                           | Eph 4. 17-24 | John 6. 24-35 |
| Bell Ringer                                                                           |  | Trevor Christopher                                     |              |               |
| Servers                                                                               |  | Julienne Feast / Jane Reichelt                         |              |               |
| Welcomer                                                                              |  | Faye Hill                                              |              |               |
| Offering : 8.00am<br>9.30am                                                           |  | Richard Strickland<br>Maree McIntyre / Denise McDonald |              |               |
| Sound desk : 8.00am<br>9.30am                                                         |  | Richard Mills<br>Robyn Ashby                           |              |               |
| Live streaming                                                                        |  | David Hill                                             |              |               |
| Music                                                                                 |  | Choir                                                  |              |               |
| Intercessions                                                                         |  | Rick Fisher                                            |              |               |
| Readers                                                                               |  | Helen Douglass / Denise McDonald                       |              |               |
| Morning Tea                                                                           |  | Helen Douglass / Denise McDonald / Maree McIntyre      |              |               |
| Flowers                                                                               |  | Maree McIntyre                                         |              |               |
| PowerPoint preparation                                                                |  | Sujitha Arone                                          |              |               |

**Pray for those people who are unwell and for each other**  
Sue Ongley; Maree Lynch; Shirley Stacpoole; Sandy Coulson; Anne England; Rita Reichelt

**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 family and friends of **Joan Tremelling** whom God called to rest last week.



## 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*



Please mark your calendars with the following dates:

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

**Church Ladies Friendship Cuppa**  
Would love to see you all the The Limestone Coast Pantry for our cuppa at 2.00pm on the **third Tuesday** of each month.  
Glenyse Nott : 0429 087 947

## PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

### JULY

2nd Lynn Fisher  
3rd Donna Winckel  
5th Judy Geddes

7th John Allen  
10th David Glover  
16th Robert Sims



*We wish 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**



## WORD SEARCH

### WORD LIST

AWAY  
BOAT  
BREAD  
DAY  
DISCIPLES  
EAT  
FATHER  
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GOD  
GONE  
JESUS  
LOAVES  
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*John 6:22-40*

## JESUS, the BREAD of LIFE

### CROSSWORD

USING THE UNDERLINED WORDS BELOW, FILL IN THE BOXES ON THE NEXT PAGE.

"AND JESUS SAID UNTO THEM, I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE: HE THAT COMETH TO ME SHALL NEVER HUNGER: AND HE THAT BELIEVETH ON ME SHALL NEVER THIRST."

"BUT I SAID UNTO YOU, THAT YE ALSO HAVE SEEN ME, AND BELIEVE NOT."

"ALL THAT THE FATHER GIVETH ME SHALL COME TO ME: AND HIM THAT COMETH TO ME I WILL IN NO WISE CAST OUT."

*John 6:35-37*



### Help needed for Op Shop

Until now, Statewide Cleaning Cloth Pty Ltd have collected all the garments that can't be sold in the Op Shop and sent them overseas. They have contacted recently to say they are unable to continue. This will mean the Op Shop will have a lot of substandard clothes on hand. Dumping costs are high. You might be able to help! Many of the items have been sent to Statewide in the past because they are dirty or have a small (or large) mark or stain. If the garment is reasonable quality, the Op Shop will sort this into a container marked 'washing' and if you have often boasted internally or to your friends about your stain removal prowess, you are up for a new challenge. Pop by whenever it suits and choose out the items you want to try to clean and have a go! Maybe set up a challenge with a friend! Bring your receipt for stain remover in and be reimbursed.

Other garments in this discard mix include reasonable quality garments with a button missing, seam or hem unravelling, broken zip, hole to be darned. Are you tempted to have a go at some of these items? They will be sorted in a container marked 'mending'. We will also have many more garments for cutting or ripping into rags. These will be sorted in a container marked 'for rags'.

This sort of help doesn't involve a commitment—you could do a bit here and there whenever it suits, in the comfort of your own home!

Enquiries to Gill Doyle 0438 867 146.



## Forthcoming Parish Events

| MONTH  | DAY   | DATE             | TIME                        | ACTIVITY                                                                                                                      | ORGANISED BY |
|--------|-------|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| JULY   | Sun   | 28 <sup>th</sup> | 8.00am<br>9.30am            | Morning Prayer<br>Pathways                                                                                                    | CMG          |
| AUGUST | Sun   | 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 8.00am<br>9.30am            | Communion<br>Communion                                                                                                        | Choir        |
|        | Thurs | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.30am                      | Men do Coffee @ Limestone Coast<br>Pantry                                                                                     |              |
|        | Sun   | 11 <sup>th</sup> | 8.00am<br>9.30am            | Communion<br>Pathways                                                                                                         | CMG          |
|        | Sun   | 18 <sup>th</sup> | 8.00am<br>9.30am            | Communion<br>Communion                                                                                                        | Choir        |
|        | Tues  | 20 <sup>th</sup> | 2.00pm                      | Ladies do Coffee @ Limestone Coast<br>Pantry                                                                                  |              |
|        | Sun   | 25 <sup>th</sup> | 8.00am<br>9.30am<br>11.30am | Morning Prayer<br>Pathways—Harmony Sunday<br>Parish Luncheon in hall (please bring a<br>plate of international food to share) | CMG          |

**Harmony Service : 25<sup>th</sup> August** – a service celebrating and supporting refugees and migrants. **Put it in your diary now.** We will be having a luncheon in the Hall after the 9:30am service (12 noon start). Please bring an international plate of food to share that represents or reflects your heritage.

Parishioners are invited to share their experiences as migrants to our land and are welcome to present a cultural dance or song to celebrate.

### WOOD RAFFLE UPDATE

Thank you to those people who have been able to support the wood raffle so far. Tickets are selling extremely well. Booklets of tickets can still be collected or returned to the Church Office on **Sundays, Tuesdays (10am – 11.30am) or Thursdays (10am – 12 noon).**

We would appreciate all tickets being **returned by Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> July.** Winners will be drawn on **Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> July.**

**Jeff Bowman  
for Fundraising Team**

## *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.***

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2nd & 4th Thurs          | 4.00-5.00pm           | Fr Neil visits Mt Gambier Prison                                                |
| 3rd Thurs                | 7.00pm                | Pro Life meetings                                                               |
| Wednesdays               | 8.00am<br>1.00-3.00pm | Ministers' prayer and Association meeting<br>Craft Group meets in Ashworth Room |
| Mondays and<br>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                                                                       |

| ROSTERS FOR    | JULY                            |
|----------------|---------------------------------|
| GARDENING      | Helen Douglass                  |
| MOWING ROSTER  | Rick Fisher                     |
| MONEY COUNTERS | Julienne Feast / Robyn Sweetnam |

### DID YOU KNOW ???

- ◆ Owls don't have eyeballs. They have 'eye tubes', which they can't move around like eyeballs.
- ◆ Strawberries are the only fruit whose seeds grow on the outside.
- ◆ Fingernails grow faster than toenails.
- ◆ In theory, you share your birthday with about 20 million other people around the world.
- ◆ Hair grows slowest at night.
- ◆ The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.