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Pew Sheet

All notices/information for pew sheet to Parish Office **no later** than 9.00am Thursday mornings please

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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

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

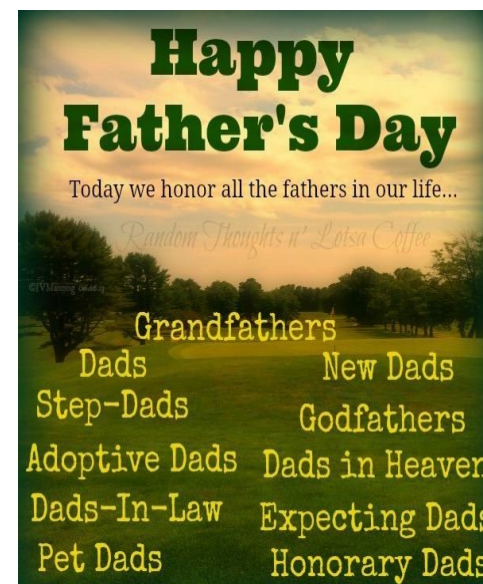
If you wish to make a bequest to the church, please follow the instructions on the Regulation for Bequests form which is available from the back of the church.

The Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier (Berrin)

Christ Church
Mount Gambier (Berrin)

St Luke's
Mount Schank (Parreen)

1st September 2024 — Trinity 14
Father's Day



Be doers of the word, not hearers only



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.

Be doers of the word, not hearers only

The first reading comes from the Book of Deuteronomy. In this book, Moses reminded the Israelites of what God had taught them and what God had done for them. In today's passage, in their observation of the "commandments of the LORD," Moses tells them, "you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it". This is exactly what the Pharisees and scribes have done. They have added human doctrine to the Lord's commands.

- Obedience to God's Law: Moses tells the Israelites to follow God's laws. This shows their wisdom and helps them receive blessings.
- Wisdom from God's Commands: God's commands are wise and set His people apart. Following them shows understanding and brings God close.
- Acting on God's Word: James tells us to not just hear the word but act on it. True faith is shown in our actions
- Caring for the Needy: Pure faith means helping those in need. This reflects God's love and our commitment to His teachings.
- True Purity: Jesus teaches that true defilement comes from within. It's our thoughts and actions, not external things, that matter.
- Warning Against Hypocrisy: Jesus criticizes focusing on human traditions over God's commands. True worship comes from a sincere heart.

Jesus teaches about true discipleship, challenging His followers to focus on inner purity rather than external rituals. The reading focuses on understanding the spirit of the law versus the letter of the law. The Pharisees were fixated on strict observance, missing the law's true purpose – bringing people closer to God. Jesus emphasizes the importance of inner purity and genuine faith, urging us to focus on our hearts and relationship with God.

We live in an age of finger-pointing. We love to point fingers at each other and notice what everyone else is doing wrong. We nit-pick everyone else's behaviour to death. Don't we love to gloat when we are proven right and they are proven wrong? The Pharisees and the scribes in today's Gospel are doing just that – they are nit-picking the actions of the disciples. They were indeed breaking the Jewish law. But Jesus turns on them and aptly points out that what is truly wrong are those things that come from within a person. Nothing could be worse from within us than taking cheap shots at everyone else while never bothering to look at ourselves. This should not be confused with being willing to speak out for those unjustly treated and disenfranchised from what is justly theirs. That is a function of prophetic witness to our faith. What we speak about here is the temptation we face to pick at the behaviour of others because it differs from our own. We often forget that the Gospel is not a tool by which we measure the actions of others.

Rather, the Gospel is a mirror by which we judge ourselves. It takes courage to look in the mirror and even greater courage to change what we see. But unless we are willing to realize that the only person we can change is ourselves and unless we are willing to start making those changes, we end up wasting our lives. When we do that we waste our lives and hardly contribute to the building up of the reign of God in our world.

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SUNDAY, 1st September 2024 : Trinity 14 : Father's Day 8.00am—Communion : 9.30am—Communion			
Deut 4. 1-8	Ps 15	Jas 1. 17-18, 21-22	Mark 7. 1-23
Bell Ringer	Karthick Arone		
Servers	Julienne Feast/ Jane Reichelt		
Welcomer	Faye Hill		
Offering : 8.00am 9.30am	Richard Strickland Maree McIntyre / Denise McDonald		
Sound desk : 8.00am 9.30am	Richard Mills Robyn Ashby		
Live streaming	David Hill		
Music	Choir		
Intercessions	Sue Christopher		
Readers	David Clarkson / Anne Ashworth		
Morning Tea	Helen Douglass / Denise McDonald / Maree McIntyre		
Flowers	Rhonda Strickland		
PowerPoint preparation	Sujitha Arone		
SUNDAY, 8thSeptember 2024 : Trinity 15 8.00am—Communion : 9.30am—Pathways			
Isa 35. 3-7	Ps 146	Jas 2. 1-5	Mark 7. 31-37
Bell Ringer	Trevor Christopher		
Servers	Julienne Feast/ Jane Reichelt		
Welcomer	Raylene Milligan		
Offering : 8.00am 9.30am	Llew Jones Jenny Tilby / Raylene Milligan		
Sound desk : 8.00am 9.30am	Richard Mills Trudy-Anne Doyle		
Live streaming	David Hill		
Music	CMH		
Intercessions	Julienne Feast		
Readers	Julienne Feast / David Glover		
Morning Tea	Beryl Heard / Raylene Milligan / Jenny Tilby		
Flowers	Elizabeth Hodges / O Green		
PowerPoint preparation	Sue Christopher		

Pray for those people who are unwell and for each other
Sue Ongley; Maree Lynch; Shirley Stacpoole; Sandy Coulson;
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.



For those who were unable to attend the funeral of Joan Tremelling, the family
have kindly made a copy of her eulogy available.
It can be found near the Pew Sheets at the back of the church.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE - PETROL RAFFLE

We will be commencing selling raffle tickets for our **PETROL RAFFLE** at next week's Mini
Market & then at Coles on **FRIDAY 13th SEPTEMBER** between 9am – 4pm.
Please contact Jeff B on 0487486260 if you are able to help with selling tickets at Coles.

1st prize: \$200 voucher

2nd prize: \$75 “

3rd prize: \$50 “

Tickets will be in booklets of 10 & will cost \$2 each. Prizes will be drawn on **Sunday
2nd December** after the 9.30am service. Sincere thanks to our sponsors Anne & Jeff
England.

As with the wood raffle, booklets of tickets will be available from the Church Office after the
Mini Market on **Sundays, Tuesdays (9.30am – 11.30am) or Thursdays (10.00am - 12.00
noon.)**

**Jeff Bowman
For Fundraising Team**

PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

13th	James Allen	22nd	Raylene Milligan
14th	Trevor Christopher	22nd	Virginia Kuhl



We wish them all a very happy birthday!!

*To ensure that we have correct details, a new copy of the birthday
calendar can be found at the rear of the church. If you would like
to have your birthday
published in the pew sheet, please complete the appro-
priate details in the relevant month so that the infor-
mation can be updated and correct.
Thank you*



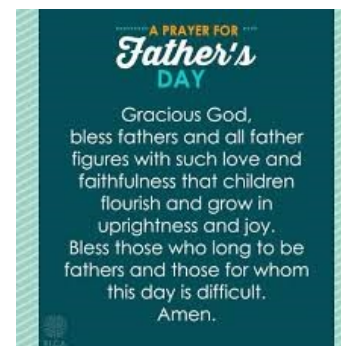
MINI-MARKET & GARAGE SALE

Church grounds
Sat. 7th September
8.30am – 12.30pm

SHED: Trevor C & David G.
PRODUCE: Julianne F
PLANTS: Andrew H & Jeff B.
PRINTS & PICTURES: Bill H.
PETROL RAFFLE: Jeff B
SAUSAGE SIZZLE: Graham S
COFFEE VAN

**BOOK SALE & other great bargains in the
BELL TOWER OP SHOP**

Setting up : 7am on Saturday



Forthcoming Parish Events

MONTH	DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	ORGANISED BY
AUGUST	Sat	31 st	7.00pm	Recycled Runway @ St Martin's Lutheran College	
SEPTEMBER	Sun	1 st Father's Day	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Communion	Choir
H O M E M I S S I O N M O N T H	Sat	7 th	8.30am— 12.30pm	Mini-Market and Garage Sale	
	Sun	8 th	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Communion Pathways Service Communion—St Luke's, Mt Schank	CMG
	Thurs	12 th	9.30am	Men Do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry	
	Fri	19 th	12 noon	Solos & Pairs lunch @ Park Hotel	
	Sun	15 th	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Communion	Choir
	Tues	17 th	2.00pm	Ladies do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry	
	Sat	21 st	3.00pm	International Day of Peace service in church grounds / hall	CMG
	Sun	22 nd	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Pathways Service	CMG
	Sun	29 th	8.00am 9.30am 6.00pm	Communion Pathways— PET SERVICE Citywide Church Service	CMG

**** SAVE THE DATE ****

Mighty Market—Saturday, 23rd November 2024

PLEASE NOTE : Parking spaces in the church yard have been allocated to both ac.care and the Op Shop. The spaces for ac.care only apply during the working week, and parishioners can park there for services on weekends. The Op Shop spaces apply for the times the Op Shop is open for business.

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

What? : 2024 GLOBAL PEACE DAY
When? : Saturday, 21st September @ 3.00pm
Where? : Christ Church grounds / hall, Bay Road

Why? : Cultivating a culture of peace

Christians, Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims, Bahai, Sikhs who will be united in prayer for peace

Come and light a candle and pray for the people who are affected by war and natural disasters.

Bring a flat of your country if you have one.

Enquiries to Fr Neil Fernando—0478 085 894

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

ROSTERS FOR	SEPTEMBER
GARDENING	Fran Laslett
MOWING ROSTER	Darryl Grant
MONEY COUNTERS	Julienne Feast / Robyn Sweetnam

DID YOU KNOW ???

- Lemons contain more sugar than strawberries.
- The mouth is the fastest healing part of the body.
- The average person falls asleep in 7 minutes.
- Water covers 70% of Earth, but only 2.5% is fresh water.
- Any time you shuffle a deck of cards, you may create a combination that's never existed.
- Mosquitos dislike citronella because it irritates their feet.
- Magpies are the only non-mammal to recognise themselves in the mirror.