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Pew Sheet

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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
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)**

6th October 2024 — Trinity 19



Sanctity of marriage



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.

The two shall become one flesh

The Pharisees question Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. It was regulated by the Law of Moses, as found in [Deuteronomy 24:1-5](#). This law only permits that a husband may divorce his wife if he finds her to be indecent. This is the justification that the Pharisees reference when Jesus inquires about the commandment of Moses. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God's original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God's original intention because of human stubbornness.

When Jesus walked the world 2000 years ago divorce was common place, it took little for a man to divorce his wife. He only had to find a fault with his wife and the potential faults ranged in severity from adultery, through not cooking what he liked, being aggressive which was defined as speaking loud enough to be heard next door, and to my amazement the most ridiculous fault of not being the prettiest girl he looked at. Yes, a man could legally divorce his wife if he saw someone he desired more.

Men were coming up with any and every reason for divorce just to enable them to indulge their lustful hearts. Women and Children were being treated like possessions. How far was this from the picture described in our Genesis reading? In Genesis, we are told that man and woman are made for each other. The woman is made from Adams's flesh and bone, from Adams's rib. The word rib in Hebrew is Tsēlā which could also mean side or a quarter of the heavens or a part or division. The story we hear in Genesis is poetic, rather than a scientific report or newspaper story. It teaches us that men and women are created from the same stuff, designed to be together, both physically and emotionally. Adam was pleased he had a friend, a companion, and an ally. Someone he could spend his life with, someone who was so much like him that when they came together they became one.

That should be our model for marriage, the coming together of a man and woman, the making of one out of two, creating something new, something better, something stronger. Marriage is special, it is part of God's plan. But you don't have to give up yourself in marriage, marriage is about adding your hopes and dreams together. The married couple faces life together, stands as one, supports, loves, and challenges each other.

At first glance, the final part of today's Gospel seems unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce. When read together, however, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents, and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God.

At the end of today's Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus' disciples show that they just don't get it. Recall that in the Gospel for each of the past two Sundays, Jesus has taught his disciples the value and importance of these "little ones" in the Kingdom of God. Yet in today's Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children. Again Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers.

SUNDAY, 6th October 2024 : Trinity 19			
8.00am—Communion : 9.30am—Communion			
Gen 2. 18-24	Ps 128	Heb 2. 1-10	Mark 10. 2-16
Bell Ringer	Volunteer required		
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	Rick Fisher		
Readers	Helen Douglass / Denise McDonald		
Morning Tea	Helen Douglass / Denise McDonald / Maree McIntyre		
Flowers	Maree McIntyre		
PowerPoint preparation	Sujitha Arone		
SUNDAY, 13th October 2024 : Trinity 20			
8.00am—Communion : 9.30am—Communion : 11.30am—St Luke's, Mt Schank			
Wis 7. 7-11	Ps 90. 11-17	Heb 4. 1-13	Mark 10. 17-30
Bell Ringer	Karthick Arone		
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	CMG		
Intercessions	Julienne Feast		
Readers	Margaret Boardman / Rita Johnston		
Morning Tea	Beryl Heard / Raylene Milligan / Jenny Tilby		
Flowers	Maree McIntyre		
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Pray for those people who are unwell and for each other
Sue Ongley; Maree Lynch; Shirley Stacpoole; Sandy Coulson;
Rita Reichelt, Coral Chaffey (Glen's partner)

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.



OP SHOP NEWS

Seasonal Changeover

The Op Shop will be changing its
stock over on **Saturday, 5th October**
in preparation for summer.

Any help from 9.00am onwards would
be very much appreciated.

Couch Family

For those parishioners who knew *Mary
and Darryl Couch*, you are advised that
Darryl's funeral will be held at the Ararat
Anglican Church on Tuesday, 8th
October at 11.00am (EST).

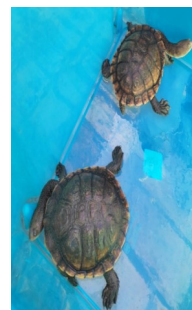
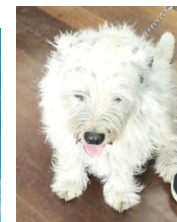
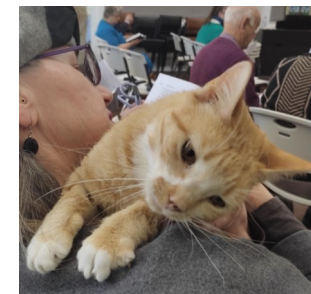
Please also pray for the Couch family as
they mourn the loss of little Sierra, Mary's
granddaughter, who passed away yester-
day, 2nd October.

Pets blessed at Christ Church

A variety of much loved pets were blessed at Christ Church Anglican Church Mount
Gambier at the 9.30am service on Sunday 29 September 2024. Those blessed included
12 dogs, three ginger cats and 2 tiny turtles.

As well as pets at the service, photos of absent pets belonging to friends and relatives
and much loved deceased pets were all blessed by Archdeacon Neil Fernando using
Holy water.

Pets blessed were given a certificate to commemorate the occasion.



The service which has become a popular annual fixture on the
Christ Church calendar was held in the hall due to the inclement
weather. Natalie Zwar, fundraiser for the SE Animal Welfare
League and Riding for the Disabled, and Maxine Spence from Wet
Noses Animal Rescue spoke to the congregation about the work of
their organizations.

Pet food donated by members of the Parish was presented to the
speakers and financial donations were provided to all three
organisations by a Church donor.

Fr Fernando said he was very impressed by the behaviour of all
the pets at the service. He believed that God had a special place
for animals after they died.

A sobering thought was that the tiny turtles would probably outlive
everyone at the service, even the children, due to their life span
when cared for as pets.



**Parish Council is aware that our parish
finances are in serious need of a boost, so if
you have been considering increasing your
giving, NOW is the time to act.**

PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

OCTOBER

1st	Margaret Boardman	24th	Elizabeth Hodges
3rd	Roma Driscoll	26th	Jeff Bowman
15th	Tim Hawkes	27th	Rita Johnston
17th	Otfried Linder	28th	Dianne Burton



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 appropriate details in the relevant month so that the infor-
mation can be updated and correct.



Thank you

Forthcoming Parish Events

MONTH	DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	ORGANISED BY
OCTOBER	Sun	6 th	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Communion	Choir
	Thurs	10 th	9.30am	Men Do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry	
	Fri	11 th	12 noon	Solos & Pairs lunch @ The Park Hotel	
	Sun	13 th	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Communion Communion St Luke's Patronal Festival—Lunch at the Bellum Hotel following service	CMG
	Tues	15 th	10.30am 2.00pm 3.15pm	160th Planning Team—venue TBA Ladies Do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry Fundraising Team mtg—Ashworth Room	
	Sun	20 th	8.00am 9.30am 3.00pm	Communion Communion Songs of Faith Concert	Choir Rick
	Sun	27 th	8.00am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Pathways	CMG

Perchance, I was in Victor Harbor for a few days last week and attended the Sunday service at the local Anglican church there.

You will recall Darren Schunke, a faithful worshipper here who left us and relocated to Victor Harbor some 18 months ago.

At the service I attended, he and 4 others were licenced as Lay Ministers. They are licenced to prepare and lead services and give extended communion to the sick. Darren sends his greetings to you.

Bill Hudd



2025 – The year we celebrate 160 years of worship here in Christ Church Mount Gambier

In November next year our church will celebrate 160 years of continuous worship in this place. To acknowledge this significant event a 160th committee has been formed.

Committee persons are: Julianne Feast, Virginia Kuhl, Jeff Bowman, Jenny Bowman, Faye Hill, Michael Jamieson and Chairperson Bill Hudd. Father Neil Ex-officio.

We are currently exploring opportunities to celebrate this event which will occur at our Patronal Festival in November 2025.

We look forward to releasing the programme to you in January next year.

If you have any suggestions for the programme please speak to any member of the committee.

Thank you - Bill Hudd

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

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	OCTOBER
GARDENING	Helen Douglass
MOWING ROSTER	VOLUNTEER REQUIRED
MONEY COUNTERS	Rick Fisher / David Glover

PETROL RAFFLE UPDATE

We have 2 more days booked at **COLES** to sell tickets for our PETROL RAFFLE. These are **THURSDAY, 10TH OCTOBER** and **FRIDAY, 25TH OCTOBER**.

If you can spare a couple of hours on one or other of these days to help with sales please put your name on the roster in the church or contact Jeff B on 0487 486 260.

Booklets of tickets are available from the Church Office.