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Pew Sheet

All notices/information for pew
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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)

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 December 2024 — Advent Sunday



To you O Lord I lift my soul



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.

A Farewell Message From Fr Neil



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With a heart filled with mixed emotions, I write this farewell message to express my deep gratitude and affection as I prepare to embark on a new chapter in my journey as a priest in another parish. It is with a sense of both sadness and excitement that I bid farewell to the beloved community of the Christ Church, which has been my home for the past seven years.

As I reflect upon my time here, I cannot help but be overwhelmed by the countless blessings and graces that God has bestowed upon me and the family. Each day, I have witnessed the power of faith and the transformative love of our Lord working through the lives of each one of you. Your unwavering commitment to your faith has been an inspiration to me, and I am truly grateful for the opportunity to have served alongside you.

Throughout my time here, your prayers have been a source of immense strength and support. The knowledge that I was lifted up in prayer by this community has sustained me through both the joys and challenges of my ministry. Your prayers have been a reminder that we are all interconnected, united in our faith, through Jesus Christ.

I am particularly grateful for the trust you placed in me during the most intimate moments of your lives. It has been an honor and a privilege to celebrate the sacraments with you, to witness the baptism of your children, to bless your marriages, and to accompany you in times of grief and loss. These sacred moments have deepened my own faith and have enriched my faith in the profound love that God has for each of us.

I was sent for one year by Bishop John. I am very grateful for the generosity of the Parish family and the community. Together we have achieved a lot over the seven years. I initiated Carols and Culture, Interfaith service, and founded We Care to support the community and overseas children. I enjoyed my visits to the prison in the last five years, and it was a privilege to look after the sick and the dying. I was closely associated with the Minister's Association. I was on the board of Love them Both and promoted the culture of life.

Sunday school was a priority and got the children involved in various activities. I also looked after Millicent, Penola and Kalangadoo for one and half years in the absence of a priest, and I have been looking after the Parish of Naracoote last nine months. I put the people of God before me and sometimes before the family. Nalini and Sathyanga and Sadewu have been a blessing who shared my burdens and have supported me immensely in my ministry.

As I prepare to take on new responsibilities as the Priest in the Diocese of Brisbane, I carry with me the memories and experiences I have shared with all of you. You have left an indelible mark on my heart, and I will forever cherish the relationships we have formed and the moments we have shared.

SUNDAY, 1st December 2024 : Advent Sunday			
8.00am—Communion : 9.30am—Communion and baptism : 6.00pm—Carols and Culture			
Jer 33. 14-16	Ps 25. 1-9	1 Thess 3. 9-4.1	Luke 21. 25-36
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	Rick Fisher		
Readers	Rick and Lynn Fisher		
Morning Tea	Helen Douglass / Denise McDonald / Maree McIntyre		
Flowers	Roma Driscoll		
PowerPoint preparation	Robyn Ashby		
SUNDAY, 8th December 2024 : Advent 2			
8.00am—Morning Prayer; 9.30am—Pathways; 11.30am– Morning Prayer, St Luke's, Mt Schank			
Isa 40. 1-11	Ps 126	Phil 1. 3-11	Luke 3. 1-6
Bell Ringer	Karthick Arone		
Servers	Julienne Feast / Jane Reichelt		
Welcomer	Raylene Milligan		
Offering : 8.00am 9.30am	Llew Jones Raylene Milligan / Jenny Tilby		
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	Roma Driscoll		
PowerPoint preparation	Robyn Ashby		

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



Carols and Cultures – a Nativity re-enactment
Sunday, December 1 @ 6.00pm.

*A warm note of thanks to all who have volunteered to participate in the re-enactment
of the nativity at the Festival of Carols and Culture next Sunday evening at 6 p.m.*

Kaylene Barreira, on behalf of Children's Ministry.

Some prayer requests received from Op Shop customers

Please protect my family. Amen

Please pray that Claire may find her purpose—in your time. Amen



We welcome the family and friends of **Alexander
Edward Adeley** and **Thomas George Adeley** (Dot
and Peter Saffin's grandsons) into our parish
family.

Alexander and Thomas both live in Vancouver BC,
Canada—so they have travelled a long way to
attend the baptism!! Their dad has had to return to Canada, but will
be watching via our live stream.

PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

DECEMBER

8th	Irene	29th	Jennie McDonald
16th	Sathyanga	30th	Simon and John Hawkes
19th	Dick Hamson		



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 information can be
updated and correct.

Thank you

Let us continue to support and pray for one another, even as our paths diverge. I have
no doubt that this community will continue to grow in faith, love, and service, guided by
the Holy Spirit. As I move forward, please know that you will remain in my prayers, and I
humbly ask for your prayers as well, that God may grant me the strength and wisdom to
shepherd the new flock entrusted to my care.

No matter the distance that separates us, God continues to unite us through the
celebration of the Mass, for we all share and participate in the one Mass that is
celebrated in Heaven for all eternity. I pray that you continue to grow in faith, so that
Jesus Christ in the Eucharist will truly be the source and summit of your lives.

God bless; you all will be in my thoughts, love, and prayers.

Fr Neil

*It would be wonderful if a light supper could be served at Sunday evening's event.
Can you contribute? Please let us know by Sunday morning if you are able to fill the
urns and turn them on, serve tea and coffee, provide cold drinks for the children, a
plate of food or a bowl of snacks for the children.*

The evening will be cool, and a hot drink with something to nibble might be warmly
greeted by visitors, singers, musicians and nativity players alike. Let's welcome our
visitors, share Christ Church's hospitality, and say our last farewells to the Fernando
family as they head off to the Anglican Parish of St Luke's in Toowoomba,
Queensland and wish them God's richest blessings for the future.

Kaylene Barreira, on behalf of Children's Ministry and the Liturgy Committee.

Christ the King Patronal Festival—last Sunday, 24th November 2024



Forthcoming Parish Events

MONTH	DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	ORGANISED BY
DECEMBER	Sun	1 st Advent Sunday	8.00am 9.30am 6.00pm	Communion Communion and baptism Carols and Culture service	Choir
These will be Fr Neil's final services in the Parish before he goes on leave and moves to Toowoomba, Queensland					
DECEMBER	Fri	6 th	11.00am	Morning Prayer	Julienne Feast
	Sun	8 th Advent 2	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Morning Prayer Pathways Praise & Thanksgiving Morning Prayer—St Luke's, Mt Schank	Julienne Robyn A Julienne
	Thurs	12 th	9.30am	Men Do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry	
	Fri	13 th	11.00am	Morning Prayer	Julienne
	Sun	15 th Advent 3	8.00am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Pathways	Julienne Sue & Trevor C
	Fri	20 th	11.30am	Morning Prayer	Julienne
	Sun	22 nd Advent 4	8.00am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Pathways—Carol Service	Julienne Robyn A
	Tues	24 th Christmas Eve	3.00pm 6.00pm	Children's Service Communion—St Luke's, Mt Schank	Sujitha & Kaylene Fr I Jansse
	Wed	25 th Christmas Day	9.00am	Communion—one combined service only	Fr I Jansse
	Fri	27 th	11.00am	Morning Prayer	Julienne
	Sun	29 th	8.00am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Morning Prayer	Julienne

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

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

Thank you - Bill Hudd

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	DECEMBER
GARDENING	Fran Laslett
MOWING ROSTER	Volunteer required
MONEY COUNTERS	Bill Hudd / Sue Christopher

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

Do you have any photos/articles that may be of interest for the 160th Jubilee celebration??

If you do, please put them in an envelope with your name on it. Michael Jamieson will then scan the photo(s)/article(s) and return them to you. Thank you.