



# Anglican Church of Australia

## Diocese of Gippsland

(Committed in Christ, Connecting in Service & Creative in Spirit.)

### Parish of Wonthaggi & Inverloch

St. George's,  
McBride Ave., Wonthaggi

The Church of the Ascension  
4-6 The Crescent, Inverloch

Bunurong Country

ABN: 18 842 576 826



## **Second Sunday after Pentecost – 19<sup>th</sup> June**

Please welcome Rev. John Davies as he shares with us today and celebrates Holy Communion.



Feeling troubled? Are you in torment and fear? Then you need but do one thing - listen to the lord our God.

Elijah the Tishbite was in fear of King Ahab's wife Jezebel, because he had slain all her Baal prophets. He fled south into the wilderness and there encountered God in the still small voice. He found refuge in God.

The demon possessed man at Gerasenes was continually in torment due to being possessed by an evil spirit, where then did he find relief?

He found it in Christ Jesus who set Him free.

Nobody likes to be cursed, yet the law of Moses is a curse, for none of us can keep it. What then should we do?

Answer: Seek refuge in Christ Jesus.

**Have you got the message?**

We can only ever find peace in God, through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Rev. Graeme

**Sentence:**

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; and he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Acts 10.38

**Collect**

Pour out upon us, O God,  
the power and wisdom of your Spirit,  
so that we, who have been baptised into Christ  
and made your children through faith,  
may know your Son's power to heal, and,  
being made one in him,  
may overcome all barriers that divide us;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**Old Testament Reading**

**1 Kings 19.1-4, 8-15a**

<sup>1</sup> Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. <sup>2</sup> So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, 'May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them.' <sup>3</sup> Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, <sup>4</sup> while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. 'I have had enough, Lord,' he said. 'Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.'

<sup>8</sup> So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he travelled for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>9</sup> There he went into a cave and spent the night. The Lord appears to Elijah And the word of the Lord came to him: 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' <sup>10</sup> He replied, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.' <sup>11</sup> The Lord said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup> After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire

came a gentle whisper. <sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' <sup>14</sup> He replied, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.' <sup>15</sup> The Lord said to him, 'Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram.'

*This is the word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 42;43

<sup>1</sup> As a deer longs for the running brooks: **so longs my soul for you, O God.**

<sup>2</sup> My soul is thirsty for God, thirsty for the living God: **when shall I come and see his face?**

<sup>3</sup> My tears have been my food day and night: **while they ask me all day long 'Where now is your God?'**

<sup>4</sup> As I pour out my soul by myself, I remember this: **how I went to the house of the Mighty One, into the temple of God,**

<sup>5</sup> To the shouts and songs of thanksgiving: **a multitude keeping high festival.**

<sup>6</sup> Why are you so full of heaviness, my soul: **and why so unquiet within me?**

<sup>7</sup> O put your trust in God: **for I will praise him yet, who is my deliverer and my God.**

<sup>8</sup> My soul is heavy within me: **therefore I will remember you from**

**the land of Jordan, from Mizar among the hills of Hermon.**

<sup>9</sup> Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waters: **all your waves and breakers have gone over me.**

<sup>10</sup> Surely the Lord will grant his loving mercy in the day-time: **and in the night his song will be with me, a prayer to the God of my life.**

<sup>11</sup> I will say to God, my rock, 'Why have you forgotten me: **why must I go like a mourner because the enemy oppresses me?'**

<sup>12</sup> Like a sword through my bones, my enemies have mocked me: **while they ask me all day long 'Where now is your God?'**

<sup>13</sup> Why are you so full of heaviness, my soul: **and why so unquiet within me?**

<sup>14</sup> O put your trust in God: **for I will praise him yet, who is my deliverer and my God.**

**43:**<sup>1</sup> Give judgement for me, O God, take up my cause against an ungodly people: **deliver me from the deceitful and unjust.**

<sup>2</sup> For you are God my refuge—why have you turned me away: **why must I go like a mourner because the enemy oppresses me?**

<sup>3</sup> O send out your light and your truth, and let them lead me: **let them guide me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.**

<sup>4</sup> Then I shall go to the altar of God, to God my joy and my delight: **and to the harp I shall sing your praises, O God, my God.**

<sup>5</sup> Why are you so full of heaviness, my soul: **and why so unquiet within me?**

<sup>6</sup> O put your trust in God: **for I will praise him yet, who is my deliverer and my God.**

### New Testament Reading

#### **Galations 3.10-14,23-29**

<sup>10</sup> For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: ‘Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.’ <sup>11</sup> Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because ‘the righteous will live by faith.’ <sup>12</sup> The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, it says, ‘The person who does these things will live by them.’ <sup>13</sup> Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: ‘Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.’ <sup>14</sup> He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

<sup>23</sup> Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian. <sup>26</sup> So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, <sup>27</sup> for all of you who were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.

*This is the word of the Lord,  
Thanks be to God*

## Gospel

### **Luke 8.26-39**

<sup>26</sup> They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. <sup>27</sup> When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, 'What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!' <sup>29</sup> For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places. <sup>30</sup> Jesus asked him, 'What is your name?' 'Legion,' he replied, because many demons had gone into him. <sup>31</sup> And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss. <sup>32</sup> A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup> When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. <sup>34</sup> When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, <sup>35</sup> and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. <sup>36</sup> Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. <sup>37</sup> Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left. <sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> 'Return home and tell how much God has done for you.' So the man went away and told all over the town how much Jesus had done for him.

*For the Gospel of the Lord,*

***Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.***

---

### **SEEKING VOLUNTEERS**

Seeking volunteers to help run a playgroup at Inverloch Community Hub  
Possible times Wednesday or Friday mornings for approximately 2.5 hours.  
Volunteers will require a childrens check card and safe ministry training.

**Contact Reverend Susan for more information 0427099391.**

## On This Day: Theologian Charles Hodge Won Hearts



When Charles Hodge was asked to teach polemic theology at Princeton, he kept quiet during the discussion. He did not think his own wishes should have anything to do with the matter; what the church wanted should come first. However, he wrote to his brother, "To you, however I may say in confidence, that I would give five thousand dollars, if I had them, to be let off. The new arrangement knocks all my plans in the head, and will increase my official labors for years to come fourfold." He was already burdened with work as the teacher of oriental and Bible literature, and of another theology course. Polemical theology would require him to deal directly with the controversies that divide Christians.

He threw himself heart and soul into the effort. As a result, he became known as one of the greatest theologians America has produced. A Bible believer, he insisted that whereas others interpreted the Bible in light of philosophies or science, he would interpret philosophy and science in light of Scripture.

"The proposition 'Thy word is truth' is equivalent to, the Scriptures are true; all they teach concerning God, man, his character and state, his relation to God, concerning the person and work of Christ, the plan of salvation, the future life, and the future state of the Church is true. Everything conforms to what is real. Everything may be confidently relied upon. Nothing will ever disappoint legitimate expectation."

Charles looked to God as a father. His own father had died when he was six. He came to know Christ as a young man. "As far back as I can remember, I had the habit of thanking God for everything I received, and asking him for everything I wanted.

I thought of God as an everywhere-present Being, full of kindness and love, who would not be offended if children talked to him. I knew he cared for sparrows. I was as cheerful and happy as the birds and acted as they did..."

Charles didn't reject people who disagreed with him. Warm and affectionate, he accepted as Christians those who loved Christ whether or not they were in agreement with his understanding of the Bible.

In May of 1878, Charles began to fail physically. His family gathered around him. Seeing one of his daughters crying, he reached out his hand to her and said, "Why should you grieve, daughter? To be absent from the body is to be with the Lord, to be with the Lord is to see the Lord, to see the Lord is to be like Him." He died on this day, **June 19, 1878**. Three days later he was buried and all of Princeton's businesses closed in his honour.

*Dan Graves*

[www.christianity.com/church/church-history/timeline/\\_1801-1900/Charles\\_Hodge](http://www.christianity.com/church/church-history/timeline/_1801-1900/Charles_Hodge)

**Intercessory Prayers:**

**Please pray with us for:**

**Our Bishop** Richard & Leanne

**Our Rector:** Graeme & Susan

**Locum Tenens – Trafalgar** – Greg Jones assisting

Please bless & guide Greg as he conducts services in the parish of Trafalgar, please keep him safe in his travelling.

**Children/Youth Workers & Volunteers**

**Safe Ministry Authority:** Chair - Val Jones

**Missions** Gippsland Home Mission Fund

**Diocese of Perth** Archbishop: Kay Goldsworthy, Jeri  
Bishops: Jeremy James, Kate Wilmot

**Special Focus** All in Rural Industry, Primary Producers, Farmers' Organisations  
Young Farmers' Groups, For seasonal weather

**Please comfort and heal all those suffering in Spirit, Soul or body,** especially those affected by the COVID 19 virus. Please give people the courage to face this pandemic head on and to be assured of their salvation in Jesus Christ.

**Please bring healing and strength to those we have been asked to pray for:**

Amy Davis, Chris Peters, Denise, James, Murray, Doug, Ron Lawson, Jefter, Beth & family, Simone, Mark, Marie Wilson, Cecily, Robin, Barb Bickley, Trish, Ross Smith, Tania, Russell, Hayley, Barbara Manns, Mary A, Meredith, Richard B, Mary B, Lee, Paul Butterfield, Bev, Stuart, Vladimir, Erika, Rita, Elijah, Rodney & Geoffrey W, Luke M, Terry, Emily, Ian M<sup>c</sup>Burnie, Graeme Peters  
Samantha F & Elizabeth H.

**We give thanks for the faithful departed.**

Lord please comfort families who are grieving the loss of loved ones, especially the Delahoy family as they grieve Wayne.

---

**LAMBETH Conference Jul – Aug**

Please pray for Bishop Richard and all Bishops as they prepare to travel to Lambeth, UK, for this important Bishop's conference.

## Ministry Team

**Bishop:** Rt. Rev. Dr. Richard Treloar, Sale 5144 2044

**Rector:** Rev. Capt. Graeme Liersch 0417 513 390 (*Monday-Day Off*)  
[graemel@basscoastanglican.org.au](mailto:graemel@basscoastanglican.org.au)

**Youth & Young Families Minister:** Rev. Susan Liersch 0427 099 391  
[susanl@basscoastanglican.org.au](mailto:susanl@basscoastanglican.org.au)

### Parish Council +

#### **Retired Clergy:**

Rev's Anne Perryman 0438 345 349, John Davies 5672 4710, Greg Jones 0402437329 (Locum – Trafalgar), Liam Matthews 0411 339 344 (Locum - Sale), Amy Turner 0412 727 711

**Lay Reader:** Sue Lester 0418 529 662

**Rector's Wardens:** Alan Price 0407 343 876, Ray Smith 5674 1373

**People's Wardens:** David Beischer 0408 629 494, Robert Mesley 0416 246 349  
Liz Watkins 0404 379 005, Wendy McBurnie 0407 574 484

**Parish Office Worker:** Leah Mesley (2 mornings per week – Tue, Wed or Thur)

**Parish Postal Address:** PO Box 201, Wonthaggi 3995. 5672 4590

**Parish Op Shop:** 114 Cashin St, Inverloch 0438 248 397

**Welfare Support:** Rev. Graeme

**Food Rescue:** Ron Osborne

**Prayer requests for prayer chain:** Jenny Rivers 0417287355

**Parish E-mail:** [admin@basscoastanglican.org.au](mailto:admin@basscoastanglican.org.au)

**Parish Website:** [http://: www.basscoastanglican.org.au](http://www.basscoastanglican.org.au)

**Direct Debit:** Would you please, if you haven't already, consider giving to the ministry through setting up a direct debit from your account. Thank you!

**Our Bank Details:** Anglican Parish of Wonthaggi & Inverloch

**BSB:** 083-975                      **Acc No:** 51 612 6552

*Thank you to all who have already set up this means to support the Parish!*

---

## INFORMATION

<b>Readings 26 June Pentecost 3</b>	2 Kings 2.1-2, 6-14 Galations 5.1, 13-25	Psalm 77.1-2, 11-20 Luke 9.51-62
<b>Tuesday 21st June</b>	10:00 am – Church of the Ascension Inverloch – Rev Amy 11:30 am – Ascension – Prayer Meeting – Rev. Susan 1:30pm Inverloch Guild	
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	10:00 am – St George’s Wonthaggi – HC – Rev John 11:00-11:30am Food Rescue @ St George’s	
<b>Friday 24th June</b>	11:00-11:30 am Food Rescue @ St George’s	

### Rosters 26<sup>th</sup> June, Pentecost 3: Prayer, Praise & Proclamation

<u>Activity</u>	<u>St George’s</u>	<u>Church of the Ascension</u>
<b>Bible Reader</b>	Alan Price	Ray Smith
<b>Sides Person</b>	Robert Mesley	Ted/Ray
<b>Prayers</b>	Robert Mesley	Rev Susan
<b>Service Leader</b>	David Beischer	Sue Lester
<b>Eucharistic assistant</b>		
<b>Musician</b>	Renee	Ian McBurnie/Elise Watkins
<b>Children’s Ministry</b>	Jill Price	Liz Watkins

*If you are unable to fulfil your roster position would you please organise for someone else to take your place.*

### Bible Discovery Groups: (Check with group leaders for details)

**Beischer’s** – Tuesdays, 7:30pm at the Beischer’s.

196 Chisholm Rd, Wonthaggi. Ph 0437 070 579 for details.

**Davies’** - Thursdays, 1:30pm @ St George’s Hall.

**Liersch’s** – Tuesdays 4pm @ Alan & Jills, Pound Creek, Inverloch.

Ph: 0407 343 876 for details.

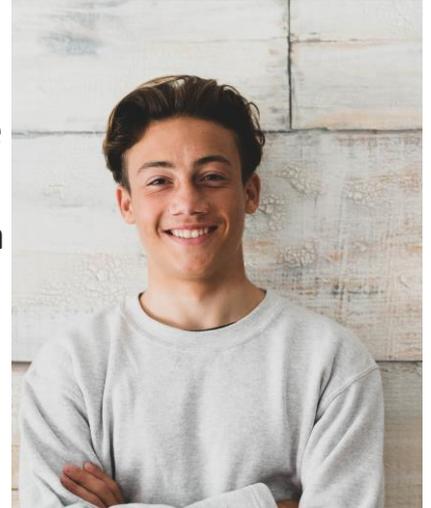
**Boer’s** – Tuesdays 6:30pm. *(In recess for the next 6 weeks)*

Contact Geoff or Jennifer on 0431 440 073 for further details.

**Alycia/Tonya’s** – Wednesdays 12:30pm Ph: 0408 100 068 for details.

## A Good News Story

One year ago Zein, a 19-year-old in Afghanistan, left the orphanage he grew up in and moved to a local village to start a new life. He came across a Bible advertisement we posted on Facebook and immediately sent us a message with questions about "the man we called 'Christ.'" **After a week of talking to our 24/7 Prayer and Counseling Center, Zein requested a Bible in his native language (*Dari*) and prayed to receive Christ!** In his most recent message to us he shared, "Before praying I was very anxious and confused. I didn't know what to do with my life and was filled with worry. **After I prayed with the counselor, all of my sorrow and fears of tomorrow just left me!** I'm a different person so much that I don't recognize myself. I have a deep peace and I praise God!" He promised to read his Bible everyday and said that we would continue to reach out to our team to keep learning about this new faith.



## FOR YOUR NOTES!