



Anglican Church of Australia

Diocese of Gippsland

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

Parish of Wonthaggi & Inverloch

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The Church of the Ascension

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost – 25th September

Prayer, Praise & Proclamation



The rich man and Lazarus

How do we respond today to people we see on the streets begging?

Homelessness is a massive issue in our Western world. We know there is blatant inequality between rich and poor. Make-do shanty towns grow up outside cities and people live out an existence on rubbish tips, in full view of high rise apartments, where those with jobs live.

Most of us would be appalled to live like they do even for a day.

Do we get a sense of annoyance blaming them for their status in life, presuming that they have chosen this for themselves? Or do we do as Jesus tells us to do and show the love of God to them, sharing our resources with grace and generosity?

Let us live in the hope that we can make a difference here 'on earth as it is in heaven', and stand firm in God's promises for our future, as followers of Jesus Christ. May God's will be done!

Sentence

Confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. James 5.16

Collect

O God,

from whom light rises in darkness for those who seek you:

grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties,

the grace to ask what you would have us do,

that in your light we may see light,

and in your narrow path may not stumble;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

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

Jeremiah 32.1-3a, 32.6-15

¹ This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. ² The army of the king of Babylon was then besieging Jerusalem, and Jeremiah the prophet was confined in the courtyard of the guard in the royal palace of Judah. ³ Now Zedekiah king of Judah had imprisoned him there, saying, ‘Why do you prophesy as you do? You say, “This is what the Lord says: I am about to give this city into the hands of the king of Babylon, and he will capture it. ⁶ Jeremiah said, ‘The word of the Lord came to me: ⁷ Hanamel son of Shallum your uncle is going to come to you and say, “Buy my field at Anathoth, because as nearest relative it is your right and duty to buy it.” ⁸ ‘Then, just as the Lord had said, my cousin Hanamel came to me in the courtyard of the guard and said, “Buy my field at Anathoth in the territory of Benjamin. Since it is your right to redeem it and possess it, buy it for yourself.” ‘I knew that this was the word of the Lord ; ⁹ so I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out for him seventeen shekels of silver. ¹⁰ I signed and sealed the deed, had it witnessed, and weighed out the silver on the scales. ¹¹ I took the deed of purchase – the sealed copy containing the terms and conditions, as well as the unsealed copy – ¹² and I gave this deed to Baruch son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel and of the witnesses who had signed the deed and of all the Jews sitting in the courtyard of the guard. ¹³ ‘In their presence I gave Baruch these instructions: ¹⁴ “This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: take these documents, both the sealed and unsealed copies of the deed of purchase, and put

them in a clay jar so that they will last a long time. ¹⁵ For this is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: houses, fields and vineyards will again be bought in this land.”

“This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91.1-6,14-16

¹ Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High: who abide under the shadow of the Almighty,

² **They will say to the Lord ‘You are my refuge and my stronghold: my God in whom I trust.’**

³ For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter: and from the destroying curse.

⁴ **He will cover you with his wings, and you will be safe under his feathers: his faithfulness** will be your shield and defence.

⁵ You shall not be afraid of any terror by night: or of the arrow that flies by day,

New Testament Reading:

1 Timothy 6.6-19

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹ Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. ¹¹ But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which God will bring

about in his own time – God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honour and might for ever. Amen. ¹⁷ Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

This is the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God

Gospel

Luke 16.19-31

¹⁹ ‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. ²⁰ At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores ²¹ and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² ‘The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ So he called to him, “Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.” ²⁵ ‘But Abraham replied, “Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.” ²⁷ ‘He answered, “Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, ²⁸ for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.” ²⁹ ‘Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.” ³⁰ ‘ “No, father Abraham,” he said, “but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.” ³¹ ‘He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.””

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

On This Day: Peace at Augsburg



Great was the turmoil and many the monstrous crimes committed in the name of Christ in the wake of the Reformation in Europe. Religious passions quickly passed into political conflict.

At the Diet (a formal assembly of princes) of Worms in 1521, Emperor Charles V outlawed Lutheranism. But he was unable to stamp out the reform movement at the time because of other crises. Not until 1529 was Charles able to follow up on the [Lutheran](#) issue. He sent word that Catholicism was to be restored everywhere in Germany. Many German cities and princes protested. These were called the "Protesting estates" and from them we got the name "Protestant."

Confession of Augsburg

Charles saw that some sort of conciliation would be in order. In 1530 he attended an assembly known as the Diet at Augsburg. Lutherans presented the Confession of Augsburg in an attempt to prove to Rome that their views were Biblical. This confession remains the basis of the Lutheran faith. However, reconciliation proved impossible and Charles ordered Lutherans to reunite with the Catholic church by April 15, 1531. This had the effect of stiffening opposition against him. A military alliance of Protestants, known as the Schmalkaldic League came into being. Charles crushed this, but Elector Maurice switched sides and declared war on the emperor, forcing him to negotiate with the Protestants. In 1552, at the Peace of Passau, Charles accepted the existence of the evangelical church and promised to hold a "diet" to settle the controversy.

Peace of Augsburg Created

The diet was not convened until 1555. Again it was held in Augsburg. Peace was arranged between the Lutherans and Catholics on this day, September 25, 1555. In many respects it was imperfect. Although Lutherans were given legal standing, Anabaptists and Calvinists were not. "[A]ll such as do not belong to the two above-named religions shall not be included in the present peace but be totally excluded from it." Each German territory must take the faith of its prince. This inbuilt religious divisiveness crippled Germany's ability to unite as a nation. There was no toleration within a territory.

The Peace of Augsburg did, however, permit people to transplant to a region whose faith was more congenial to each. "In case our subjects, whether belonging to the old [religion](#) or to the Augsburg Confession, should intend leaving their homes, with their wives and children, in order to settle in another

place, they shall neither be hindered in the sale of their estates after due pay, net of the local taxes nor injured in their honor... "

The Peace of Augsburg offered the merest hint of toleration. Weak as was the treaty, it brought increased stability. However, not until the Peace of Westphalia in 1648 were Calvinists added to the list of tolerated religions. Dan Graves

www.christianity.com/church/church-history/timeline/1501-1600/peace-at-augsburg

CMS SUTS - Summer Under The Sun

19 - 21 January 2023

Bookings are now available

Put it in your diary today!

Kid's Hope



If you are interested in becoming a Kids Hope Mentor at the Wonthaggi Primary School please talk to Reverend Susan. You will need a children's check, current safe ministry status and the ability to commit to one hour per week in school terms for at least one year. Thank you!

Samaritans Purse - Operation Christmas Child

We are again supporting this ministry and boxes are now available at the back of the Church.

Please carefully follow the 'How to Pack a Shoe Box' Instructions.

Show boxes need to be returned by the end of October.

Australian Anglican Church Calendar 2023

The calendar is now available to order and if you would like a copy, please see Graeme.

Intercessory Prayers:

Please pray with us for:

Our Bishop Richard & Leanne

Our Rector: Graeme & Susan

Locum Tenens – Burnley (Dio' Melb') - Liam Matthews & Madeline. Please keep Liam & Madeline safe as they serve for several months.

Parish of Trafalgar Vacant

Missions

The work of Amnesty International

Diocese of Wangaratta

Bishop: Clarence Bester

Special Focus

International Peace - for diplomats and ambassadors

Volunteer Workers Abroad

Anglican Communion Peace and Justice Network

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, Jeter, Beth & family, Simone, Mark, Marie Wilson, Cecily, Robin, Barb Bickley, Trish, Ross Smith, Tania, Russell, Hayley, Barbara Manns, Meredith, Richard B, Mary B, Lee, Bev, Stuart, Vladimir, Erika, Rita, Elijah, Rodney & Geoffrey W, Luke M, Terry, Emily, Ian M^cBurnie, Graeme Peters, Ellen W, Elisabeth H, Portia, Vivienne, Benjamine, Robert P, Jessica, Kirk & Susannah.

We give thanks for the faithful departed.

Lord please comfort families & friends who are grieving the loss of loved ones.

Diocesan Retreat

21 -22 October 2022 'Praying it Forward: Emerging Hope and our Role as Ancestors of the Future' To be held at The Abbey, 1 - 25 First Parade, Raymond Island. Cost per person Residential: \$135 twin share. Non residential: \$85.00 per person. For all bookings phone 03 5166 6580

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Parish Council +

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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

Readings 2 Oct	Lamentations 1.1-6	Psalm 137
Pentecost 17	2 Timothy 1.1-14	Luke 17.5-10
Tuesday 27th Sep	10:00 am – Ascension Inverloch – HC – Rev Graeme 11:30am – Prayer Meeting – Ascension	
Wednesday 28th Sept	10:00 am – St George’s Wonthaggi – HC – Rev John 11:00 - 11:30 am Food Rescue @ St George’s	
Friday 30 Sept	11:00 - 11:30 am Food Rescue @ St George’s	

Rosters 2nd Oct, Pentecost 17: Holy Communion

<u>Activity</u>	<u>St George’s</u>	<u>Church of the Ascension</u>
Bible Reader	Alan Price	Ray Smith
Sides Person	Ron Osborne	Ted/Ray
Prayers	David Beischer	Marcia Smith
Service Leader	Jenny Rivers	Liz Watkins
Eucharistic Asst	Janette Elder	Liz Watkins
Musician	Jan Kershaw	Tonya Hackett/Elise Watkins
Children’s Ministry	Rev Susan	Rev. Susan

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 until Geoff & Jennifer return)**

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

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

For Your Notes!