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**Diocese of Gippsland**

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**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**



**Easter 5 – April 28th 2024**

**Prayer, Praise and Proclamation**



**SparkLit**

**Today we are joined by Michael Collie from SparkLit.**

SparkLit advances God's kingdom by empowering Christian writers, publishers and distributors around the world.

Michael has been serving SparkLit for many years and comes to us today to share what God has been doing through Christian literature across the world. The stories Michael will share are not necessarily second hand information, as Michael travels to many of these places to encourage the writers, publishers and marketers himself.

Please make Michael Welcome.

**Rev. Graeme**

## **Sentence**

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4.10–11

## **Prayer of the Day:**

O God, form the minds of your faithful people,  
that we may love what you command and desire what you promise,  
so that, amid the many changes of this world,  
our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading**

#### **Acts 8.26-40**

<sup>26</sup> Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Go south to the road – the desert road – that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' <sup>27</sup> So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means 'queen of the Ethiopians'). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, <sup>28</sup> and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. <sup>29</sup> The Spirit told Philip, 'Go to that chariot and stay near it.' <sup>30</sup> Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. 'Do you understand what you are reading?' Philip asked. <sup>31</sup> 'How can I,' he said, 'unless someone explains it to me?' So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup> This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: '*He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>33</sup> In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.*' <sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, 'Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?' <sup>35</sup> Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> As they travelled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptised?' [<sup>37</sup>] <sup>38</sup> And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptised him. <sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and travelled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

*Hear the word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.***

### Psalm 22.26-32

From you springs my praise in the great congregation: **I will pay my vows in the sight of all that fear you;**

<sup>27</sup> The meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied: **and those who seek the Lord shall praise him—may their hearts rejoice for ever!**

<sup>28</sup> Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord: **and let all the families of the nations worship before him.**

<sup>29</sup> For the kingdom is the Lord's: **and he shall be ruler over the nations.**

<sup>30</sup> How can those who sleep in the earth do him homage: **or those that descend to the dust bow down before him?**

<sup>31</sup> But he has saved my life for himself: **and my posterity shall serve him.**

<sup>32</sup> This shall be told of my Lord to a future generation: **and his righteousness declared to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.**

### Second Reading

#### 1 John 4.7-21

<sup>7</sup> Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> This is how God showed his love among us: he sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. <sup>13</sup> This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world. <sup>15</sup> If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. <sup>16</sup> And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. <sup>17</sup> This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: in this world we are like Jesus. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. <sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup> Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup> And he has given us this command: anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

*Hear the word of the Lord,*

***Thanks be to God.***

## Gospel Reading

### **John 15.1-8**

<sup>1</sup> 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup> He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. <sup>5</sup> 'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

*For the Gospel of the Lord*

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

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## **DIOCESE OF GIPPSLAND** **SAFE CHURCH WORKSHOPS 2024** *(FULL AND REFRESHER COMBINED)*

If you need or wish to attend a Safe Church Workshop, they will be held this year at various locations as below.



10 May 2024 7.00 -9.00 pm: St Mary's Anglican Church, 6 Latrobe Street, **Morwell**. Online registration is essential:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/CPHAY>

13 September 2024 2.00 – 5.00 pm: St Paul's Anglican Church, 3 Queen Street, **Korumburra**. Online registration is essential:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/CPHBA>



You can also continue to access this course online at  
[https://www.gippslandanglicans.org.au/assets/SMT\\_Ang\\_Gippsland\\_Sign\\_In\\_Info\\_1.pdf](https://www.gippslandanglicans.org.au/assets/SMT_Ang_Gippsland_Sign_In_Info_1.pdf)

## **ON THIS DAY: How Christianity Came to Pitcairn Is.**



**On this day, April 28, 1789**, mutineers on *H.M.S. Bounty*, led by Fletcher Christian, dragged Lieutenant William Bligh from his bed. They set Bligh adrift in an open launch with eighteen men. A capable but tyrannical leader, Bligh managed to guide the little boat 3,600 miles to safety in the Dutch Indies (Indonesia).

The mutineers, however, headed for Tubai, an island south of Tahiti. Reception was hostile and, after a trip to Tahiti and back, in which the mutineers picked up some native women and men, and at least one child, they abandoned Tubai and sailed back to Tahiti. Some of the sailors had not been mutineers at all and elected to stay on Tahiti. Eight accompanied Christian to parts unknown with the women and with six Polynesian men. What became of them was not known until September, 1808, when a New England whaler, the *Topaz* spotted Pitcairn Island and landed to take on water.

To Captain Folger's surprise, he found natives who spoke a garbled English. It turned out that the mutineers of the *Bounty* had settled on uninhabited Pitcairn, where they had fought with each other and the native men (and women) until all the men were dead except two: Edward Young and John Adams. Ashamed of the violence and horrors they had witnessed and partaken of, the two remaining mutineers began to read the Bible (which became their textbook) and to teach it to the children who had been born to the settlement.

By the time Folger arrived, Young, too had been dead several years, of an asthma attack. Adams was patriarch of the clan. Thanks to his continued efforts, the older children were able to read and write a little (Adams was poorly educated) and the whole community was devout. Indeed, what impressed early visitors most was the obvious piety of the islanders, who prayed morning and evening and both before and after their meals, did not engage in the sexual promiscuity common to other islands, were able to recite the creed and parts of the Bible and observed the "Sabbath" (as they called Sunday). One observer wrote, "In conducting the most trivial affairs they are guided by the Scriptures, which they have read diligently, and from which they quote with a freedom and frequency that rather impairs the effect."

The hard conditions of the island, which could not be neglected if it were to produce enough food, and their continual grounding in the Bible stories, had made the Pitcairners a serious although good-humored community. The gifts they most wanted from *Topaz* were books, and the whaler managed to provide them with 200 which the islanders received with the greatest delight. In 1887 the island's entire population converted to Seventh Day Adventism.

## CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

People celebrating the Inverloch Centenary are invited (requested) to submit articles and photos of the event for inclusion in "The Gippsland Anglican". If we are to make the June edition they need to be submitted by **May 10**.

Please send to [geoff.boer@gmail.com](mailto:geoff.boer@gmail.com) with photos as a jpeg or similar in high resolution and words in a Word document.

Any photos with children must include parent authorisation and it would be most helpful if the file name for any photos includes a caption suggested, including names of the prominent people.

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### PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CONFLICT IN GAZA AND ISRAEL

Almighty and Everlasting God: our days are in your hands; we lift up all those in the Holy Land who are victims of violence and injustice, that you might empower your Church to bring healing to the wounded, relief to the suffering, and comfort to those who mourn; please soften the hearts of all those involved in the recent conflict, that they would be led to work for justice and lasting peace in the land where your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, first came to bring hope and abundant life to all people; These things we ask in his Holy Name. Amen.

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### MAINLY MEN MUSIC

Led by Fiona McKenzie at St Georges, Wonthaggi.

**When?** Each Sunday, @ 7.30 pm

If you would like to join this group or have any questions for Fiona, please contact her on Phone: 0434 601 835 or Email:

[fionamckenzie@vicbar.com.au](mailto:fionamckenzie@vicbar.com.au).

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### NEXT WIN EVENT

*The next activity is 2pm Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at the Old Hymns & Games Mission Event, Church of the Ascension, Inverloch.*

## MAF'S MOTHER'S DAY



This Mother's Day, surprise your mum or a mother-figure in your life with a culinary journey around the world. Select recipes shared by MAF Women serving around the world and support MAF's work in bringing help, hope and healing to women living in isolation.

**Go to the email address below to donate and discover more.**

<https://maf.org.au/mothersday2024/>

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### ST GEORGE'S LIBRARY

As Christians it is wise to look to the wiser for guidance on the journey towards a deeper understanding and walk with the Lord.

*St George's library covers most aspects of the Christian life.*

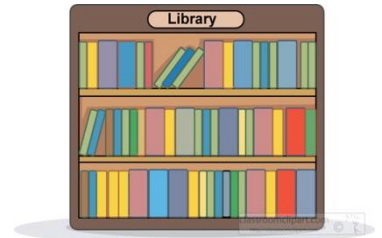
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***Borrowers please enter details in exercise book on the bookshelf.***

**Book Borrow Limit:** No limit    **Borrow Time Limit:** No limit

***Please return books as soon as you've finished reading them.***

For further information contact Vivienne McInerney.



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### Inverloch Church Working Bee

To be held regularly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the Month  
@ 10.00 am.

If you would like to help give the church a freshening up and enjoy morning tea together this would be most welcome.



*Please speak with Alycia & Liz for more details.*



## **Intercessory Prayers:**

*Please pray with us for:*

**Our Bishop:** Richard Treloar & Leanne

**Our Rector:** Graeme & Susan

**Parish of Westernport:** Colin Oakley, Anthea

**Province of Melanesia:** Archbishop: Leonard Dawea

<b>Bishops:</b> Banks & Torres - Patterson Worek	Central Melanesia- Leonard Dawea
Central Solomons - Ben Seka	Guadalcanal - Nathan Tome
Hanuato'o – Alfred Karibongi	Malaita - Samuel Sahu
Temotu – Willie Tungale	Ysabel - Ellison Quity
Vanuatu - James Tama	

**Missions** Parish Mission Action Plans

**Our Link Missionaries:**

Lauren Raiter: CMS – In Spain and studying Spanish.

Topher & Chica Hallyburton & Family: BCA – Alice Springs

**Special Focus** The Anglican Communion Archbishop of Canterbury - Justin Welby

**Please comfort and heal all those suffering in Spirit, Soul or body.**

Please give people the courage to face their illness 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:**

Bill Peters, Paula, Theo, Pat Delacy, Chris Peters, James, Murray, Doug, Ron & Pam Lawson, Jeffer & family, Simone, Mark, Marie Wilson, Don & Cecily, Robin, Tania, Russell, Hayley, Meredith, Richard B, Lee, Bev, Stuart, Elijah, Rodney W, Luke M, Terry, Micah, June R, John G, Amanda, Elizabeth, Jenny Rivers, Marnie Fletcher, Matt Fletcher, Ron Osborne, Barbara Manns, Valerie & Graeme Reid, Susan F, Glenda, Merridee, Florence H & Robert M.

**We give thanks for the faithful departed.** We thank you Lord for the life of those who have gone before us. Please comfort the Thompson family as they grieve the passing of Julie-Anne, the Milner family as they grieve the passing of Rod and the Bird family as they grieve the passing of George and all families & friends who are grieving at this time the loss of loved ones.

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*Does your heart need rekindling?*

Anglican parish  
Inverloch & Wonthaggi

Missional activities:

- Visiting speakers
- teaching on Holy Spirit
- Bible studies
- healing services
- moving in gifts of the Spirit

5-9  
May

Cost: FREE  
Entire program available at  
Somaau.org/Gippslandmission

somaau.org  
contact@somaau.org

admin@basscoastanglican.org.au  
basscoastanglican.org.au



Anglicans  
*Ablaze*  
Australia



10-12  
May

Cost \$35 pp  
(including lunch)  
\$30 Conc. or Clergy

Anglicansablaze.org.au

info@Anglicansablaze.org.au



*The Church of the  
Ascension is Turning* 

*Looking Back yet Looking Forward*



**YOU'RE INVITED!**  
**PLEASE JOIN US FROM SUNDAY THE 5TH MAY  
TO SUNDAY THE 12TH OF MAY**

*[SEE NEXT PAGE FOR DETAILS & RSVP]*



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Anglicans  
*Ablaze*  
Australia  
Gippsland VIC 10-12 May Cost: \$35 pp (including lunch) & Concessions or Clergy: \$30  
Anglicansablaze.org.au info@Anglicansablaze.org.au Ablaze Registration

## INFORMATION

<b>Readings Sun May 5th</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter <b>Combined Service</b> <b>Inverloch</b>	Acts 10.44-48 1 John 5.1-12	Psalm 98 John 15.9-17
	The commencement of our Mission Week.	
<b>Tuesday April 30th</b>	10:00 am – Ascension – H.C. – Rev Amy Turner 11:00 am – Opal Coast Care – H.C. – Rev. Graeme 11:30 am – Ascension – Prayer meeting.	
<b>Wednesday May 1st</b>	10:00 am – St George’s - H.C. - Rev. Graeme	
<b>Thursday May 2nd</b>	10:00 am – St George’s – Staff Meeting 11:30 am – Merridee’s – Prayer meeting.	

### Rosters 5<sup>th</sup> May, Holy Communion

<u>Activity</u>	<u>St George’s</u>	<u>Church of the Ascension</u>
<b>Bible Reader</b>	X	Bob Delahoy
<b>Sides Person</b>	X	Ray/Ted
<b>Prayers</b>	X	T.B.A.
<b>Service Leader</b>	X	Rev Graeme
<b>Eucharistic Assist</b>	X	T.B.A.
<b>Musician</b>	X	Renee/Elise/Fiona/Richard
<b>Children’s Ministry</b>	X	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

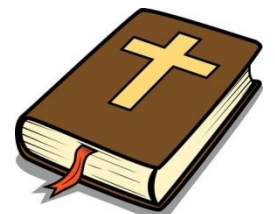
*Please check with leaders for further details.*

**Liersch’s:** Tuesdays 4:00 pm – Alan & Jill’s, Inverloch.  
Phone 0417 513 390.

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

**Women of Faith:** Fridays 1:30pm – Liz Watkin’s, Inverloch  
Contact Susan on 0427 099 391

**Renee & Sari’s:** Monday’s - Contact Fiona on 0434 601 835 for details.



## 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)

**Pastoral Care Coordinator:** (Vacant)

**Parish Council +**

**Retired Clergy:** Rev's John Davies 5672 4710, Anne Perryman 0438 345 349,  
Liam Matthews 0411 339 344, Amy Turner 0412 727 711

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

**Rector's Warden:** Alan Price 0407 343 876

**People's Wardens:** Robert Mesley 0416 246 349  
Liz Watkins 0404 379 005

**Parish Office Worker:** Leah Mesley 0407 337 236 (2 mornings/week–Wed & Thurs)

**Parish Postal Address:** PO Box 201, Wonthaggi 3995. Phone: 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:** Jill Price 0409 745 554

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

**Parish Website:** <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!*

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## PRAYER GROUPS

**Inverloch**, every week, Tuesdays, at 11.30 am, and

**Wonthaggi**, every fortnight, Thursdays, at 11.30 am – (25<sup>th</sup> April)

*For further info', contact Rev. Susan*

## Inverloch Centenary Week & Mission

5-12 May 2024

### ACTIVITIES

- Sun 5 May** Combined service commencing at 10am, Church of the Ascension, Inverloch.  
Guest Preacher: Rt. Rev. Richard Treloar  
Guests include the Rt. Rev. Bishop Ian & Jill Lambert  
*A Casserole Lunch to follow the Service.*
- Mon 6 May** Mission Activity.  
7:30pm—9pm Sari & Renee's Bible Discovery Group with Bishop Ian & Jill Lambert.  
Topic: "*The Journey of self-discovery in God*" Venue: T.B.A.
- Tues 7 May** Mission Activity  
10am Holy Communion – Church of the Ascension  
4-6pm Afternoon Bible Discovery with Bishop Ian & Jill Lambert.  
Topic: "*The Journey of self-discovery in God*" Venue: T.B.C.
- Wed 8 May** Mission Activities  
Something for the 'Mature'  
Step Back in Time – 2pm – 4pm @ The Church of Ascension, Inverloch.  
Old Fashioned Hymns and Games.  
Theme – *Where is the Holy Spirit in Hymns & Games*  
(With Rev Fran Grimes & Rev Graeme Liersch)  
Healing Service at Inverloch – 6pm (SOMA Team)  
Speaker: Rev Melinda McMahon (N.D. SOMA Australia),  
Ministry and Prayer by the SOMA team:
- Thur 9 May** Ascension Day  
10:30 - 12noon. — Lay and Clergy Parish Leaders. — Small Group teaching.  
Topic: Q & A – *Life in the Spirit.* Speaker: T.B.A.  
1:30pm – 3:30pm Afternoon Bible Discovery Group with Bishop Ian & Jill Lambert  
Topic: "*The Journey of self-discovery in God*" Venue: St George's, Wonthaggi  
Ascension Day Celebration Service & Dinner, Inverloch.  
5:30pm for a 5.45 pm start  
Topic: "*The Holy Spirit – Past, Present, and Future*".  
Speaker: Canon Gill Varcoe  
*Followed by a Spit Roast Dinner & Centenary Cake cutting.*
- Fri 10 May** Mission Activity - Inverloch  
1:30pm—3pm Women of Faith Bible Discovery Group with Bishop Ian & Jill Lambert.  
Topic: "*The Journey of self-discovery in God*" Venue: 22 Bayview Ave, Inverloch.  
Family Movie Evening: *Voyage of the Dawn Treader* 6:30pm – 8pm @ Ascension, Inverloch.  
SOMA/ARNA Mini Conference at St George's, Wonthaggi. 6:30pm—9:30pm  
*Rekindling the Fire— Clergy & Lay leaders session*
- Sat 11 May** SOMA/ARNA Mini Conference at St George's, Wonthaggi. *Rekindling the Fire.* 10am—4pm
- Sun 12 May** Mission Concludes with 9:00am Service at Inverloch  
And 10:30am service at Wonthaggi.

### RSVP TO EVENTS

Church Office - admin@basscoastanglican.org.au

Or Phone 03– 5672 5002

Or use the QR code. Thank you

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<https://www.basscoastanglican.org.au/event-details/church-of-the-ascension-100th-celebrations-parish-combined-service-mission-commencement-2024-05-05-10-00>