



**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

## **Christmas – 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> December**

### **Holy Communion**



On behalf of Rev. Susan, the Wardens and Parish Council, may you be filled with great joy at the birth of Jesus Christ and in his imminent return. And may you have a safe and Happy New Year.

Christmas comes about but once per year, according to the gregorian calender, but in reality every day since Christ's birth has been Christmas Day. Why you may ask? The answer is simple - the joy we have at Christ's birth is available to us 24 hrs a day all year round.

God's love for us is so great that He sent His Son to us, not to condemn but to save. Why He would love us is a mystery, but he does.

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. (Isaiah 55:8 NIV)

And for this reason He has sent us a little Grace - Baby Jesus.  
**This Christmas take time to marvel at the Christ Child and the mystery of God.**

Rev. Graeme

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

### Sentence

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; for to us a child is born, to us a son is given.

*Isaiah 9.2, 6*

### Collect

Good and gracious God,  
who gave us your Son,  
the Lord of the universe, wrapped in swaddling clothes,  
the Saviour of all, lying in a manger:  
on this holy night draw us into the mystery of your love.  
Join our voices with the heavenly host  
that we may sing your glory on high.  
Give us a place among the shepherds  
that we may find the one for whom we have waited,  
Jesus Christ, the Messiah and 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

#### **Isaiah 9.2-7**

<sup>2</sup> The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. <sup>3</sup> You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. <sup>4</sup> For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. <sup>5</sup> Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and for ever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

*Hear the word of the Lord,*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 96

<sup>1</sup> O sing to the Lord a new song:  
**sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

<sup>2</sup> Sing to the Lord and bless his holy name: **proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**

<sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations: **and his wonders among all peoples.**

<sup>4</sup> For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised: **he is more to be feared than all gods.**

<sup>5</sup> As for all the gods of the nations, they are mere idols: **it is the Lord who made the heavens.**

<sup>6</sup> Majesty and glory are before him: **beauty and power are in his sanctuary.**

<sup>7</sup> Render to the Lord, you families of the nations: **render to the Lord glory and might.**

<sup>8</sup> Render to the Lord the honour due to his name: **bring offerings and come into his courts.**

<sup>9</sup> O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness: **let the whole earth stand in awe of him.**

<sup>10</sup> Say among the nations that the Lord is king: **he has made the world so firm that it can never be moved; and he shall judge the peoples with equity.**

<sup>11</sup> Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad: **let the sea roar, and all that fills it:**

<sup>12</sup> Let the fields rejoice, and everything in them: **then shall all the trees of the wood shout with joy before the Lord;**

<sup>13</sup> For he comes, he comes to judge the earth: **he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.**

## New Testament Reading:

### **Titus 2.11-14**

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. <sup>12</sup> It teaches us to say ‘No’ to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, <sup>13</sup> while we wait for the blessed hope – the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

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

## Gospel

### **Luke 2.1-20**

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. <sup>2</sup> (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup> And everyone went to their own town to

register.<sup>4</sup> So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.<sup>5</sup> He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.<sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,<sup>7</sup> and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.<sup>8</sup> And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their flocks at night.<sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.<sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.<sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.<sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.’<sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,<sup>14</sup> ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.’<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.’<sup>16</sup> So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.<sup>17</sup> When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child,<sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.<sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.<sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

*For the Gospel of the Lord,  
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*

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## **CHRISTMAS MORNING**

### **Sentence:**

I bring you good news of great joy for all people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, Christ the Lord.

*Luke 2.10-11*

### **Prayer of the Day**

All glory to you, gracious God,  
for the gift of your Son,  
whom you sent to save us.  
With the angels, let us praise your name,  
and tell the earth his story,  
that all may believe, rejoice, and proclaim your love;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### Old Testament Reading:

#### **Isaiah 62.6-12**

I have posted watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the Lord, give yourselves no rest,<sup>7</sup> and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth.<sup>8</sup> The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: ‘Never again will I give your grain as food for your enemies, and never again will foreigners drink the new wine for which you have toiled;<sup>9</sup> but those who harvest it will eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather the grapes will drink it in the courts of my sanctuary.’  
<sup>10</sup> Pass through, pass through the gates! Prepare the way for the people. Build up, build up the highway! Remove the stones. Raise a banner for the nations.<sup>11</sup> The Lord has made proclamation to the ends of the earth: ‘Say to Daughter Zion, “See, your Saviour comes! See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.”’<sup>12</sup> They will be called the Holy People, the Redeemed of the Lord; and you will be called Sought After, the City No Longer Deserted.

*Hear the word of the Lord,*

**Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm 97

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice:  
**let the multitude of islands be glad.**

<sup>6</sup> The heavens have proclaimed his  
righteousness: **and all peoples have  
seen his glory.**

<sup>2</sup> Clouds and darkness are round  
about him: **righteousness and justice  
are the foundation of his throne.**

<sup>7</sup> They are ashamed, all those who  
serve idols and glory in mere  
nothings: **all gods bow down before  
him.**

<sup>3</sup> Fire goes before him: **and burns up  
his enemies on every side.**

<sup>8</sup> Zion heard and was glad, and the  
daughters of Judah rejoiced:  
**because of your judgements, O God.**

<sup>4</sup> His lightnings light the world:  
**the earth sees it and quakes.**

<sup>9</sup> For you, Lord, are most high over all  
the earth: **you are exalted far above  
all gods.**

**<sup>10</sup> The Lord loves those that hate evil:  
the Lord guards the life of the  
faithful, and delivers them from the  
hand of the ungodly.**

**<sup>11</sup> Light dawns for the righteous:  
and joy for the true of heart.**

**<sup>12</sup> Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous:  
and give thanks to his holy name.**

## New Testament Reading

### **Titus 3.4-8a**

<sup>4</sup> But when the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Saviour, <sup>7</sup> so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. <sup>8</sup> This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

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

## Gospel

### **Luke 2.8-20**

<sup>8</sup> And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.’ <sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.’ <sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.’ <sup>16</sup> So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

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Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*

## Anglican Overseas Aid

Currently has a Kenya Christmas Appeal running.

You can give to the appeal online by going to:

<https://anglicanoverseasaid.org.au/donate-online/>

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## CMS SUTS - Summer Under The Son

19 - 21 January 2023

Syndal Baptist Church, Glen Waverley

Book on line at

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=930207&>

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## Special MAF Prayer Request!

Around the world, there has been a concert of prayer going up for Ryan, Annabel, Elias, Hezekiah, Koher and the MAF US team who have been journeying this path since the 4th of November.



Ryan, an MAF Pilot in Mozambique, was wrongfully detained, while preparing to fly supplies to orphanages.

He has been detained for the past 30 Days without charge.

Please pray for his immediate release.

## Free Holiday Program for Families

This will be run at Rainbow Park, (Wyeth-McNamara Reserve) Inverloch by the **Scripture Union Family Mission (SUFM)** from 1<sup>st</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 from 10.00 am – 12.00 pm. There will be bible stories, events, crafts, and so much more. Contact Anna McLean on 0411 047 768 for further information.

## **Intercessory Prayers:**

**Please pray with us for:**

**Our Bishop:** Richard & Leanne

**Our Rector:** Graeme & Susan

**Co-operating Parish of Neerim South:** Rev. Gospel Hrilvelthanga Ralte & Grace  
**Missions:** The Mission to Seafarers

**Parish of Trafalgar** Rev. Dean Spalding

**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, the Flu and other deadly viruses. 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:**

Matt Fletcher, 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, Meredith, Richard B, Mary B, Lee, Bev, Stuart, Vladimir, Erika, Rita, Elijah, Rodney & Geoffrey W, Luke M, Terry, Emily, Ian M<sup>c</sup>Burnie, Graeme Peters, Elisabeth H, Portia, Suzie, Vivienne, Benjamine, Robert P, Jessica, Kirk & Susannah (*Give thanks for the safe delivery of their son*), Pam D, June R, John G & Albert.

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

Lord please comfort families & friends who are grieving the loss of loved ones at this special time of the year.



**Belgrave  
Heights  
Convention**

**BELGRAVE HEIGHTS SUMMER CONVENTION**

**29th December 2022 - 2nd January 2023**

**Speakers: Ian Coffey + Wei-Han Kuan**

**<https://www.bhc.org.au/summer>**

## **Ministry Team**

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**Retired Clergy:** Rev's Anne Perryman 0438 345 349, John Davies 5672 4710,  
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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!*

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## **ICC 2023 Calenders**

**are now available at the back of the church for a mere \$20 each.**

Funds raised go toward funding Pastoral Care at the Bass Coast Hospital.

## INFORMATION

<u>Readings Jan 1st Epiphany</u>	Isaiah 60.1-6 Ephesians 3.1-12	Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14 Matthew 2.1-12
<u>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Dec</u>	10:00 am – Ascension – MP - Inverloch	
<u>Wednesday 28th Dec</u>	10:00 am – No Service at St George's	

### Rosters 1<sup>st</sup> January, The Epiphany, Morning Prayer

<u>Activity</u>	<u>St George's</u>	<u>Church of the Ascension</u>
Bible Reader	Barbara Robertson	Pam Lawson
Sides Person	Jill Price	Ted/Ray
Prayers	Alan Price	Marcia Smith
Service Leader	Rev. John	Sue Lester
Eucharistic Asst	X	X
Musician	Jan Kershaw	SUFM Team
Children's Ministry	X	X

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

**Bible Discovery Groups: All in recess during Christmas/New Year period**

### Please Note

**The Parish office will be closed until Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of January**  
**As a result there will be no News Bulletin for the 1<sup>st</sup> of January.**

**Food Rescue is also in recess until Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of January**

**Graeme & Susan are on leave until the 6<sup>th</sup> of January.**

*They may be about but will be unavailable.*

*For pastoral needs please contact the Rector's Wardens.*