



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



Sixth Sunday after Epiphany – 12th February

Morning Prayer



Nobody likes injustice.

The trouble is, we all have a different worldly view of what justice is. As such, we can become apathetic toward justice and end up saying nothing when we should speak up.

Micah was neither apathetic nor wayward in his understanding of justice, he was bold, brave and spoke God's word with conviction.

He called the neighbouring country, his own country and individuals to account. He highlighted the errors according to God and left the door open for away to move forward.

Why are we so weak in the knees to call our own people to account using God's plumb line of justice?

Rev. Graeme

Sentence

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.

Psalm 119.1

Collect

Almighty God,
you gave the law to guide our lives:
grant that we may never shrink from your commandments,
but, as we are taught by your Spirit,
may fulfil your law in perfect love;
through Christ our Lord and Master,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Micah 1.8-16

Because of this I will weep and wail; I will go about barefoot and naked. I will howl like a jackal and moan like an owl. For Samaria's plague is incurable; it has spread to Judah. It has reached the very gate of my people, even to Jerusalem itself. Tell it not in Gath; weep not at all. In Beth Ophrah roll in the dust. Pass by naked and in shame, you who live in Shaphir. Those who live in Zaanan will not come out. Beth Ezel is in mourning; it no longer protects you. Those who live in Maroth writhe in pain, waiting for relief, because disaster has come from the LORD, even to the gate of Jerusalem. You who live in Lachish, harness fast horses to the chariot. You are where the sin of Daughter Zion began, for the transgressions of Israel were found in you. Therefore you will give parting gifts to Moresheth Gath. The town of Akzib will prove deceptive to the kings of Israel. I will bring a conqueror against you who live in Mareshah. The nobles of Israel will flee to Adullam. Shave your head in mourning for the children in whom you delight; make yourself as bald as the vulture, for they will go from you into exile.

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119.1-8

¹ Blessed are those whose way is blameless: **who walk in the law of the Lord.**

² Blessed are those who keep his commands: **and seek him with their whole heart;**

³ Those who do no wrong:
but walk in the ways of our God.
⁴ For you, Lord, have commanded us:
to persevere in all your precepts.
⁵ If only my ways were unerring:
towards the keeping of your statutes!

⁶ Then I should not be ashamed:
**when I looked on all your
commandments.**
⁷ I will praise you with sincerity of
heart: **as I learn your righteous
judgements.**
⁸ I will keep your statutes:
O forsake me not utterly.

New Testament Reading:

1 Corinthians 3.1-9

¹ Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly – mere infants in Christ. ² I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. ³ You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans? ⁴ For when one says, ‘I follow Paul,’ and another, ‘I follow Apollos,’ are you not mere human beings? ⁵ What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe – as the Lord has assigned to each his task. ⁶ I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. ⁷ So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. ⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labour. ⁹ For we are fellow workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building.

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

Gospel

Matthew 5.21-37

²¹ ‘You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, “You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.” ²² But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister, will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, “Raca,” is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, “You fool!” will be in danger of the fire of hell. ²³ ‘Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. ²⁵ ‘Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still

together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny. ²⁷ 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." ²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell. ³¹ 'It has been said, "Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce." ³² But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. ³³ 'Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, "Do not break your oath, but fulfil to the Lord the oaths you have made." ³⁴ But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne ; ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. ³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. ³⁷ All you need to say is simply "Yes," or "No"; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

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



Shrove Tuesday 21st February 2023

Pancake Day - 4pm @ The Church of the
Ascension.



Please join us for a fun time of food and fellowship
organised by the 'WIN' Collective.

The event will be preceeded by the WIN meeting at 1:30pm

Brian Haig visit.

Cancelled, as Brian's wife is ill.

Lenten Studies

With Lent approaching fast, now is the time to order your Lenten
Studies. Please talk with Rev. Graeme for more info'.

On This Day: Schleiermacher Was Mourned



Germany was awash with grief. Popular professor Friedrich David Schleiermacher, a cofounder of the University of Berlin, was dead. **He died on this day, February 12, 1834.** Lying in bed, surrounded by family members, his last major action was to celebrate the Lord's supper. Over 20,000 people attended the funeral of the man who has been called "the founder of modern Protestant theology."

What Schleiermacher did was to synthesize elements of Kant's philosophy and Romanticism (a literary and artistic movement that emphasized feelings and emotions) with Christianity. Born in 1768, young Schleiermacher was trained by Moravians who had guided his father, a Reform pastor, to deeper faith. But Schleiermacher could not accept orthodox Christianity.

Feeling and emotion are important to many Protestant groups, especially Pentecostals and denominations which call for a definite salvation experience. This was true long before Schleiermacher began writing theology. The Pietists, Moravians, Methodists and others were sometimes accused of emotional excess by more traditional believers. However, Schleiermacher wrote such experiences into his theology. In Schleiermacher's view, religious feeling arose from a sense of absolute dependence. To be a Christian, one had to have a self-consciousness of faith in Christ as redeemer. We need Christ because we are not able to produce perfection by our own minds since our religious self-consciousness is infected by sin.

However, Jesus was not the same person to Schleiermacher that he is to orthodox Christians. To the German thinker, Christ was not so much a member of the Godhead as a human with a perfect consciousness of God. That was all that his "divinity" consisted of, according to Schleiermacher. Schleiermacher's popularity was not necessarily the result of his religious theories. Later he reorganized Germany's school system on a new model. It was for these activities rather than his liberal theology that so many thousands turned out to his funeral. *Dan Graves*

www.christianity.com/church/church-history/timeline/1801-1900/schleiermacher

INFORMATION

<u>Readings Feb 19th Transfiguration</u>	Micah 4.1-5.1 2 Peter 1.16-21	Psalm 2 Matthew 17.1-9
Tuesday 14th Feb	10:00 am – Ascension – H.C – Rev Liam 11:30am – Prayer Meeting – Wonthaggi	
Wednesday 15th Feb	10:00 am – St George’s- H.C. Rev. John 11:00 -11:30am – Food Rescue @ St Georges	
Thursday 16th Feb	10:00 am – Staff Meeting – Church office.	
Friday 17th Feb	11:00 -11:30am – Food Rescue @ St Georges 2:00 pm – Amy Davis’ Funeral – Handley & Andersons.	

Rosters 19th February, Transfiguration, Holy Communion

<u>Activity</u>	<u>St George’s</u>	<u>Church of the Ascension</u>
Bible Reader	Rev Susan	Mal Fletcher
Sides Person	Robert Mesley	Ray/Ted
Prayers	Robert Mesley	Marcia Smith
Service Leader	Rev Graeme	Liz Watkins
Eucharistic Asst	Janette Elder	Liz Watkins
Musician	Jan Kershaw	Sue Lester
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:

Please check with leaders for details.

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

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

Davies’ - Thursdays 1:30pm @ St George’s Hall. Ph: 5672 4710

Liersch’s – Tuesdays 4pm – Meeting this week – Pound Creek.

Ph: 0427 099 391 or 0407 343 876 for details.

Boer’s – Tuesdays 6:30pm.

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

Women of Faith – Meet at the Church of the Ascension, Inverloch, Friday,

12:30 – 2:30 pm. Ph: 0408 100 068 (Alycia) or 0427 099 391

(Susan) for details.

Ministry Team

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

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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!

Ash Wednesday - 22nd February

Imposition of Ashes Service -

10am St George's Wonthaggi

6pm Church of the Ascension Inverloch

Intercessory Prayers:

Please pray with us for:

Our Bishop: Richard & Leanne

Our Rector: Graeme & Susan

Parish of Lakes Entrance and Metung

Phil Muston, Cathrine

Phyllis Andy – Aboriginal Ministry

Missions SPARKLit

Special Focus

The Provincial Council of Victoria – Diocesan Representatives:

Bishop

Archdeacon Graham Knott

The Hon Robert Fordham

The Chancellor - Mr R M (Roger) Blythman RFD

Our First Nations peoples

Please comfort and heal all those suffering in Spirit, Soul or body, especially those affected by COVID 19 and other 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, Chris Peters, Denise, James, Murray, Doug, Ron Lawson, Jelter, 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, 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, Rob Atkin.

We give thanks for the faithful departed and the lives of Bill Finlay, Kath Kelly and Amy Davis. Lord please comfort their families as they mourn their passing.

For your diaries:

The Coronation of King Charles III will take place on 6 May 2023.

Church Staff Meeting

10.00 am each Thursday in the Church Office.

GIPPSLAND YOUNGER ANGLICANS GATHERING

**at the Church of the Ascension in Inverloch
on 25th February 2023**

Commences at 10.am. Includes lunch on the beach and concludes with Eucharist and healing prayer.

For more information talk to Rev. Susan.

SAFE CHURCH REFRESHER WORKSHOP - CREATING SAFE SPACES



**The Next Upcoming In-person Workshop is at
Wonthaggi Baptist Church on Saturday 25th February 2023
from 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm. To register for yourself or for a
group on this date visit this link:**

**[https://events.humanitix.com/css-sat-feb-25-
2023?_ga=2.68395857.1381404334.1675730976-1329469108.1674541775](https://events.humanitix.com/css-sat-feb-25-2023?_ga=2.68395857.1381404334.1675730976-1329469108.1674541775)**

Inter Church Council (I.C.C.) Bunnings BBQ

The ICC will be holding a BBQ at Bunnings on Saturday the 25th Feb'.
We are currently looking for helpers.

If you are able to help then please let Liz Watkins know on
0404 379 005.

Please come along and support the event. (It runs all day).

The Abbey is once again hosting the Lenten Pilgrimage

Raymond Island
Monday 20 March 2023 – Friday 24 March 2023

**Walking the land – listening to Spirit – reflecting together
BOOKINGS ARE OPEN ... You are invited!**

Bookings or further information phone: The Abbey (03) 5156 6580
Or Email info@theabbey.org.au

Special Prayer Requests!

MAF



Thank you for your prayers on behalf of Ryan and Annabel. God has been gracious in responding to those prayers.

Please continue to pray that Ryan will be released upon completion of the lengthy investigation.

If you desire to send words of encouragement to Annabel, they can be emailed

at prayforpilotryan@maf.org. For the full update go to; <https://maf.org/press/an-update-on-pilot-ryan-koher/>

CMS Vic & the Vinicombe family



Please continue to pray for CMS Missionaries, Matt, Kate and their children; Bethany, Chloe and Amos.

Kate continues to struggle to breath on her own and is currently paralysed from the neck down. Matt continues to struggle due to the severe concussion he received in the accident.

Give thanks that healing continues for all.

Continue to pray for complete recovery for all.

Funeral for Amy Davis

Friday 17th February 2022, 2.00 pm at Hanley and Anderson Funeral Chapel, 3085 Loch-Wonthaggi Road, North Wonthaggi.

Financial News

Christmas Bowl. Thanks to all who donated.

A Total of \$1,361.00 has been sent.

For January:

Incoming \$18,868.00. Outgoing \$15, 280.

Offerings for January \$11,669.