



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



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost – 21st August

Holy Communion



Jesus was counter cultural to the world of His day, he failed to tow the line, but never broke the rules.

People sort to condemn Him for His upfront relationship with His Father in Heaven and He had the unique ability to read and interpret the rules differently. He was a threat.

How dare He heal on the sabbath!

But Jesus knew the true love of God the Father, He knew that the Father knows us better than we know ourselves and He sought to teach His followers the truth.

Can you handle the truth - the fact that God's way is radical and different to that of the World? This fact should cause us to think carefully about the choices we make.

Please make the right choice - God's choice.

Rev. Graeme

Sentence

You, O Lord, are my hope, my trust from my youth. Upon you have I leaned since my birth.

Psalm 71.5–6

Collect

O God, the Judge of all,
through the saving blood of your Son
you have brought us to the heavenly Jerusalem
and given us a kingdom which cannot be shaken:
fill us with reverence and awe in your presence,
that in thanksgiving we and all your Church
may offer you acceptable worship;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives to intercede for us, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 1.4-10

⁴ The word of the Lord came to me, saying, ⁵ 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.' ⁶ 'Alas, Sovereign Lord,' I said, 'I do not know how to speak; I am too young.' ⁷ But the Lord said to me, 'Do not say, "I am too young." You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. ⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,' declares the Lord. ⁹ Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, 'I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 71.1-6

¹ To you, Lord, have I come for shelter: **let me never be put to shame.**

² In your righteousness rescue and deliver me: **incline your ear to me and save me.**

³ Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me: **for you are my high rock, and my stronghold.**

⁴ Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked: **from the grasp of the pitiless and unjust.**

⁵ For you, Lord, are my hope: **you are my confidence, O God, from my youth upward.**

⁶ On you have I leaned since my birth: **you are he that brought me out of my mother's womb, and my praise is of you continually.**

New Testament Reading:

Hebrews 12.18-29

¹⁸ You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; ¹⁹ to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, ²⁰ because they could not bear what was commanded: 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death.' ²¹ The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, 'I am trembling with fear.' ²² But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, ²³ to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. ²⁵ See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven? ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, 'Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.' ²⁷ The words '*once more*' indicate the removing of what can be shaken – that is, created things – so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for our 'God is a consuming fire.'

This is the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God

Gospel

Luke 13.10-17

¹⁰ On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, ¹¹ and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, 'Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.' ¹³ Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God. ¹⁴ Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, 'There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on

the Sabbath.’¹⁵ The Lord answered him, ‘You hypocrites! Doesn’t each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water?’¹⁶ Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?’¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

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

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.

MAF - Fuel For Father's Day

MAF is once again running their fuel for Father's Day appeal.

To take part, merely purchase a Jerry Can Father's Day Gift Card at the back of the church. There are 4 different types of Gift Cards:

\$50 – Jerry Can, \$25 – Jerry Can, \$10 children's colour in Jerry Can and an In Memory Jerry can for \$50.

Please consider giving to this project, as it helps keep the MAF aircraft in the air which is a vital service to the Highlands of PNG and the witness of the Gospel of Christ.

CMS SUTS - Summer Under The Sun

19 - 21 January 2023

Bookings are now available

Put it in your diary today!

On This Day: African Mission Explorer George Grenfell



"I feel very lonely." George Grenfell was writing from Africa early in 1877. After less than a year of marriage, his wife, Mary, had died, giving birth to a still-born son. "I'm in great trouble and in need of your prayers." His loneliness almost destroyed his future as a missionary.

George Grenfell was born **on this day, August 21, 1849**, in the region of Cornwall, England, but was raised in the city of Birmingham. Although he was reared in an Anglican home, George found a local Baptist Church more to his liking. He attended regularly, was baptized, and became a member in 1864 when he was just fifteen. Stories of African pioneers such as David Livingstone and Alfred Saker (*a Baptist missionary to Cameroon*) fascinated him; eventually these men became his models.

Meanwhile, he was apprenticed to a hardware company and developed skills in mechanics that later served him well. However, it was the African mission field, not mechanics, that really interested him. In 1873 he entered Bristol Baptist College with a recommendation from his church family. As it turned out, he spent less than a year in college before being accepted by the Baptist Mission Society to work with Saker in Cameroon.

The same year as Mary's death, George began his pioneering explorations in Africa. However, in October of 1877, it looked as if he was through. He sent a letter of resignation to the Baptist Mission. Rose Edgerley, George's black, Jamaican housekeeper was pregnant and George was the father.

George married Rose. Their marriage proved a happy one and resulted in a daughter. For two years he worked with a commercial firm. Then a Baptist missionary named Thomas Comber asked that George be reinstated. The mission agreed, although it restricted George's spiritual role at first.

In time, George proved that the trust restored to him was not misplaced. One of his greatest services to the Congo was to acquire a steamboat and transport it to Stanley Pool on the Congo River. The boat was named *Peace*.

On the *Peace*, George chugged up the Congo and its tributaries, mapping the region and suggesting strategic locations for mission posts. The need for change was great. Everywhere that George went, he found brutality. Cannibalism was common. Sexual sin and alcoholism showed its face everywhere he went.

Witchcraft reigned, based on dreadful ignorance. Inhumane trials by torture and cruel punishments of all sorts were commonly used. The slave trade created misery everywhere. Nevertheless, George prevailed in faith. Dan Graves

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 Paynesville Bishop Jeffrey Driver, Lindy

Diocese of Rockhampton Bishop: Peter Grice

Missions Christian Blind Mission and all those who work with the blind

Special Focus

All those preparing for Confirmation or Welcome to Holy Communion.

Godparents, Grandparents and Sponsors.

Sacristans and all who are responsible for preparing our Churches for worship.

For welcomers and those who prepare and lead worship.

For our congregations as they seek to be inclusive.

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, 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, 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.

Especially the Butterfield family as they mourn the passing of Paul & the Dale family as they mourn the passing of Isabel.

Kongwak Uniting Church Service

This Sunday at 2:30pm - Speaker - Rev. Greg Jones

Ministry Team

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

Rector: Rev. Capt. Graeme Liersch 0417 513 390 (*Monday-Day Off*)
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Parish Council +

Retired Clergy: Rev's Anne Perryman 0438 345 349, John Davies 5672 4710,
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Amy Turner 0412 727 711

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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, Thur or Fri)

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

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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!

WINTER FEAST

The 10th annual Winter Feast will be held at The Abbey, Raymond Island, on Saturday 10 September 2022 starting at 12.00 noon. The cost will be \$60.00 per person. For further information and bookings please contact Anna at The Abbey on 5156 6580 or info@theabbey.org.au.

INFORMATION

Readings 28 Aug	Jeremiah 2.4-13	Psalm 81.1, 10-16
Pentecost 12	Hebrews 13.1-8,15-16	Luke 14.1,7-14
Tuesday 23 Aug	10:00 am – Ascension Inverloch – HC – Rev Amy 11:30am – Prayer Meeting – St George’s – Rev. Susan 1:30pm – Warden’s Meeting – Ascension Inv.	
Wednesday 24th Aug	10:00 am – St George’s Wonthaggi – HC – Rev. John 11:00 - 11:30 am Food Rescue @ St George’s	
Thursday 25th Aug	4:30pm – 5:30pm Carols meeting @ St George’s – Graeme 7.30pm – 8.30pm Worship Committee Meeting - Ascension	
Friday 26th Aug	11:00 - 11:30 am Food Rescue @ St George’s	
Sat 27th Aug	10:00am – 3:00pm ‘Friend to Friend’ – St George’s	

Rosters 28th Aug, Pentecost 12: Prayer, Praise & Proclamation

<i>Activity</i>	<i>St George’s</i>	<i>Church of the Ascension</i>
Bible Reader	John Davies	Sue Lester
Sides Person	Ron Osborne	Ted/Ray
Prayers	Alan Price	Marcia Smith
Service Leader	David Beischer	Rev Susan
Eucharistic Asst	Janette Elder	X
Musician	Renee	Sue Lester /Elise Watkins
Children’s Ministry	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, 7:30 pm at the Beischer’s.

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

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

Liersch’s – Tuesdays 4:00 pm @ Alan & Jills, Pound Creek, Inverloch.

Ph: 0407 343 876 for details.

Boer’s – Tuesdays 6:30 pm.

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

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

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!

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

Songs that Bless Your Heart

Will be held on Sunday 28th August 2022 and starts at 2.00 pm at the Wonthaggi Baptist Church, 2 Broome Crescent, Wonthaggi. Please bring a plate of afternoon tea to share.

BCA Spring Lunches

**GWAC (19 Sept), and Sandringham (20 Sept)
12 noon to 2pm. Lunch included.**

To book a seat got to:

www.bushchurchoaid.com.au/vicspringgatherings

For Your Notes!