



# 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 – 24th August**

### **Prayer, Praise & Proclamation**



**Last month during our P.P.P. service worshipers were encouraged to write their own prayers, which many of you did.**

But did you know there is such a thing as corporate prayer?

This is where the congregation prays about a certain issue and are one about it. **It is the body of Christ praying.**

**Today we learn more about corporate prayers and how to write them.**

This is particularly useful when it comes to leading the prayers in church.

**It is important that at the end of the prayer we can all say:  
"Amen".**

Please join in as we gather in groups and write prayers for the combined service next week.

**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.**

### Hope Collect:

God of Hope, you call on us to be your witnesses in this uncertain world; by your Spirit awaken in us a true vision of your kingdom, a greater certainty of our salvation, and a deeper dedication to your service; that through our words and actions the same Spirit may bring many who are lost to be found, and for them to celebrate the hope that we can only have in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

**Amen**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### Old Testament Reading

#### **Jeremiah 1.4-10**

<sup>4</sup> The word of the Lord came to me, saying, <sup>5</sup> '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.' <sup>6</sup> 'Alas, Sovereign Lord,' I said, 'I do not know how to speak; I am too young.' <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,' declares the Lord. <sup>9</sup> Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, 'I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup> 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

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

<sup>2</sup> In your righteousness rescue and deliver me: **incline your ear to me and save me.**

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

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

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

<sup>6</sup> 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**

<sup>18</sup> You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; <sup>19</sup> 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, <sup>20</sup> because they could not bear what was commanded: 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death.' <sup>21</sup> The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, 'I am trembling with fear.' <sup>22</sup> 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, <sup>23</sup> 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, <sup>24</sup> to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. <sup>25</sup> 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? <sup>26</sup> 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.' <sup>27</sup> The words 'once more' indicate the removing of what can be shaken – that is, created things – so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup> for our 'God is a consuming fire.'

*This is the word of the Lord,*

***Thanks be to God***

### **Gospel**

#### **Luke 13.10-17**

<sup>10</sup> On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, 'Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.' <sup>13</sup> Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God. <sup>14</sup> 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.’ <sup>15</sup> 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?’ <sup>16</sup> 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?’ <sup>17</sup> 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.*

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## **BIBLE DISCOVERY GROUPS**



**Davies’ Group**: Thursday, 1:30pm at St George’s Hall. Contact John Davies for more details.

**Liersch’s Group**: Tuesday, 4:00pm at Jill & Alan Price’s, Inverloch.

**Tonya’s group**: Speak to Rev Susan on 0427 099 391 for information on time and venue.

***Interested in being part of a Bible Study Group?***

*Then let Graeme, Susan or Leah in the office know.  
We’re hoping to start a new group soon.*

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## **CRAFT GROUP**

A ladies craft Group meets at St George’s, Wonthaggi, 2.00 pm on the last Wednesday of each month. Next craft day is the 27<sup>th</sup> of August. **All Welcome!**  
Come along and work on your crafts and have a chat.



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## **Inverloch & Wonthaggi Church Working Bees**

Church of the Ascension - The 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the Month @ 10.00 am. The next is September 1st

St George’s –The 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month

@ 10.00 am the next will be Saturday September 6<sup>th</sup>.

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 Ray & Liz for more details at Inverloch*

*Please speak with Leah for more details at St George’s*

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## **PRAY FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY CONFLICT**

Almighty and Everlasting God: thank you for your everlasting love toward us; we thank you for the present cease fire in Gaza and ask that it will continue. We lift up those in the Holy Land who are victims of the current conflict, and ask that you might empower your Church to bring healing to the wounded, relief to the suffering, and comfort to those who mourn; please bring an end to terrorism, and that all will 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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**You can now pay for books and other items purchased through the church by using Pay ID**

**Parish Pay ID Identifier:** angparish3995@gmail.com

*Please insert your name as reference and email address if a receipt is required.*

### **[The How to of Pay ID](#)**

*To send Money with PayID - Log into your Bank's App or Online Banking, Navigate to the payment section, and select the option to pay by PayID.*

*Enter the above PayID identifier and you'll see the parish's name for confirmation before completing the transfer.*

*Confirm and send - the payment will arrive within minutes.*

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## **SAMARITAN'S PURSE – OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

**Christmas Shoeboxes are still available.**

*Boxes are \$1.00 each and Cost to send is \$12:50*

*Put your name & number of boxes required on the list at the back of the church.*

**Note! - No Soap Please**

**Please read instructions carefully.**

*Boxes need to be returned by 13 October, thank you.*



## **ON THIS DAY: Rome Fell but a Christian Classic Arose**



**On this day, August 24, 410**, the city of Rome, once master of the Mediterranean, fell to Alaric and his Visigoth armies.

In the sack of Rome, Christians died alongside pagans. Some Christian women suffered rape, although the Visigoths claimed to be Christians, too. Some of these women killed themselves for shame. Others fled to North Africa as

refugees, where they were taunted by pagans, who asked them why their God did not protect them or accused them of cowardice for not killing themselves.

Why had Christians suffered in the taking of Rome? According to the Bible, God would have spared Sodom if there had been just ten righteous souls in it. Yet here was a city with thousands of Christians--a major church centre, too--and yet God allowed it to be ravaged. Pagans blamed Christian pacifists.

Various people put this question to the greatest living Christian thinker of the day, Augustine of Hippo. He responded by writing a masterpiece, *The City of God and the City of Man*. This was the world's first "modern" history in the sense that it offered an explanation showing that events have "purpose," or destination.

Augustine pointed out that the barbarian invaders had spared most of the churches and that even pagans had taken refuge in the Christian churches. Christians had always suffered and would always suffer, in this world, he noted. To phrase it in modern cliché, God had never promised the Christian a bed of roses. To Augustine's way of thinking, the fall of Rome was less important than it seemed. What was really going on was a far deeper warfare--the war between God's kingdom and man's; if God's kingdom was not clearly distinguishable in this world, it is because not everyone who says they are a Christian really is. To the heathen who blamed Christianity for the downfall of the Empire, Augustine showed that pagan practices were at fault for the weakness of the empire.

In book Two, Chapter four, Augustine asked, "...Why were the gods so negligent as to allow the morals of their worshippers to sink to so low a depth?...why did not those gods...lay down moral precepts that would help their devotees to lead a decent life?"

In chapter twenty-one of the same book he notes: "However great and good your natural gifts may be, it takes true piety to make them pure and perfect; with impurity they merely end in loss and pain."

That much good, at least, came out of Alaric's sack of Rome. *Dan Graves.*

[www.christianity.com/church/church-history/timeline/301-600/rome-fell](http://www.christianity.com/church/church-history/timeline/301-600/rome-fell)

## **Intercessory Prayers:**

***Please pray with us for:***

**Our Bishop:** Richard Treloar & Leanne

**Our Rector:** Graeme & Susan

**Parish of Tambo** Brian Norris, Kerrie Schmidt

**Hospitals and Hospital Chaplains:** Sale: Heather Toms, Max  
Bairnsdale:

**Fulham Prison and Chaplain:** Damien King & Rebecca

**Police Chaplains:** Amy Turner, Jude Benton, Kate Campbell,  
Fran Grimes, Paul Woodcock

**Diocese of The Murray** Bishop: Keith Dalby

**Special Focus** Police, Prisoners and their families  
Victims of Violent Crime  
All restorative justice programs

**Our Link Missionaries** – BCA, Topher & Chica Hallyburton – ‘Alice Springs’  
CMS, Lauren Raiter – ‘Spain’

**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, Chris Peters, James, Murray, Doug, Ron & Pam Lawson, Jetter & family, Simone, Mark, Don & Cecily, Murray & Vickie, Robin, Tania, Russell, Elijah, Rodney W, Luke M, Terry, Micah, John G, Phil, Elizabeth H, Jenny Rivers, Marnie Fletcher, Matt Fletcher, Barbara Manns, Valerie & Graeme Reid, Susan F, Florence H, Pauline, Jenny, Rita, Peter, Elizabeth M, Jill, Robert, Dianne B, Dianne, Alison, Ian & Wendy, Julie Hartnett, Brett, Kym, Stephen, Brad, Lia.

**We give thanks for the faithful departed.** We thank you Lord for the lives of Ruth Hall, Norma Paige & Mary Finlay and all those who have gone before us. Please comfort all families & friends who are grieving at this time the loss of loved ones, especially the families of Ruth Hall, Norma Paige & Mary Finlay.

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## **INFORMATION**

<b><u>Readings</u> Sun 31st August Pentecost 12</b>	Jeremiah 2.4-13 Romans 3.21-31	Psalms 81.1, 10-16 Luke 14.1, 7-14
<b>Tuesday August 26<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 am – Ascension – H.C. – Rev Liam Matthews 11:00 am – Opal Coast Care H.C. – Rev. Graeme 11:30 am - Prayer group – Inverloch	
<b>Wednesday August 27<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 am – St George's - H.C. – Rev. Graeme	
<b>Friday August 29th</b>	10:30 am – Rose Lodge Service – Liz Watkins 3:00 pm - Carol's Meeting – Inverloch – Liz Watkins	

### **Rosters: August 31st – Pentecost 12 – Holy Communion**

<b><u>Activity</u></b>	<b><u>St George's</u></b>	<b><u>Church of the Ascension</u></b>
<b>Bible Reader</b>	X	Mal Fletcher
<b>Sides Person</b>	X	Ray Smith
<b>Prayers</b>	X	Marcia Smith
<b>Service Leader</b>	X	Liz Watkins
<b>Eucharistic Assist</b>	X	Liz Watkins
<b>Musician</b>	X	Tonya/Elise
<b>Children's Ministry</b>	X	Rev Susan

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

## **CONTINUING WAR IN UKRAINE**

Please continue to pray for Alison Giblets (CMS UK) and her safety.

### Her Prayer Requests:

- An end to the War and deliverance for Ukraine.
- Protection for those who are defending the country.
- Protection for electrical power stations.
- For both physical and spiritual strength.
- That Schools will continue to function well.
- That many will hear and accept the Word of God for salvation.





## **MAF FUEL FOR FATHER'S DAY**

We will again this year be participating in the MAF Fuel for Father's Day Program and all the information is on the table at the back of the church.

When the equivalent of one jerrycan (just \$50) gets poured into our aircraft, we are fuelled for a flight that replaces days of travel on foot. For isolated communities, these short flights have saved many lives.




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## **Memory Cafe Inverloch Uniting Church**

Inverloch Uniting is launching a monthly Memory Cafe: Cuppa, Chat & Music  
Wednesday 17th September 10.30-11.30 am (3rd Wednesday of the month)

The cafe is a Dementia friendly and safe space. All are welcome. Let your friends and family know about this new supportive environment.

Enjoy a delicious morning tea - Gold coin donation.

Enquiries: Janet 0455 028 949



## NEXT COMBINED SERVICE– INVERLOCH

**Time & Date:** 10am, 31<sup>st</sup> of August

*Followed by a Congregational Meeting and then lunch*

**Inverloch Parishioners**, please bring a main course

**Wonthaggi Parishioners**, please bring a dessert.



For more details please speak with Wendy (Inv') & Leah (Won')

**Please come, have your say and some fellowship.**



## **Psychological First Aid/Emotional Spiritual Care – Wonthaggi – 11 October 2025**

The training course is a 2-stage process involving;

1. Self- paced learning and completion of the workbook.

*This material must be completed at least 3 days prior to*

*attending the training day.*

2. Face to Face Practical Training

**This training will be face to face from 9:00 – 4:00** with multi learning modes including practical scenarios



**Note!** Completion of the workbook and attendance at the training are essential prerequisites for application for registration with VCC Emergencies Ministry.

*Successful registration will require the completion of safety checks including a National Criminal History Check, WWCC and referee reports and will occur after the training has been completed.*

## THE ABBEY WINTER FEAST 2025

Come and celebrate with other Friends of The Abbey as we enjoy the chefs' gourmet creations - a 3 course meal, with wine: \$60 per person.

Musical Interlude – Harpist Dr Cath Connelly

12 noon Saturday 30th August 2025

*Funds raised are for the operation The Abbey*

1-25 First Parade, Raymond Island 3880

**To book or further information Phone: The Abbey on (03) 5156 6580 or**

**Email: [info@theabbey.org.au](mailto:info@theabbey.org.au)**

## **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:** Leah Mesley

**Parish Council +**

**Retired Clergy:** Rev's John Davies 5672 4710, Liam Matthews 0411 339 344,  
& Rev. Canon Amy Turner 0412 727 711

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

**People's Wardens:** Robert Mesley 0416 246 349

Liz Watkins 0404 379 005      Ray Smith 0419 315 198

**Parish Treasurer:** Geoff Boer

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

**Parish Postal Address:** PO Box 201, Wonthaggi 3995. Phone: 5672 4590

**Welfare Support:** Rev. Graeme

**Food Rescue:** Ron Osborne

**Prayer requests for prayer chain:** Jill Price 0409 745 554

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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!*



### **Next Men's Breakfast**

**Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> September 8am at St George's**  
**Please let Graeme know if you're coming or**  
**register online at**

**[https://www.basscoastanglican.org.au/event-  
details/mens-breakfast-2025-05-03-08-00](https://www.basscoastanglican.org.au/event-details/mens-breakfast-2025-05-03-08-00)**

**Or use the QR Code.**



**Gossip**, just hearing the word raises negative pictures in my mind and no doubt it does the same to many others.

Gossip in today's world is not good, we use it to undermine and pull down people, it is destructive, yet we all do it, sometimes without realizing.



But not all gossip has to be negative, it can in fact be positive, it's something we call positive gossip.

Want to hear some positive gossip, well have I got a good one for you.

**I know of this roughly 15 year old girl who became pregnant in an unusual way.** They say the Holy Spirit came upon her and after 9 months she had a baby boy. Apparently her boyfriend, who was planning to marry her, decided that he would bug out and not go through with it. But for some strange reason he changed his mind and married her anyway.

Rumour has it that they named the baby boy Jesus and that He is the Son of God. Come on, seriously, how can that be?

Why would God do something like that?

They say God loves us and wants a personal relationship with us.

Now that is interesting!

**Have you heard anything about this? Do you have some up to date gossip on it?**

What I've heard lately is that this baby has had a huge impact on many people's lives. I've even heard people want to follow Him, because they feel so safe and secure when with Him.

Have you heard anything about these people? Or are you one of them?

Anon!