



Anglican Church of Australia

Diocese of Gippsland

(Committed in Christ, Connecting in Service & Creative in Spirit)

Parish of Wonthaggi & Inverloch

St. George's,

The Church of the Ascension

McBride Ave., Wonthaggi

4-6 The Crescent, Inverloch

Bunurong Country

ABN: 18 842 576 826



Easter 4 – April 21st 2024

Holy Communion



What would it take for you to take a bullet for someone else?

It's a big call: would you take time to think about it or would you do it by instinct?

It doesn't really matter whether you think about it or not because it's all about the act of doing it, the sacrificial giving.

Jesus had plenty of time to think about what He was doing; His act was cool and calculated with a fierce determination.

His instinct was to protect His own, us, who worship Him. He has taken a bullet for all of us. That is true love.

As we approach ANZAC day we are reminded of many who have given their life for others, sometimes by pure instinct.

However, despite their bravery and sacrifice there is no one who can compare to the bravery and Sacrifice of Christ Jesus who gave for all.

Rev. Graeme

Sentence

'No one has greater love than this, than to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends,' says the Lord, 'if you do what I command you.' *John 14.13-14*

Prayer of the Day

Jesus, good shepherd of the sheep,
by whom the lost are sought and guided into the fold:
feed us and we shall be satisfied,
heal us and we shall be whole,
and lead us that we may be with you,
where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 4.5-12

⁵ The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. ⁶ Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. ⁷ They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: 'By what power or what name did you do this?' ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: 'Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹ If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰ then know this, you and all the people of Israel: it is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹ Jesus is "*the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.*" ¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.'

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God

Psalm 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd:
therefore can I lack nothing.

² He will make me lie down in green pastures: **and lead me beside still waters.**

³ He will refresh my soul: **and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.**

⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: **for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.**

⁵ You spread a table before me in the face of those who trouble me: **you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.**

⁶ Surely your goodness and loving-kindness will follow me all the days of

my life: **and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

Second Reading

1 John 3.16-24

¹⁶ This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. ¹⁹ This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰ if our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²² and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴ The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: we know it by the Spirit he gave us.

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

Gospel Reading

John 10.11-18

¹¹ 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ 'I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me – ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life – only to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.'

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

The Church of the Ascension is turning 100



From Sunday the 5th - 12th of May, we will be celebrating the Church's birthday by holding special events and a week-long mission led by SOMA Australia.

Please keep the week free and join with us in celebrating. For more details & to register for events, go to Events on our Website or speak with Wendy or Graeme.



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

WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

Big Kids Table invites you to learn more about parenting in the area of Sex, Relationships and God.

Date: 26th April 2024. **Venue:** St George's Anglican Church, Wonthaggi
Time: 7pm – 9 pm. **Cost:** \$30 per family (fee relief available on request)
Registration: <https://basscoastanglican.org.au/event-details/youth-children-and-the-questions-about-sex-relationships-god-workshop-for-parents>.

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 conflicts, 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.

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.

FACING LIFE'S STORMS

In a world where masculinity sounds more and more like a swear word, knowing how to be a man has become a journey without a destination. Join us as we hear from Carl Beech and Steve Martin about the gutsiest man who ever lived and how he redefines what it is to be a real man.

Where: Leongatha Presbyterian Church

13 Turner Street, Leongatha

When: Thursday 23 May 2024

6.00 pm Food. 7.00 pm start.

Cost: \$10.00. Burger and Chips plus Drink

For more information contact David Beischer on 0408 629 494

NEXT WIN EVENT

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

Intercessory Prayers:

Please pray with us for:

Our Bishop: Richard Treloar & Leanne

Our Rector: Graeme & Susan

Parish of Paynesville Dennis Webster, Heather Toms – Associate Priest

Diocese of Central QLD: Bishop: Peter Grice

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

Our Link Missionaries:

Lauren Raiter: CMS – In Spain and studying Spanish.

Topher & Chica Hallyburton & Family: BCA – Alice Springs

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 those who Welcome and those who prepare and lead worship
- For our Congregations as they seek to welcome all.

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.

ON THIS DAY: Dwight L. Moody Was Converted



Dwight L. Moody didn't attend school beyond the fifth grade; he couldn't spell, and his grammar was awful. His manners were often brash and crude and he never became an ordained minister. Yet, Dwight L. Moody was used by God to lead thousands of people to Christ. Moody's life of Christian service began with his conversion **on this day, April 21, 1855.**

Dwight came to Boston as a teenager from Northfield, Massachusetts, and he felt all alone in the big city. The boy was desperate for work. An uncle took him on as a shoe salesman--on condition that he *'be obedient and that he attend Mt. Vernon Congregational Church'*.

The young man had been raised in a Unitarian church which denied the full divinity of Christ and did not emphasize human need for salvation from sins. Now Dwight heard about those things. But he decided that he wanted to enjoy the pleasures of the world and wait to get saved until just before he died.

However, the kindness of his Sunday School teacher, Edward Kimball, turned young Moody into his life-long friend, and encouraged him to persist in his church attendance and regular Bible reading. Though Moody did try to read the Bible, he couldn't understand it. Kimball later said he had never seen anyone whose mind was as spiritually dark as Dwight's.

That changed **on this day, April 21, 1855.** Kimball came to the shoe store to ask Dwight to commit his life to Christ. Dwight listened closely and became a Christian that day. Immediately he began sharing his faith with others, including his own family.

And at first Dwight wasn't allowed to become a church member. Asked what Christ had done for him, the nervous boy replied that he wasn't aware of anything particular. Leaders felt that was an unacceptable answer.

When Moody later moved to Chicago he wandered the streets to find young boys to bring to his Sunday School class. He had a passion for saving souls and determined never to let a day pass without telling someone the gospel of Jesus Christ. God used the converted shoe salesman to become the leading evangelist of his day. Estimates vary, but Dwight Moody is thought to have led as many as a million people to confess faith in Christ. Among his many achievements on either side of the Atlantic was the founding of Moody Bible Institute.

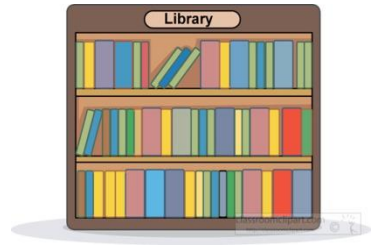
Dan Graves

www.christianity.com/church/church-history/timeline/1801-1900/dwight-l-moody

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.



Conditions of use

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.

The image shows two promotional posters. The left poster is for 'soma' (Sharing of Ministries Abroad) and is for an Anglican parish in Inverloch & Wonthaggi. It lists missional activities such as visiting speakers, teaching on Holy Spirit, Bible studies, healing services, and moving in gifts of the Spirit. The event is held from May 5-9, is free of cost, and is available at Somaau.org/Gippslandmission. Contact information includes admin@basscoastanglican.org.au and basscoastanglican.org.au. The right poster is for 'Anglicans Ablaze Australia' (ARNA - Anglican Renewal Network Australia). It features a large flame logo and is held from May 10-12. The cost is \$35 per person (including lunch) and \$30 for Conc. or Clergy. Contact information includes Anglicansablaze.org.au, info@Anglicansablaze.org.au, and a QR code.

Inverloch Church Working Bee

To be held regularly on the 1st 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.



INFORMATION

Readings Sun April 28 5th Sunday Easter	Acts 8.26-40 1 John 4.7-21	Psalm 22.26-32 John 15.1-8
Tuesday April 23rd	10:00 am – Ascension – H.C. – Rev Graeme 11:00 am – Opal Coast Care – H.C. – Rev. Graeme 11:30 am – Ascension – Prayer meeting.	
Wednesday April 24th	10:00 am – St George’s - H.C. - Rev. John	
Thursday April 25th	ANZAC Day	
Friday April 26th	7:00 pm Workshop for Parents - St George’s	

Rosters 28th April, Prayer, Praise & Proclamation

<u>Activity</u>	<u>St George’s</u>	<u>Church of the Ascension</u>
Bible Reader	Robert Mesley	Mal Fletcher
Sides Person	John Davies	Ray/Ted
Prayers	Fiona McKenzie	Ray Smith
Service Leader	Rev Susan	Rev Susan
Eucharistic Assist	X	X
Musician	Renee/Richard/Fiona	Sue/Elise
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

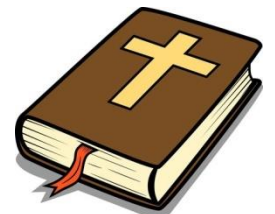
Please check with leaders for further details.

Liersch’s: Tuesdays 4:00 pm – Geoff & Jennifer Boer’s Cape Paterson. 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

Youth & Young Families

Minister: Rev. Susan Liersch 0427 099 391 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

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!

PRAYER GROUPS

Inverloch, every week, Tuesdays, at 11.30 am, and
Wonthaggi, every fortnight, Thursdays, at 11.30 am – (18th April)
For further info', contact Rev. Susan

The Church of the Ascension is Turning

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Looking Back yet Looking Forward



DEAR

**YOU'RE INVITED!
PLEASE JOIN US ON SUNDAY THE 5TH
MAY AND/OR THE 9TH OF MAY**

Inverloch Centenary Week & Mission

5-12 May 2024

ACTIVITIES

- Sun 5 May** Combined service commencing at 10am, 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.
Sari & Renee's Bible Discovery Group with Bishop Ian & Jill Lambert.
Topic: *"The Journey of self-discovery in God"*
- Tues 7 May** Mission Activity
10am Holy Communion – Church of the Ascension
Tuesday 4-6pm Afternoon Bible Discovery with Bishop Ian & Jill Lambert.
Topic: *"The Journey of self-discovery in God"*
- Wed 8 May** Mission Activities
Something for the 'Mature'
Step Back in Time – 2pm – 4pm @ Church of Ascension
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: Rev
Thursday 1:30pm – 3:30pm Afternoon Bible Discovery Group
Wonthaggi with Bishop Ian & Jill Lambert
Topic: *"The Journey of self-discovery in God"*
Ascension Day Celebration Service, 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
Family Movie Evening: *Voyage of the Dawn Treader* 6:30pm – 8pm
- Sun 12 May** Mission Concludes with 9:00am Service

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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