



Anglican Church of Australia

Diocese of Gippsland

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Parish of Wonthaggi & Inverloch

**St. George's,
McBride Ave., Wonthaggi**

**The Church of the Ascension
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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost – 11th September

Morning Prayer

Today we remember Queen Elizabeth II

(See pg 10)



The Parable of the lost Sheep – we know it so well.

The shepherd leaves the 99 and goes out to find the lost one – when he finds it he rejoices for he has found the one who was lost.

Often we pride ourselves on how thoughtful we are toward other people, even our food rescue program can mislead us into thinking we are doing an extraordinary thing. But how serious are we about helping find the lost sheep – those who belong to Jesus and are in danger of being lost for eternity? I suggest that we are not that serious about it, why? Because things of this world distract us.

Fortunately the owner of His flock, Jesus, continues to search for the lost. How about we join Him and help make a difference.

Sentence

I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

Luke 15.10

Collect

Undaunted you seek the lost, O God,
exultant you bring home the found:
touch our hearts with grateful wonder
at the tenderness of your forbearing love;
grant us delight in the mercy that has found us;
and bring all to rejoice at the feast of forgiven sinners.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. **Amen**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 4.11-12, 22-28

¹¹ At that time this people and Jerusalem will be told, 'A scorching wind from the barren heights in the desert blows towards my people, but not to winnow or cleanse; ¹² a wind too strong for that comes from me. Now I pronounce my judgments against them.' ²² 'My people are fools; they do not know me. They are senseless children; they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil; they know not how to do good.' ²³ I looked at the earth, and it was formless and empty; and at the heavens, and their light was gone. ²⁴ I looked at the mountains, and they were quaking; all the hills were swaying. ²⁵ I looked, and there were no people; every bird in the sky had flown away. ²⁶ I looked, and the fruitful land was a desert; all its towns lay in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger. ²⁷ This is what the Lord says: 'The whole land will be ruined, though I will not destroy it completely. ²⁸ Therefore the earth will mourn and the heavens above grow dark, because I have spoken and will not relent, I have decided and will not turn back.'

"This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 14

¹ Fools have said in their hearts ‘There is no God’: **they have all become vile and abominable in their doings, there is not one that does good.**

² The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of Adam: **to see if there were any who would act wisely and seek after God.**

³ But they have all turned out of the way, they have all alike become corrupt: **there is none that does good, no not one.**

⁴ Are all the evildoers devoid of understanding: **who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not pray to the Lord?**

⁵ They shall be struck with terror: **for God is with the company of the righteous.**

⁶ Though they frustrate the poor in their hopes: **surely the Lord is their refuge.**

⁷ O that deliverance for Israel might come forth from Zion: **when the Lord turns again the fortunes of his people, then shall Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.**

New Testament Reading:

1 Timothy 1.1-2, 12-19a

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Saviour and of Christ Jesus our hope, ² To Timothy my true son in the faith: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹² I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. ¹³ Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. ¹⁴ The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the worst. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. ¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen. ¹⁸ Timothy, my son, I am giving you this command in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by recalling them you may fight the battle well, ¹⁹ holding on to faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and so have suffered shipwreck with regard to the faith.

*This is the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God*

Gospel

Luke 15.1-10

¹ Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering round to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, 'This man welcomes sinners, and eats with them.' ³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ 'Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbours together and says, "Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep." ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who do not need to repent. ⁸ 'Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbours together and says, "Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin." ¹⁰ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

CMS SUTS - Summer Under The Son

19 - 21 January 2023

Bookings are now available *Put it in your diary today!*

There are six great speakers for SUTS: Richard Shumack, Wei-Han Kuan, Michelle Jackson, Claire Livingstone, Michael Collie and Peter Sholl. Wei-Han, Claire, Michelle and Michael will speak on The Road Less Travelled; Richard will help us better understand Islam and Peter is the next International Director for CMS Australia.

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

On This Day: Ludwig's Kindness Backed Elizabeth

Ludwig, Landgrave (Count) of Thuringia (in Hungary) listened with amusement to his darling wife Elizabeth. "We could serve God better if we weren't so rich," she said. "Instead of seven castles, all we need is enough land for a single plow and a couple hundred sheep."

Although Elizabeth of Hungary is well known for her saintly ways, her husband Ludwig is also considered a saint. Not only did he wholeheartedly support his wife's charities, he did good out of his own heart. The two rode together over the countryside, ravaged by recent wars, doing what they could to ease its people's misery.

Ludwig (or Louis) was especially concerned for justice. Like a good ruler, when his merchants were robbed in Poland, he rode with his army and forced the citizens of Lubitz to make restitution. He did the same thing with Wurtzburg.

Ludwig chose to marry Elizabeth. She had been designated for an older brother who died. Some of his family considered her too religious to make a good wife and tried to discourage the match. But Ludwig admired her **holiness**.

Elizabeth dearly loved her husband and missed him greatly when he rode off to assist Emperor Frederick II in 1226. That was a hard winter and the people suffered terribly, eating tree bark to stay alive. Elizabeth set up food lines and raided the treasury to feed them. On Ludwig's return, the treasurer complained at her "extravagance."

Elizabeth defended herself, saying, "I gave to God what was His and God has kept for us what was ours." "Let her do good and give God whatever she will, so long as she leaves me Wartburg and Neuenburg," Ludwig told his tight-fisted servant. Another time, his angry mother took Ludwig up to see his bed. He found a leper lying there. Ludwig almost lost his temper, but then he saw in the leper the form of Christ. Instead of raging at Elizabeth, the thoughtful young husband supplied his wife with the resources to open Europe's first leprosarium.

In 1227, Ludwig set out to fulfill a vow by going on a crusade. Elizabeth had a premonition that he would never return. And that proved to be the case. Ludwig caught malaria in Otranto, Italy. When the end drew near, he was given the last **sacraments**. Perhaps he was hallucinating, but the room seemed full of white doves to him. "I must fly away with these white doves," he said.

Although never officially named a saint, Ludwig is considered one by the common people. He is especially remembered on this day, **September 11**. Dan Graves

www.christianity.com/church/church-history/timeline/1201-1500/ludwigs-kindness

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 Korumburra: Fran Grimes

Missions: NHMF – National Home Mission Fund

Special Focus:

The Poor and those in need – the hungry and famine-stricken

All Organisations Engaged in Overseas Aid

Asylum Seekers and Refugees

Displaced persons

ARDFA

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, Jeter, 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, Ellen W, 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.

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

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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!

'WIN' FASHION PARADE

Kay's Classic Fashions

On Tuesday 20th September at Church of the Ascension

Everyone welcome \$6 – includes a delicious afternoon tea

You can book in online at

<https://www.basscoastanglican.org.au/event-details/>

INFORMATION

Readings 18 Sept Pentecost 15	Jeremiah 8.18-9.1 1 Timothy 2.1-10	Psalm 79.1-9 Luke 16.1-13
Tuesday 13th	10:00 am – Ascension Inverloch – MP 11:30am – Prayer Meeting – Ascension – Rev. Susan	
Wednesday 14th	10:00 am – St George's Wonthaggi – HC - Rev. John 11:00 - 11:30 am Food Rescue @ St George's	
Friday 16th	11:00 - 11:30 am Food Rescue @ St George's	

Rosters 18th Sept, Pentecost 15: Holy Communion

<u>Activity</u>	<u>St George's</u>	<u>Church of the Ascension</u>
Bible Reader	Alan Price	Bob Delahoy
Sides Person	Robert Mesley	Ted/Ray
Prayers	Alan/Jill Price	Ray Smith
Service Leader	Rev Anne	Rev Anne
Eucharistic Asst	Janette Elder	
Musician	Jan Kershaw	Sue Lester
Children's Ministry	Rev Anne/Jill Price	Rev. Anne(talk)

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, 7:30pm at the Beischer's.
196 Chisholm Rd, Wonthaggi. Ph 0437 070 579 for details.

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

Liersch's – Tuesdays 4pm @ Alan & Jills, Pound Creek, Inverloch.
Ph: 0407 343 876 for details.

Boer's – Tuesdays 6:30pm. **(In recess until Geoff & Jennifer return)**
Contact Geoff or Jennifer on 0431 440 073 for further details.

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

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 the first week of October.

MISSION BOXES

Please return Mission Boxes by Monday 19th Sept so proceeds can be distributed by the end of the financial year (Sept 30th).

Australian Anglican Church Calendar 2023

The calendar is now available to order and if you would like a copy, please see Graeme.

ANGLICAN OVERSEAS AID - SRI LANKA CRISIS APPEAL

With the economic crisis in Sri Lanka continuing, the vulnerable and poor are increasingly affected. The crisis has led to an increase in inflation, reaching 76% in June 2022. As a result at least 56,000 children under five are experiencing severe acute malnutrition. LEADS is aiming to supply 5,000 vulnerable families with a food hamper each month (AU\$60) as they struggle to provide basic essentials during the crisis.

By donating to the Sri Lanka Appeal through the Rapid Response Fund, you can provide hope in this crisis.

To donate got to:

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

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!

Long live the King!

By now all should be aware that **Queen Elizabeth II** passed away, peacefully Thursday Afternoon (English time) at Balmoral Castle, Scotland, with her family gathered around her.

Queen Elizabeth was not only the Monarch of Great Britain & Northern Island, and the head of the Commonwealth, she was also the Supreme Governor of the Church of England and the Anglican Communion. In that role and as a committed Christian she has served the church of God well. She will be sadly missed by many, whether they be monarchists or republicans.

I for one, as both a Priest and a person who holds Her commission as an Officer in the Defence Force, will miss her gentleness in leadership.

I'm sure we all have our particular memories of her. In an unusual way my 2 encounters with her occurred in South Australia, the first when my RAAF Flight was the Guard of Honour for her in 1977 and the second when she landed in Adelaide in 1992. On that day I took the family to the airport to see her arrive.

Today, we have a new head of the Anglican Communion, King Charles III.

I therefore ask that you pray for Him, that he will develop a strong relationship with King Jesus and be the leader God desires Him to be. I also ask that you pray for him, his family and all who mourn the passing of our Queen.

Rev. Graeme