



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



Easter 3 – April 14th 2024

Morning Prayer



We're Children of God!

That's what John says in his first epistle.

How does that grab you?

Have you thought about what that really means?

If we are children of God, then we are like Jesus. If we're like Jesus, then whatever He did we can do also.

Essentially the implications are mind blowing.

However, unlike Jesus we can't die for all people's sin, in fact we don't have to, because He's already done that, we merely need to repent of our own sins and worship Christ who has made this possible.

How is your worship of Christ Jesus going?

Do you honour and adore Him continually? I pray so!

Rev. Graeme

Sentence

Turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord. *Acts 3.19–20*

Prayer of the Day:

Lord of life,
by submitting to death, you conquered the grave;
by being lifted upon the cross, you draw all peoples to you;
by being raised from the dead,
you restore to humanity all that was lost through sin:
be with us in your risen power,
that in word and deed we may proclaim
the marvellous mystery of death and resurrection.
For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 3.12-20

¹² When Peter saw this, he said to them: ‘Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go.

¹⁴ You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵ You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶ By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see. ¹⁷ ‘Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸ But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰ and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you – even Jesus.

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

Psalm 4

¹ Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness: **when I was hard-pressed you set me free; be gracious to me now and hear my prayer.**

² Children of earth, how long will you turn my glory to my shame: **how long will you love what is worthless and seek after lies?**

³ Know that the Lord has shown me his wonderful kindness: **when I call to the Lord he will hear me.**

⁴ Tremble, and do no sin: **commune with your own heart upon your bed and be still.**

⁵ Offer the sacrifices that are right: **and put your trust in the Lord.**

⁶ There are many who say 'Who will show us any good?: **the light of your countenance, O Lord, has gone from us.'**

⁷ Yet you have given my heart more gladness: **that they have when their corn, wine and oil increase.**

⁸ In peace I will lie down and sleep: **for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

Second Reading

1 John 2.15-17; 3.1-6

¹⁵ Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. ¹⁶ For everything in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life – comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷ The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives for ever.

^{3:1} See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³ All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. ⁴ Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. ⁵ But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. ⁶ No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

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

Gospel Reading

Luke 24.36b-48

³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' ³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, 'Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.' ⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, 'Do you have anything here to eat?' ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence. ⁴⁴ He said to them, 'This is what I told you while I was still with you: everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.' ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, 'This is what is written: the Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

WIN MEETINGS

The next meeting is on Tuesday 16th April 2024 at 11.30 followed by the Fashion Show at 1.30.

WIN Fashion Show

The next WIN Fashion Show will be on Tuesday the 16th of April, 1:30 pm
The Church of the Ascension, Inverloch. All Welcome!
Please register online using the QR code or phone either the
Church office on 5672 4590 or Wendy McBurnie on 0407574484



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.



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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.


19 April 2024 2.00 – 5.00 pm: St Peter's Anglican Church, 2 Bruce Street, **Leongatha**. Online registration is essential:
<https://www.trybooking.com/CPHAX>



 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



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.

Intercessory Prayers:

Please pray with us for:

Our Bishop: Richard Treloar & Leanne

Our Rector: Graeme & Susan

Parish of Maffra Vacant

Diocese of Melbourne Archbishop: Philip Freier

Bishops: Genieve Blackwell, Paul Barker, Brad Billings, Kate Prowd

Special Focus

Chaplains of the Defence Force

RAAF Chaplains – RAAF Base East Sale

Victims of War and Violence

Please comfort and heal all those suffering Our Link Missionaries:

Lauren Raiter: CMS – In Spain and studying Spanish.

Topher & Chica Hally Burton & Family: BCA – Alice Springs

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 and the Milner family as they grieve the passing of Rodney and all families & friends who are grieving at this time.

March financials

Income: \$16,433

Expenses: \$19,575

Offerings: \$15,955

ON THIS DAY: John Marbach Entered Reformation Fray



John Marbach was born at the most dramatic moment in Luther's stand against the corruption of the established church. The year before his birth, Pope Leo X issued the bull, *Exsurge Domine*, condemning 41 of Luther's propositions. Four days after Marbach's birth, Luther stood before an assembly in Worms, Germany and declared "Here I stand. I can do no other.

Maarbach became a Lutheran. Born on this day, April 14, 1521, his studies eventually took him to the University of Wittenberg. At eighteen years of age, he joined other students who sat at the dinner table of Dr. Martin Luther. Perhaps some of Luther's controversiality and intensity rubbed off on the pupil.

In 1545, he accepted a pulpit in Strasburg. Lutherans, Zwinglians, Calvinists, Schwenckfeldians, Anabaptists and other reformation groups worked there. In fact, John Calvin had founded a school in Strasburg when expelled from Geneva.

At first John Marbach worked well with the others, but as time went on, he began to insist on a strictly Lutheran theology. Through his zeal, he managed to force some of the other religious leaders out of town.

He didn't always get his own way, of course. When John Sturm established a school at Strasburg that upheld a more Calvinist view of the Lord's Supper than John Marbach liked, he led those who howled against Sturm. An arbiter decided in favour of Sturm.

Marbach was a staunch advocate of a uniform, consistent Lutheranism and a trainer of many pastors. He pushed for a standard hymn book, a common liturgy (order of worship), Luther's catechism and a statement of theology that would apply to all Lutherans. Because of this, he was a strong supporter of the Formula of Concord which set forth a theology that different factions of Lutherans could accept. He also helped restore the Lutheran Reformation to the Palatinate (a region along the Rhine) when its Calvinist ruler, Frederick III died.

All in all, Marbach was the kind of zealous and loyal Lutheran on whom the Lutheran Reformation was built in Germany.

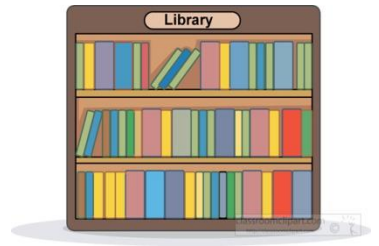
Dan Graves

www.christianity.com/church/church-history/timeline/1501-1600/john-marbach

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.



Does your heart need rekindling?

**Anglican parish
Inverloch & Wonthaggi**
Missional activities:

- Visiting speakers
- teaching on Holy Spirit
- Bible studies
- healing services
- moving in gifts of the Spirit

5-9 May | Cost: FREE
Entire program available at Somaau.org/Gippslandmission

admin@basscoastanglican.org.au
somaau.org basscoastanglican.org.au
contact@somaau.org



**Anglicans
Ablaze
Australia**

10-12 May | Cost \$35 pp (including lunch)
\$30 Conc. or Clergy

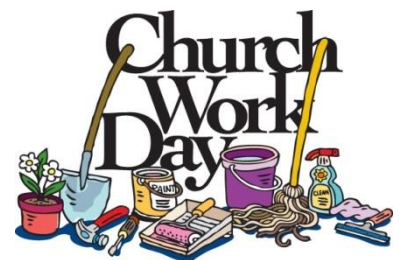
Anglicansablaze.org.au
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Inverloch Church Working Bee

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 21 4th Sunday Easter	Acts 4.5-12 1 John 3.16-24	Psalm 23 John 10.11-18
Tuesday April 16th	10:00 am – Ascension – H.C. – Rev Graeme 11:30 am – Ascension – Prayer meeting.	
Wednesday April 17th	10:00 am – St George’s - H.C. - Rev. Graeme 11:30 am – St George – Prayer meeting.	
Thursday April 18th	7:00 pm – ICC – Baptist Church	

Rosters 21st April, Holy Communion

<u>Activity</u>	<u>St George’s</u>	<u>Church of the Ascension</u>
Bible Reader	Aaron Brown	Elise Watkins
Sides Person	Alan Price	Ray/Ted
Prayers	Jennifer Boer	Marcia Smith
Service Leader	Rev Graeme	Sue Lester
Eucharistic Assist	Janette Elder	Sue Lester
Musician	Jan Kershaw	Ian/Elise
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

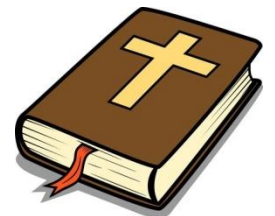
Please check with leaders for further details.

Liersch’s: Tuesdays 4:00 pm – Alan & Jill Price’s, Inverloch.
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**