



Anglican Church of Australia

Diocese of Gippsland

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Parish of Wonthaggi & Inverloch

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

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4-6 The Crescent, Inverloch**

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Day of Pentecost – 5th June



And the Holy Spirit came upon them!

Today we celebrate the birthday of the Christian church.

While it may not be the day when his followers celebrate Christ's resurrection, it is the day we celebrate the empowering of his followers so they could do the work of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

This day is a good witness to the call we have on our lives. Why? Sadly, there are some who think we don't have to do anything about furthering the gospel, they believe that God does it all. And in a sense, they are right. But God does use us, and as such we need to be open to his prompting and leading. Doing nothing is not an option. Jesus wants us to be available as his followers. This day is a reminder that we are the body of Christ and by allowing the Holy Spirit to work in us and through us we can do incredible things for his Kingdom, just as those in the early church did.

Come Holy Spirit!

Rev. Graeme

Sentence:

God's love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Romans 5.5

Collect

O God,
who in smoke and fire upon Mount Sinai gave the law to Moses,
and who revealed the new covenant in the fire of the Spirit:
grant, we pray,
that, kindled by that same Spirit
which you poured forth upon your apostles,
we may fulfil with joy your commandment of love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 2.1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. ⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: 'Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues! ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, 'They have had too much wine.' ¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ "'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see

visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104. 26-36

²⁶ Lord, how various are your works:
in wisdom you have made them all,
and the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁷ There is the wide, immeasurable
sea: there move living things without
number, great and small;

²⁸ There go the ships, to and fro:
and there is that Leviathan whom you
formed to sport in the deep.

²⁹ These all look to you: to give them
their food in due season.

³⁰ When you give it to them, they
gather it: when you open your hand
they are satisfied with good things.

³¹ When you hide your face, they are
troubled:

when you take away their breath, they
die and return to their dust.

³² When you send forth your spirit
they are created: and you renew the
face of the earth.

³³ May the glory of the Lord endure
for ever: may the Lord rejoice in his
works.

³⁴ If he look upon the earth, it shall
tremble: if he but touch the
mountains, they shall smoke.

³⁵ I will sing to the Lord as long as I
live: I will praise my God while I have
any being.

³⁶ May my meditation be pleasing to
him: for my joy shall be in the Lord.

2nd Reading

Romans 8.14-17

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father.' The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

This is the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

John 14.8-17

⁸ Philip said, 'Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.' ⁹ Jesus answered: 'Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰ Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. ¹⁵ 'If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you for ever – ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

This is the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

On This Day: Vladimir Led Ukrainians through Baptism



O God who created heaven and earth: Look down upon these new people and grant them to know You, the true God..." Just months before, the Russian prince who prayed this prayer had been a cruel and lustful playboy. He had even tried to impose a national pagan [religion](#) on his people. But Prince Vladimir's thinking had changed. If tradition is correct, it was on this day, June 5, 988, that he was baptized with hundreds of the men and women of Kiev.

It marked the rise of Orthodoxy in Russia. Vladimir's grandmother, Princess Olga, had earlier tried to make Christianity the official religion of her country but without much success. Yet she prayed earnestly for her grandson. Her hopes and prayers were rewarded. Vladimir turned to Christ. It became the boast of Russia that from that day forward (at least until the Communists took over) Russia was never without a recognized saint somewhere within its borders.

Before his conversion, say the old legends, Vladimir examined the great faiths of his age. He immediately rejected Judaism, saying that if they had so offended God that he would not allow them to return to their land, they were unfit to teach him. Islamic teachings on sex appealed to his playboy nature, but their restrictions on wine and swine disgusted him. Vladimir did not care for the Germans who brought Latin [Catholicism](#) his way. But an Orthodox teacher, who pointed to fulfilled scripture charmed him. He sent diplomats to observe the various faiths. When the agents who returned from Constantinople claimed that they had been almost transported to heaven during an Orthodox service in Hagia Sophia (Holy Wisdom), the most splendid church of the age, Vladimir opted for Orthodoxy.

Whether these stories from the ancient chronicle are true or not, there were good reasons for Vladimir to adopt the faith practiced by his immediate neighbors in Byzantium and East Europe. The East European languages were related to Russian and their lands were close to one another. The rich culture of Eastern Christianity also appealed to Russian tastes. Once adopted, Orthodoxy stamped the character of the Russian people. By it their land was transformed from pagan barbarism to become known as Holy Russia. Several times in Russian history, the church became the throbbing heart of the nation as it struggled against foreign invasion or occupation.

Vladimir's conversion seems to have been real. He took a genuine interest in Christianity and gave evidence that his heart had changed. Not only did he turn away from his former sexual pleasures, but he lost much of the careless cruelty that had marked him before. He even abandoned the death penalty.

And he himself prayed over baptismal candidates.

Dan Graves

www.christianity.com/church/church-history/timeline/901-1200/vladimir-led-ukrainians-through-baptism

Intercessory Prayers:

Please pray with us for:

Our Bishop Richard & Leanne

Our Rector: Graeme & Susan

Locum Tenens – Cathedral (Dec’ 21 – Jun’ 22): Liam Matthews & Madeleine
& Trafalgar – Greg Jones

Please give Liam wisdom as he leads the parish of Sale and Greg as he conducts services in the parish of Trafalgar, during these parish transitional periods and please keep them safe in their travelling.

Co-op. Parish of Churchill/Boolarra/Yinnar: Mrs. Cathie Halliwell U.C.

Gippsland Grammar School: *Principal:* Leisa Harper, Graham
Chaplain: Tim Gaden

St Paul’s Anglican Grammar School: *Principal:* Cameron Herbert
Senior Chaplain: Daniel Lowe, Helen *Associate Chaplain:* Dean Spalding
WJS Chaplain: Deana Board *TC Chaplain:* Glen Treble

Missions

ABM – (Anglican Board of Mission) John Deane

Diocese of Ballarat **Bishop:** Garry Weatherill

Special Focus School chaplains & Counsellors, Our State Schools
SS & RE teachers and all involved in religious education.

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, Mary A, Meredith, Richard B, Mary B, Lee, Paul Butterfield, Bev, Stuart, Vladimir, Erika, Rita, Elijah, Rodney & Geoffrey W, Luke M, Terry, Emily, Ian M^cBurnie, Graeme Peters & Samantha F.

We give thanks for the faithful departed.

Lord please comfort grieving families who are grieving the loss of loved ones. We especially bring before you Bob, Judy & Rhonda Delahoy as they grieve the passing of Wayne. We give thanks for his life and leave him in your care.

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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!

INFORMATION

Readings 12 June	Proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31	Psalm 8
Trinity Sunday	Romans 5.1-5	John 16.12-15
Tuesday 7th June	10:00 am – Church of the Ascension Inverloch – Rev Graeme 11:30 am – Ascension – Prayer Meeting – Rev. Susan	
Wednesday 8th	10:00 am – St George’s Wonthaggi – HC – Rev John 11:00-11:30am Food Rescue @ St George’s	
Thursday 9th June	7:30 pm Parish Council - Wonthaggi	
Friday 10th June	11:00-11:30 am Food Rescue @ St George’s	

Rosters 12th June, Trinity Sunday: Praise, Prayer & Proclamation

<u>Activity</u>	<u>St George’s</u>	<u>Church of the Ascension</u>
Bible Reader	June Hall	Wendy McBurnie
Sides Person	John Davies	Ted/Ray
Prayers	David Beischer	Ray Smith
Service Leader	Rev. Graeme	Liz Watkins
Eucharistic assistant	X	X
Musician	Rennai	Sue Lester/Elise Watkins
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: (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 for the next 6 weeks)*

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

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

Memorial Service

On Tuesday 14th June at 1:30pm there will be a Memorial Service at the Church of Ascension to celebrate the life of Judy and Bob’s son, Wayne Delahoy.

All are Welcome