



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



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany – 29th January

Holy Communion

with the Commissioning of Parish Council



The Beatitudes

They're sort of like a shopping list of what a servant of Christ should be like, but they could also be read as that which you should do to inherit the Kingdom of God.

To do that would be a mistake.

The beatitudes should be as a result of becoming Christian, not the other way round.

Micah had grasped the true meaning of the beatitudes, even before Christ spoke them: *What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.*

It is, after all, about having a relationship with God.

How's your relationship with God going?

Rev. Graeme

Sentence

Now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. *1 Corinthians 13.14*

Collect

Righteous God,
you confound the world's wisdom
by giving your blessing to the lowly and pure in heart:
give us such a hunger and thirst for justice
and perseverance in striving for peace,
that in our words and deeds
the world may see the promise of your kingdom,
which has been revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Micah 6.1-8

¹ Listen to what the Lord says: 'Stand up, plead my case before the mountains; let the hills hear what you have to say. ² 'Hear, you mountains, the Lord's accusation; listen, you everlasting foundations of the earth. For the Lord has a case against his people; he is lodging a charge against Israel. ³ 'My people, what have I done to you? How have I burdened you? Answer me. ⁴ I brought you up out of Egypt and redeemed you from the land of slavery. I sent Moses to lead you, also Aaron and Miriam. ⁵ My people, remember what Balak king of Moab plotted and what Balaam son of Beor answered. Remember your journey from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the Lord.' ⁶ With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? ⁸ He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

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

Psalm 15

¹ Lord, who may abide in your tabernacle: or who may dwell upon your holy hill?

² **Whoever leads an uncorrupt life and does the thing which is right: who speaks the truth from the heart, and has not slandered with the tongue;**

³ Who has done no evil to a friend: nor vented abuse against a neighbour;

⁴ **In whose eyes the worthless have no honour: but who makes much of those that fear the Lord;**

⁵ Whoever has sworn to a neighbour: and will not go back on that oath;

⁶ **Who has not put money to usury: nor taken a bribe against the innocent.**

⁷ Whoever does these things: shall never be overthrown.

New Testament Reading:

1 Corinthians 1.18-31

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written: 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.' ²⁰ Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²² Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. ²⁶ Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸ God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things – and the things that are not – to nullify the things that are, ²⁹ so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰ It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God – that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹ Therefore, as it is written: 'Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.'

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

Gospel

Matthew 5.1-12

¹ Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them. He said: ³ 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ 'Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

CMS Vic & the Vinicombe family

Please continue to pray for CMS Missionaries, Matt, Kate and their children; Bethany, Chloe and Amos.

Give thanks that:

- Kate is now in the Austin Hospital in Melbourne and receiving ongoing care in the Intensive Care Unit.
- Matt, Bethany, Chloe and Amos are safe in the CMS missionary flat in Mont Albert.

Pray for complete recovery for all, including:

- The cessation of Matt's headaches.
- No remaining mental trauma from the accident for any of them.
- Kate's full restoration to good health and ability.
- And Adaption to their current situation.

INFORMATION

Readings Feb 5th 5th Epiphany	Micah 1:1-5, 7:18-20 1 Corinthians 2.1-13	Psalm 112 Matthew 5.13-20
Tuesday 31st Jan	10:00 am – Ascension – H.C – Rev Liam 11:30am – Prayer Meeting – Inverloch 2:00pm – Funeral; Bill Finlay – St George’s, Wonthaggi.	
Wednesday 1st Feb	10:00 am – St George’s- H.C. Rev. Graeme 11:00 -11:30am – Food Rescue @ St Georges	
Thursday Feb 2nd	7:00pm - ICC	
Friday 3rd Feb	11:00 -11:30am – Food Rescue @ St Georges	

Rosters 5th February, Epiphany 5, Holy Communion

<u>Activity</u>	<u>St George’s</u>	<u>Church of the Ascension</u>
Bible Reader	Robert Mesley	Ray Smith
Sides Person	John Davies	Ray/Ted
Prayers	Jenny Rivers	Liz Watkins
Service Leader	David Beischer	Liz Watkins
Eucharistic Asst	Janette Elder	Liz Watkins
Musician	Jan Kershaw	Sue Lester
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:

Most Groups resume this coming week.

Please check with leaders for details.

Beischer’s – Wednesdays, 7:30pm at the Beischer’s.

196 Chisholm Rd, Wonthaggi. Ph 0437 070 579 for details.

Davies’ - Thursdays 1:30pm @ St George’s Hall. Ph: 5672 4710

Liersch’s – Tuesdays 4pm – Meeting this week – Pound Creek.

Ph: 0427 099 391 or 0407 343 876 for details.

Boer’s – Tuesdays 6:30pm.

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

Women of Faith – Ph: 0408 100 068 (Alycia) or 0427 099 391 (Susan) for details.

On This Day: Kate von Bora, Example for Lutheran Wives



Katherine von Bora viewed herself as a prisoner in the cloister of Marienthron. Luther's Reformation preaching had found its way behind the convent walls and she wanted out.

Her dad had brought her here when she was just a wee mite of three, when her mother died. She had been there all her eighteen years.

Born **on this day, January 29, 1499**, Katherine was destined to set the tone for **Lutheran** families. First she had to escape from her cloister. Luther had a hand in that. When he learned that Katherine and others wanted out, he conferred with a friend. Merchant Kopp often delivered herring to the convent. One evening in 1523, he bundled twelve nuns into his wagon in the empty fish barrels! Several nuns returned to their families; Luther helped find homes, husbands, or positions for the rest.

Within two years, all of the nuns had been provided for except one--Katherine. Gradually, through the persuasion of friends and his father--and Katie's own impish suggestion--Luther married her himself. She was 26, he was 42.

Luther was living in the Augustinian monastery at Wittenberg. Katie took over its operation in 1525, the year of her marriage. She cleaned the place up and brought order to Luther's daily life. After a year of marriage he wrote to a friend, *"My Katie is in all things so obliging and pleasing to me that I would not exchange my poverty for the riches of Croesus."*

Katie managed the family finances and freed Luther for writing, teaching, and preaching. Luther called her the **"morning star of Wittenberg"** since she rose at 4 a.m. to care for her many responsibilities. She took care of the vegetable garden, orchard, fishpond, and barnyard animals, even butchering the stock herself.

Had she not been a hard-working woman of pure character, the reformation might have suffered. For centuries, the Reformer's family served as a model for German families. Luther viewed marriage as a school for character: Family life helps train Christians in the virtues of fortitude, patience, charity, and humility. This is because all families have their problems, and his was no exception. In addition to their own six children and four orphans they raised, there were many students, guests, or boarders staying, all of which came under Katie's care.

Katie survived her husband by six years, dying in 1552. She lived to see all her children (except Magdalena, who had died aged fourteen) achieve positions of influence. One of the last things she said was *"I will cling to Christ like a burr on a topcoat."*

Dan Graves

Intercessory Prayers:

Please pray with us for:

Our Bishop: Richard & Leanne

Our Rector: Graeme & Susan

Defence Force Chaplaincy Bishop Grant Dibden

Special Focus: Widows, widowers and orphans, Single Parents,
Community Service Groups,
Community Health Centres,
Pensioners and Pensioner Organisations

Please comfort and heal all those suffering in Spirit, Soul or body, especially those affected by COVID 19 and other viruses. 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:

Matt Fletcher, Amy Davis, Chris Peters, Denise, James, Murray, Doug, Ron Lawson, Jeffer, 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, Elisabeth H, Portia, Suzie, Vivienne, Benjamine, Robert P, Jessica, Kirk & Susannah (*Give thanks for the safe delivery of their son*), Pam D, June R, John G & Albert, Rob Atkin.

We give thanks for the faithful departed and the life of Bill Finlay. Lord please comfort Bill's family as they mourn his passing .

GIPPSLAND YOUNGER ANGLICANS GATHERING

**at the Church of the Ascension in Inverloch
on 25th February 2023**

Commences at 10.am. Includes lunch on the beach and concludes with Eucharist and healing prayer.

For more information talk to Rev. Susan.

"Songs that Bless your hearts"

This Sunday at the Wonthaggi Baptist Church
29th January 2023, 2.00 pm.

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

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susanl@basscoastanglican.org.au

Pastoral Care Coordinator: Rev. Anne Perryman 0438 345 349

Parish Council +

Retired Clergy: Rev's Anne Perryman 0438 345 349, John Davies 5672 4710,
Greg Jones 0402437329, Liam Matthews 0411 339 344,
Amy Turner 0412 727 711

Lay Reader: Sue Lester 0418 529 662

Rector's Wardens: Alan Price 0407 343 876, Chris Walkerden 0429 336 154

People's Wardens: David Beischer 0408 629 494, Robert Mesley 0416 246 349
Liz Watkins 0404 379 005, Wendy McBurnie 0407 574 484

Parish Office Worker: Leah Mesley (2 mornings per week – Wed & Thur)

Parish Postal Address: PO Box 201, Wonthaggi 3995. 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: Jenny Rivers 0417287355

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!

Children's Church

Children's church resumes next Sunday.

For more details please speak with Rev. Susan. Ph: 0427 099 391

Next Sunday we begin a preaching series on the Book of Micah.

This will take us through to the week before Palm Sunday.



SAFE CHURCH REFRESHER WORKSHOP - CREATING SAFE SPACES

The Next Upcoming In-person Workshop is at Wonthaggi Baptist Church on Saturday 25th February 2023 from 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm. To register for yourself or for a group on this date visit this link:

https://events.humanitix.com/css-sat-feb-25-2023?_ga=2.130278156.2063222608.1674541775-1329469108.1674541775

Special Prayer Request!

MAF



Thank you for your prayers on behalf of Ryan and Annabel. God has been gracious in responding to those prayers. MAF's country director was given permission to personally visit Ryan.

Please continue to pray that Ryan will be released upon completion of the lengthy investigation.

If you desire to send words of encouragement to Annabel, they can be emailed at prayforpilotryan@maf.org. For the full update go to; <https://maf.org/press/an-update-on-pilot-ryan-koher/>

Brian Haig visit.

Brian is the author of 'The Sunday Journal' and will be paying a visit to Wonthaggi in Mid February.

For more details please ring
Rev. John Davies on 5672 4710

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Lenten Studies

With Lent approaching fast, now is the time to order your Lenten Studies. Please talk with Rev. Graeme for more info'.

For your Notes!