



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

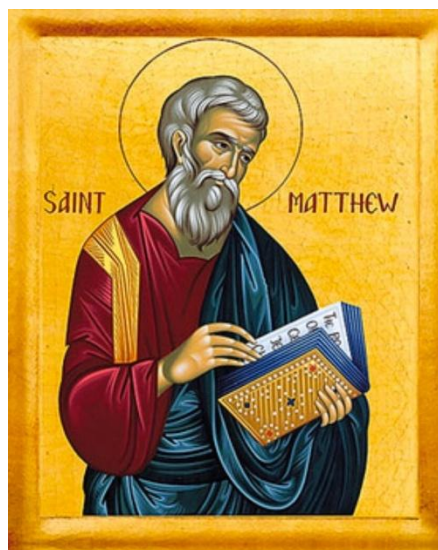
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Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist & Martyr – 21st September

Holy Communion



In recent weeks we've learnt about God's Righteousness from St Paul.

We've learnt that there are three principles of Righteousness; the Problem, Provision and Power and we've learnt there is a program of Righteousness as a result of God's sovereignty.

This week we look at the 'Practice of Righteousness'!

Yes we need to put this in to practise. How can we possibly do this?

There is no better place to look than at the Apostles and Disciples including St Paul.

It just so happens that today we remember St Matthew and his Practice of Righteousness. Have a read of page 6 of this News Bulletin to find out more about Matthew's Practise of Righteousness.

Rev. Graeme

Sentence

Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.
(Matthew 9:13)

Collect

God our Father, you called Abraham and Moses to lead your people into a promised land and filled them with your spirit: raise up leaders for your Church in this generation,
who will make your word known and be faithful stewards of your mysteries, that your people may be nourished with the word of life and bread of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hope Collect:

God of Hope, you call on us to be your witnesses in this uncertain world; by your Spirit awaken in us a true vision of your kingdom, a greater certainty of our salvation, and a deeper dedication to your service; that through our words and actions the same Spirit may bring many who are lost to be found, and for them to celebrate the hope that we can only have in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.
Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 3: 1-6

My child, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare they will give you. Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them round your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.
So you will find favour and good repute in the sight of God and of people. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 19:1-6

1 The heavens are telling the glory of God; **and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.**

2 Day to day pours forth speech, **and night to night declares knowledge.**

3 There is no speech, nor are there words; **their voice is not heard;**

4 yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,

5 which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; **and nothing is hidden from its heat.**

New Testament Reading:

Romans 12.1-8

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

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

Gospel

Matthew 9:9-13

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

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

BIBLE DISCOVERY GROUPS



Davies' Group: Thursday, [In recess over the school holidays.
Contact John Davies for more details.

Liersch's Group: Tuesday, 4:00pm at Jill & Alan Price's, Inverloch.

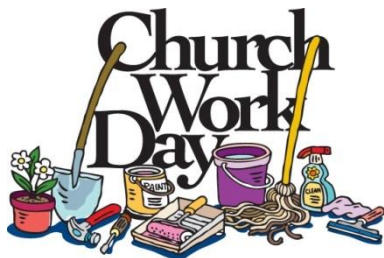
Tonya's group: Speak to Rev Susan on 0427 099 391 for information on time and venue.

Interested in being part of a Bible Study Group?

Then let Graeme, Susan or Leah in the office know.

We will be commencing a new group toward the end of October.

[Possibly Tuesday evenings at St George's - Day and time to be confirmed.]



Inverloch & Wonthaggi Church Working Bees

Church of the Ascension - The 1st Monday of the Month @
10.00 am. The next is October 6th

St George's - The 1st Saturday of the Month

@ 10.00 am the next will be Saturday October 4th.

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 Ray & Liz for more details at Inverloch

Please speak with Leah for more details at St George's

PRAY FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY CONFLICT

Almighty and Everlasting God: thank you for your everlasting love toward us; we thank you for the present cease fire in Gaza and ask that it will continue. We lift up those in the Holy Land who are victims of the current conflict, and ask that you might empower your Church to bring healing to the wounded, relief to the suffering, and comfort to those who mourn; please bring an end to terrorism, and that all will 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.**

SAMARITAN'S PURSE – OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Christmas Shoeboxes are still available.

Boxes are \$1.00 each and Cost to send is \$12:50

Put your name & number of boxes required on the list at the back of the church.

Note! - No Soap Please

Please read instructions carefully.

Boxes need to be returned by next Sunday 12th October, thank you.



Psychological First Aid/Emotional Spiritual Care – Wonthaggi – 11 October 2025

The training course is a 2-stage process involving;

1. Self- paced learning and completion of the workbook.

This material must be completed at least 3 days prior to attending the training day.

2. Face to Face Practical Training

This training will be face to face from 9:00 – 4:00 with multi learning modes including practical scenarios



Note! Completion of the workbook and attendance at the training are essential prerequisites for application for registration with VCC Emergency Ministries.

Successful registration will require the completion of safety checks including a National Criminal History Check, WWCC and referee reports and will occur after the training has been completed.

The State of our Financials

Financial Report for August 2025 (11 months)

<u>August</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income	\$13,823	\$10,352	-\$3,471
Costs	-\$16,844	-\$20,221	-\$3,377
Month	-\$3,021	-\$9,869	-\$6,848

<u>Year to date</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income	\$152,048	\$179,914	\$27,866
Costs	-\$185,281	-\$183,480	\$1,801
Year	-\$33,233	-\$3,566	\$29,667

ON THIS DAY: Matthew, Christ's Biographer



Matthew's name was originally Levi. We know that Matthew and Levi are one and the same person because the gospels of Matthew and Luke record a feast at which Jesus was criticized for association with publicans: Luke attributes this banquet to Levi; The Gospel of Matthew attributes it to Matthew.

In his gospel, Matthew tells that Christ approached him as he collected taxes and said, "Follow me." Immediately he arose and followed. Perhaps he had had one too many arguments that day. Perhaps he had been cursed by an irate taxpayer one name too many. Since he worked a booth near Capernaum, he had, no doubt, heard of Christ. For all we know, Matthew may have been one of the tax collectors converted by John. Although tax collectors were generally hated by the Jews as rapacious instruments of the oppressive Romans, nothing says Matthew was dishonest. Tax collectors came to John the Baptist and asked what they should do. *"Collect no more than is owed you,"* replied John.

At any rate Matthew rose immediately and followed Jesus, leaving his past behind. His humility is everywhere shown by his allusion to himself. *"Matthew, the publican,"* he calls himself, branding himself with the profession the Jews most hated.

His original name, Levi, suggests that he was a man of the priestly tribe. When he wrote his gospel, after years of exposure to the teachings of Christ and days of fierce persecution, he was the only one of the four who directly addressed the Jews. Matthew showed deep interest in the priestly and scribal functions of his class. His gospel, more than any other focuses on law and the fulfilment of scriptures and on genealogy and detail which reflects his Jewish background. Christ's fierce denunciations of the Pharisees and his prophecies of the end of the temple are most fully recorded in the writing of this apostle.

Matthew's interest in money finds expression, too. The parable of the talents is found only in his account along with many other beautiful passages of great richness. Herbert Lockyer notes that Matthew uses more words for money than any other gospel writer.

Matthew was well-to-do. As soon as he came to Christ he threw a party and invited others of his unsavoury profession. He wanted to share Christ with them. No doubt similar concerns motivated him when he wrote his gospel in an attempt to share Christ with the whole Jewish race. We have nothing but legend about Matthew's death. His feast is on this day, September 21.

Intercessory Prayers:

Please pray with us for:

Our Bishop: Richard Treloar & Leanne

Our Rector: Graeme & Susan

Parish of Paynesville Dennis Webster

Diocese of Rockhampton: Bishop: Peter Grice

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

Special Focus

All those preparing for baptism, confirmation or admission to Holy Communion.
Godparents, Grandparents and Sponsors.

Sacristans and all who are responsible for preparing our Churches for worship.

For welcomers and those who prepare and lead worship.

For our congregations as they seek to welcome all.

Our Link Missionaries – BCA, Topher & Chica Hallyburton – ‘Alice Springs’
CMS, Lauren Raiter – ‘Spain’

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:

Paula, Chris Peters, James, Murray, Doug, Ron & Pam Lawson, Jeter & family, Simone, Mark, Don & Cecily, Murray & Vickie, Robin, Tania, Russell, Elijah, Rodney W, Luke M, Terry, Micah, John G, Phil, Elizabeth H, Jenny Rivers, Marnie Fletcher, Matt Fletcher, Valerie & Graeme Reid, Susan F, Florence H, Pauline, Jenny, Peter, Elizabeth M, Jill, Robert, Dianne B, Dianne, Alison, Ian & Wendy, Julie Hartnett, Brett, Kym, Stephen, Brad, Lia.

We give thanks for the faithful departed. We thank you Lord for the lives of Leila Batten & Bill Peters and all those who have gone before us. Please comfort all families & friends who are grieving at this time the loss of loved ones, especially the families of Leila Batten & Bill Peters.

CRAFT GROUP



A ladies craft Group meets at St George's, Wonthaggi, 2.00 pm on the last Wednesday of each month. Next craft day is the 24th of September. **All Welcome!** Come along and work on your crafts and have a chat.

INFORMATION

<u>Readings</u> Sun 28th Sept Pentecost 16	Jeremiah 32.1-3a, 6-15 1 Timothy 6.6-19	Psalm 91.1-6, 14-16 Matthew 14.13-21
Tuesday Sept 23rd	10:00 am – Ascension – H.C. – Rev Graeme 11:30 am - Prayer group – Inverloch	
Wednesday Sept 24th	10:00 am – St George's - H.C. – Rev. Graeme	
Thursday Sept 25th	11:00 am – St George's – Funeral Bill Peter's – Rev. G.	

Rosters: September 28th – Pentecost 16 – Prayer, Praise & Proclamation

<u>Activity</u>	<u>St George's</u>	<u>Church of the Ascension</u>
Bible Reader	Pam Davies	Bob Delahoy
Sides Person	Alan Price	Ray Smith
Prayers	Rev John	Ray Smith
Service Leader	Rev Susan	Rev Graeme
Eucharistic Assist	X	X
Musician	Renee Chan	Elise
Children's Ministry		Liz Watkins

If you are unable to fulfil your roster position, would you please organise for someone else to take your place.



RESERVE A DATE!

BCA Spring Gatherings - With Topher Hallyburton

Glen Waverly Anglican Church Monday 20 October:
12pm – 2pm

Warragul Anglican Church Thursday 23 October: 6pm – 8pm

<https://www.bushchurcaid.com.au/content/bca-victorian-spring-gatherings-2025/glbops>



WIN FASHION SHOW

Thank you to all who contributed to the WIN Fashion show. A good time was had by all.

Ministry Team

Bishop: Rt. Rev. Dr. Richard Treloar, Sale 5144 2044

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Parish Council +

Retired Clergy: Rev's John Davies 5672 4710, Liam Matthews 0411 339 344,
& Rev. Canon Amy Turner 0412 727 711

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People's Wardens: Robert Mesley 0416 246 349

Liz Watkins 0404 379 005 Ray Smith 0419 315 198

Parish Treasurer: Geoff Boer

Parish Office Worker: Leah Mesley 0407 337 236 (2 mornings/week–Wed & Thurs)

Parish Postal Address: PO Box 201, Wonthaggi 3995. Phone: 5672 4590

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!



Next Men's Breakfast

Saturday the 4th October 8am at St George's
Please let Graeme know if you're coming or
register online at

**[https://www.basscoastanglican.org.au/event-
details/mens-breakfast-2025-05-03-08-00](https://www.basscoastanglican.org.au/event-details/mens-breakfast-2025-05-03-08-00)**

Or use the QR Code.



Update from Alison Giblett, CMS (UK), in Ukraine.

At present our focus is on working with people who are in great need, particularly in the de-occupied regions, both in terms of basic material things and due to the emotional and spiritual impact of the war.

We see great challenges, but we are also privileged to see God at work, and we are encouraged knowing God protects and provides for us.

We are creating a refuge space in the building we rent for our church, where we will be able to offer food, warmth, somewhere to charge phones etc. and an internet connection. We will also have space to listen to people and pray with them through this deeply difficult time.

With the restoration team we travel to de-occupied areas further east and south, again bringing practical assistance and listening to people.

Please continue to pray for Alison Giblett and her safety.

Her Prayer Requests:

- An end to the War and deliverance for Ukraine.
 - Protection for those who are defending the country.
 - Protection for electrical power stations.
 - For both physical and spiritual strength.
 - That Schools will continue to function well.
 - That many will hear and accept the Word of God for salvation.
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SOMA AU

Revs Graeme & Susan depart in the afternoon of **Sunday the 28th of Sept'** for **the Solomon Islands** to help with teaching on Healing and Deliverance at Clergy Conference in Honiara.

They are seeking 'Prayer Warriors' to support them and the rest of the team in Prayer for the duration of the Mission trip.

Please let Graeme, Susan, Leah or the office know if you are able to assist!

Thank you!



Please Consider Attending.

Friday 10am-5pm is for Clergy and Ministry Leaders

Friday 7pm–9 pm and Saturday 9am–5pm – Sessions inclusive for worship, teaching and practical workshops for everyone.

This is a great opportunity to learn from and to experience the Holy Spirit Working mightily in your own life as well as others.



The season of Hope25 is officially over however both our Diocesan and Parish facilitation teams have decided to carry on facilitating the essence of Hope25, that is sharing our hope in Jesus, into the future. With that in mind our parish team have changed their name to Good News Facilitators (GNF for short) and are working on getting Taste and See, a 4 week hospitality and outreach opportunity, up and running plus other outreach activities. We are looking for some men who have a passion for seeing the good news reach the community to join our team. If that is you please talk to Susan.

HOPE²⁵

HOPE IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD

Why are you cast down, O my soul?
And why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in the Lord and give Him your
praise
For the help of His hand you will see.

Though wickedness seems to prevail for
a time,
Stand fast and do not lose your nerve.
Call on His name and pour out your soul
And remember the God whom you
serve.

The One who created the Heavenly
realms
And holds all the stars in His hand.
The One who is perfect in all of His
ways,
Whose power we can't understand.

The God who defeated the strength of
the grave,
Who faithfully watches the nations,
The One who delivers His people from
strife
And leads us through deep tribulations.

Why are you cast down, O my soul?
And why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in the Lord and trust in His
strength,
His rule and His reign you will see!

He parted the waters and saved with
His might,
So let not your spirit be moved.
Rejoice in Your God, the unshakeable
Rock!
His righteousness will be approved.

His kindness will lead you and guide you
by day,
His song shall be with you by night.
Lift up your countenance, sing with all
joy!
Find comfort and peace in His sight.

Why are you cast down, O my soul?
And why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in the Lord and honour His name,
The land of the living you'll see!

Though earth be removed and waters
may roar,
These troubles and trials confirm
The Day is at hand, for these are the
signs
Our Saviour is soon to return!

Raise your hands high, give praise with
your voice,
Place all your hope in God's Son!
Look up in triumph to Jesus your King,
His victory's already won!

By Lucy Wall (based on Psalm 42:11) Taken from Lucy Wall's website:<https://www.lucywallpoetry.co.uk>