



Anglican Church of Australia

Diocese of Gippsland

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Parish of Wonthaggi & Inverloch

St. George's,

The Church of the Ascension

McBride Ave., Wonthaggi

4-6 The Crescent, Inverloch

Bunurong Country

ABN: 18 842 576 826

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost – 5th October

Holy Communion

Sentence

'Who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? But I am among you,' says the Lord, 'as one who serves.' *Luke 22.27*

Collect

Faithful God, have mercy on us your unworthy servants, and increase our faith, that, trusting in your Spirit's power to work in us and through us, we may never be ashamed to witness to our Lord but may obediently serve him all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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

Lamentations 1.1-6

¹ How deserted lies the city, once so full of people! How like a widow is she, who once was great among the nations! She who was queen among the provinces has now become a slave. ² Bitterly she weeps at night, tears are on her cheeks. Among all her lovers there is no one to comfort her. All her friends have betrayed her; they have become her enemies. ³ After affliction and harsh labour, Judah has gone into exile. She dwells among the nations; she finds no resting place. All who pursue her have overtaken her in the midst of her distress. ⁴ The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to her appointed festivals. All her gateways are desolate, her priests groan, her young women grieve, and she is in bitter anguish. ⁵ Her foes have become her masters; her enemies are at ease. The Lord has brought her grief because of her many sins. Her children have gone into exile, captive before the foe. ⁶ All the splendour has departed from Daughter Zion. Her princes are like deer that find no pasture; in weakness they have fled before the pursuer.

"This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 137

¹ By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept: when we remembered Zion.

² **As for our harps we hung them up:
upon the trees that are in that land.**

³ For there those who led us away captive required of us a song: and those who had despoiled us demanded mirth, saying 'Sing us one of the songs of Zion.'

⁴ **How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?**

⁵ If I forget you, O Jerusalem: let my right hand forget its mastery.

⁶ **Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth: if I do not remember you,**

if I do not prefer Jerusalem above my chief joy.

⁷ Remember, O Lord, against the Edomites the day of Jerusalem: how they said 'Down with it, down with it, raze it to its foundations.'

⁸ **O daughter of Babylon, you that lay waste: happy shall he be who serves you as you have served us;**

⁹ Happy shall he be who takes your little ones: and dashes them against the stones.]

New Testament Reading:

2 Timothy 1.1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ² To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³ I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷ For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. ⁸ So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. ⁹ He has saved us and called us to a holy life – not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. ¹² That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day. ¹³ What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you – guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

This is the word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Gospel

Luke 17.5-10

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' ⁶ He replied, 'If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it will obey you.' ⁷ 'Suppose one of you has a servant ploughing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, "Come along now and sit down to eat"? ⁸ Won't he rather say, "Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink"? ⁹ Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, "We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty."'

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.

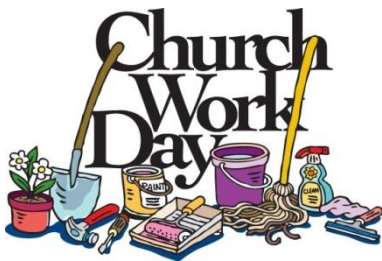
Tonya's group: Speak to Rev Susan on 0427 099 391 for information on time and venue.

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 tomorrow October 6th

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

@ 10.00 am however the next will be Saturday November
8th due to it being Melbourne Cup Weekend

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.**



<https://www.cms.org.au/event/summer-under-the-son-2026/>

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 29th of October. **All Welcome!** Come along and work on your crafts and have a chat.

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

Dear friends,

Thank you for your faithfulness in supporting us, particularly over the last four years during the war. It has not been easy, though through the challenges our faith in God is growing. Repeatedly we have heard testimonies of God's miraculous answers to prayer for protection and provision. At the same time, however, some we know and love have died and many more have been wounded in battle or from the rocket and drone attacks. Many have lost everything but still found God to be faithful in providing them with new homes and communities.

As we visit soldiers and people living near the front line, many confirm that they now know that God is real and answers prayer. However, sadly, others who previously had a traditional faith, say they have seen so much horror that they can't believe there is a God who is in control. Please pray for all those involved in trauma response ministries. Several of us in TLG have been training in trauma response. All Ukrainians have experienced some level of trauma but many in the south and particularly the east have had their homes and lives torn apart.

There was a lot of publicity around the different peace talks, the first of which led to the largest exchange of captured soldiers since the start of the war. However, very sadly, the end still does not feel much closer. In the meantime, the number and size of the rockets has increased, particularly at night. Please pray for sufficient pressure to be applied to increase motivation for a just and long-term peace.

Chaplains from our church and other churches have been active in visiting the soldiers on the front line and in the hospitals as well as their families. From the beginning I have been involved in the family support, where we have the joy of seeing a few choose to attend church. Last winter I was also invited to be a full chaplain, so have been participating in the training and activities. The need far outweighs our resources in terms of people and finances for this huge and growing task.

In addition to the suffering described above, doctors have noticed a large increase in the number of heart attacks, heart problems, strokes, cases of cancer and other terminal diseases. Lots of friends are having to undergo chemotherapy or have operations to remove growths. Friends and I have also suffered a rapid loss of teeth and crowns. I lost four last winter. Most people can't afford the luxury of medical insurance, so it is a huge burden on families to try and cover the cost when they get an alarming diagnosis. In TLG we have

several encouraging testimonies of these needs being met through generous church friends. The economy is struggling and so inflation runs high above social support and pay adjustments. At the end of June, I served in another camp in Western Ukraine for children from families who had suffered significantly due to the war through loss of a family member or forced relocation. It was so good to help them have fun, in particular those who started the week very closed.

Kyiv was one of the 30 cities where the evangelism programme Million (Souls) Month took place. We had two weeks of personal and public evangelism on the streets and worship nights every other evening. It culminated in a march for Jesus through the city historical centre in the afternoon, and an open-air evangelistic concert by the Ukrainian Arch of Freedom. This coincided with the National Day of Prayer, which David Hathaway has organised for the last seven years. It was a joyous day, bringing unity and strong public witness. We thank God for the increasing national recognition that we need to rely on God. The Day of Independence on 24 August has now been made an annual Day of Prayer.

I am extremely grateful for the opportunity God gave me in August to have a family holiday specifically to participate in reunions with both sides of the family. These were prompted by my sister Cynthia and her husband Andrew's first visit to the UK in 16 years (they haven't been since before they got married). Both reunions were very special times to build good relationships and memories. I returned to Ukraine in time for our three days of prayer and fasting.

The translation and dubbing of the Genesis (inner healing) process videos is progressing gradually. I am really looking forward to having these videos made available to people who would like to run groups in their own locations. Please pray for the completion of this process and in particular for a new team of facilitators to serve many people who need support. **Alison Giblett**

Intercessory Prayers:

Please pray with us for:

Our Bishop: Richard Treloar & Leanne

Our Rector: Graeme & Susan

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

Gippsland Grammar School: Principal: Bo Power

Chaplain: Tim Morrison

St Paul's Anglican Grammar School: Principal: Cameron Herbert

Senior Chaplain: Daniel Lowe, Helen

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.

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, Jeffer & 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.

INFORMATION

Readings Sun 12th Oct Pentecost 18	Jeremiah 29.1, 4-7 2 Timothy 2.8-15	Psalm 66.1-11 Luke 17.11-19
Tuesday Oct 7th	10:00 am – Ascension – H.C. – Rev Amy Turner 11:30 am - Prayer group – Inverloch	
Wednesday Oct 8th	10:00 am – St George’s - H.C. – Rev. John	
Thursday Oct 9th	7:30pm – Parish Council - Wonthaggi	

Rosters: October 12th – Pentecost 18 – Morning Prayer

<u>Activity</u>	<u>St George’s</u>	<u>Church of the Ascension</u>
Bible Reader	Jude	Elise Watkins
Sides Person	Robert Mesley	Ray Smith
Prayers	Rev Susan	Rev Susan
Service Leader	Rev Graeme	Rev Susan
Eucharistic Assist	X	X
Musician	Laren Hooke	/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>



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

Rector's Warden: Alan Price 0407 343 876

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 1st November 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.





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.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE – OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



The Cost to send these boxes is \$12.50. There are 2 options – log in and pay online then print the label and put it on the box. Fill out the form and attach a cheque or cash in an envelope.

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



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.



The Hope25 project is officially finished. Here are some interesting facts that came out of a survey by the Mission and Ministry commission of Hope25 leaders:

8,500 copies of the Hope25 Lenten Studies were purchased

55,000 copies of the Luke gospels and 70,000 prayer cards were distributed across the country

Over 1500 people joined up to the website and received the monthly newsletters

22,000 unique visitors to the website over 18 months

21 episodes of the H25 podcast were posted

15,800 visits to H25 you tube channel

88,000 views on H25 Facebook page

The level of participation in the online training revealed a hunger amongst lay people for relevant evangelism training

A report has been prepared for the General Synod Standing Committee based on this survey of Hope25 leaders with recommendations for maintaining the momentum that Hope25 generated including request for money to keep the Hope25 website running under the new name of Hope Forward. At this stage the plan is to keep the website running for as long as they have finances to do so.

Overall the survey revealed that doing the mission as a united Anglican church went well and the theme of hope worked very well. They observed that where the Bishop of a Diocese got behind the initiative either by self or via a delegated group the initiative had the most traction.

We can be very thankful that Bishop Richard fully supported this initiative in our Diocese, and the motion to keep evangelistic outreach a priority in our Diocese into the future with the continuation of the Diocesan Hope25 Facilitation Team under a new name yet to be decided. The team presented an evangelistic outreach strategic plan to Bishop in Council who endorsed it and said they will offer the team whatever support is needed.

Our parish team, now named Good News Facilitators, will continue to help our parish move forward in the area of evangelistic outreach. Thankyou everyone for your support of and efforts during the Season of Hope25. We will continue to share stories of hope till the end of the year so if you have a story of hope please send it to Leah.

Reverend Susan Liersch