



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



Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost – All Saints, 2nd November **Holy Communion**



Sainthood, something we bestow upon those that we perceive to be holy and special. Often related to someone who does a good thing, in the name of God.

But we also often use the word in a trivial way that has no relation to God. For example: "John was a saint for helping out Mary"!

The reality though is that you cannot earn 'Sainthood'. It doesn't matter how good or bad you have been - 'Sainthood' is a gift from God. You can do the most sacrificial thing for a person and still not be a 'Saint', and yet a sinner, like a robber or a murderer can become a 'Saint' in an instant.

What then is a 'Saint'?

A Saint is someone who surrenders their life to Christ Jesus and says: "I commit to following you Lord Jesus, nothing more and nothing less.

'Are you a Saint?'

Rev. Graeme

Sentence

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false; they will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

Psalm 24.4-5

Prayer of the Day

Faithful God, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses: grant that we, encouraged by the example of all your saints may persevere in running the race that is set before us, until at last with them we may attain to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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

Daniel 7.1-3, 15-18

¹ In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream, and visions passed through his mind as he was lying in bed. He wrote down the substance of his dream. ² Daniel said: 'In my vision at night I looked, and there before me were the four winds of heaven churning up the great sea. ³ Four great beasts, each different from the others, came up out of the sea. ¹⁵ 'I, Daniel, was troubled in spirit, and the visions that passed through my mind disturbed me. ¹⁶ I approached one of those standing there and asked him the meaning of all this. 'So he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things: ¹⁷ "The four great beasts are four kings that will rise from the earth. ¹⁸ But the holy people of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will possess it for ever – yes, for ever and ever."

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 149

¹ O praise the Lord, and sing to the Lord a new song: O praise him in the assembly of the faithful.

² **Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.**

³ Let them praise him in the dance:
let them sing his praise with timbrel
and with harp.

⁴ **For the Lord takes delight in his
people: he adorns the meek with his
salvation.**

⁵ Let his faithful ones exult in his glory:
let them sing for joy upon their beds.

⁶ **Let the high praises of God be in
their mouths: and a two-edged
sword in their hands,**

⁷ To execute vengeance on the
nations: and chastisement upon the
peoples,

⁸ **To bind their kings in chains:
and their nobles with fetters of iron,**

⁹ To visit upon them the judgement
that is decreed: such honour belongs
to all his faithful servants. Praise the
Lord.

New Testament Reading:

Ephesians 1.11-23

¹¹ In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession – to the praise of his glory. ¹⁵ For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

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

Gospel

Luke 6.20-31

²⁰ Looking at his disciples, he said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²² Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. ²³ 'Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. ²⁴ 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. ²⁵ Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶ Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets. ²⁷ 'But to you who are listening I say: love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who ill-treat you. ²⁹ If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

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

BIBLE DISCOVERY GROUPS



Davies' Group: Thursday, 1:30pm at St George's Hall. Contact *John Davies for more details.*

Price's Group: Tuesday's. ***Cancelled this week due to public Holiday***

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.

New group commences on Tuesday November the 11th, 7pm at St George's.

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 26th of November. **All Welcome!** Come along and work on your crafts and have a chat.

Inverloch & Wonthaggi Church Working Bees

Church of the Ascension – Nov'10 [due to Cup weekend].

St George's – 10am, Saturday Nov'8 [due to 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.

A PRAYER 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/>

ON THIS DAY: **Lowered over a Wall, Calvin Fled Paris**



When the apostle Paul escaped Damascus by being lowered over the wall in a basket it was not the last time a Christian evangelist would dramatically flee from persecution. **On this day, November 2, in 1533**, John Calvin made a similar thrilling escape from Paris.

A devout Catholic, Calvin studied law at the Universities of Orleans and Paris. He was a brilliant student, and with the Protestant Reformation in the air, he began reading Martin Luther and became a leader of the Reformation in France, at the risk of arrest, imprisonment, or even death.

In 1532 Calvin wrote that "Only one ...salvation is left open for our souls, and that is the mercy of God in Christ. We are saved by grace... not by our works." Calvin became a leader of the evangelical party in Paris, often encouraging his followers with the words of Paul: "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

In 1533 the newly elected head of Paris University, Nicholas Cop apparently asked Calvin to collaborate on an inauguration address. The speech called for the church to return to New Testament ideals. It accused traditional theologians of being nothing but a set of sophists. "They teach nothing of faith, nothing of the love of God, nothing of the remission of grace, nothing of justification, or if they do so, they pervert and undermine it all by their laws and sophistries. I beg of you, who are here present, not to tolerate any longer these heresies and abuses."

The king and church authorities were furious. With the police hot on their heels, Cop and Calvin fled for their lives. Calvin lowered himself from a window on bedsheets tied together, and escaped Paris dressed as a farmer with a hoe on his shoulder. Taking the alias Martianus Lucianus, he reached safety in tolerant Basel. For three more years he wandered as a fugitive evangelist under such assumed names. Finally he settled in Geneva, Switzerland where he became one of the best-known leaders of the Reformation.

Dan Graves

www.christianity.com/church/church-history/timeline/1501-1600/calvin

AGM Reports:

Reports are now due for collating for the AGM on the 30th of November. If you are required to write one then please do and either drop it off to the office or email it to the office at admin@basscoastanglican.org.au

Thank you!

Intercessory Prayers:

Please pray with us for:

Our Bishop: Richard Treloar & Leanne

Our Rector: Graeme & Susan

Parish of Avon: David Perryman, Emma

Retirement Villages in Gippsland: Gippsland Anglican Retirement Villages in Bairnsdale, Morwell, Traralgon, Maffra.

Province of Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia

Archbishops: Aotearoa - Don Tamihere

New Zealand - Phillip Richardson

Polynesia – Sione Ulu'ilakepa

Bishops: Auckland - Ross Bay Christchurch - Peter Carrell
Dunedin – Anne Van Gend Nelson - Stephen Mwangi
Polynesia Sione Ule' ilakepa Waiapu - Andrew Hedge
Waikato & Taranaki - Philip Richardson Wellington - Justin Duckworth

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, 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, Leah, Hazel, Lia & Colin.

We give thanks for the faithful departed. We thank you Lord for the lives of Bill Peters & Don Davis, 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 Bill Peters & Don Davis.

INFORMATION

<u>Readings</u> Sun 9th Nov Pentecost 22	Haggai 1.15b-2.9 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-17	Psalm 145.1-5, 17-21 Luke 20.27-40
Tuesday Nov 4th Cup Day holiday	10:00 am – Ascension – H.C - NO SERVICE 11:30 am – NO Prayer group – Inverloch	
Wednesday 5th Nov	10:00 am – St George's - H.C. – Rev. Graeme	
Thursday 6th Nov	10:30 am – Staff Meeting, St George's	
Friday 7th Nov	10:30 am – Service at Rose Lodge – Rev. Graeme	

Rosters: November 9th –Pentecost 22 – Morning Prayer

<u>Activity</u>	<u>St George's</u>	<u>Church of the Ascension</u>
Bible Reader	Elaine Sammut	Elise Watkins
Sides Person	Alan Price	Ray Smith
Prayers	Robert Mesley	Rev Susan
Service Leader	Rev Graeme	Rev Susan
Eucharistic Assist	X	X
Musician	Laren Hooke	Tonya/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.

CAROLS BY CANDLE LIGHT!

13TH DEC' – INVERLOCH

14TH DEC' -

WONTHAGGI

Yes, it is that time of year again.

We're looking for volunteers to help CANVAS FOR SPONSORSHIP and for helpers at the annual Carols by Candle Light events in Wonthaggi & Inverloch.

We need help with the Fairy Floss machine, Popcorn distribution & crowd control. If you are able to help then please let Rev. Graeme know.



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: Leah Mesley

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 6th December 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.





It's not too late to register.

Come and learn about the Power of the Holy Spirit!

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.

HOPE25
HOPE IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD

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 this 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.

Another Good News Story of Hope!



The Bishop Arthur Malcolm First Nations' Bishops' Endowment Fund Launched

We give thanks to St James' King Street Anglican Church, Sydney, for partnering with ABM and NATSIAC to launch the Bishop Arthur Malcolm First Nations' Bishops' Endowment Fund. Named in honour of Australia's first

Aboriginal Bishop, this fund will strengthen and sustain First Nations leadership within the Anglican Church. It will support the ministry of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander bishops, nurture emerging leaders, and uphold culturally grounded theology shaped by First Nations' wisdom.

At the launch, Bishop Malcolm's grandson, Patrick Yeatman, reflected on his grandfather's legacy of evangelism and leadership, reminding us that the Church's future depends on walking together in faith, truth, and hope.



Mr Patrick Yeatman and Mrs Kaylene Manton at the launch of the Bishop Arthur Malcolm Fund

A Teenager's Manifesto



Rose would have been destined for Communist indoctrination and atheism had it not been for her grandmother's influence. She followed in the footsteps of her grandmother, who took a risk to share Christ with her. Rose decided to take the same risk with those at her boarding school, sharing and sowing the Word of God:

I was born in a Communist home where no one could even mention the word "God." My parents are atheists. My father is in the Cuban Communist Party leadership. My mother is secretary of the Committee for the Defense of the Revolution. You might say my home is a nest for communism. However, my

grandmother loves God and taught me about the Lord. She sowed the seeds of God's Word into me. On several occasions I tried to go to church with her, but my parents did not allow it.

One day, I received the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior. My life started to change. Even the way I dressed changed. My mother did not accept it. She never beat me before, but now she often does. When my father learned that I was a Christian, he told me to choose God or him. I chose God because I have understood that he is the only one worth living for.

Now, even though I am only 14, I have to study far away from my home. When I first came to this place, I was the only Christian, but I have sown God's Word and now there are four of us. We meet under a tree — hidden — to share God's Word. We keep sowing and waiting, believing that soon we will be many.

Rose discovered, like many Cuban teenagers living under communism, that faith in Christ comes with consequences. But she believes, despite the odds, that some of the seeds she is sowing will fall on responsive soil.

In whose life will you sow the seeds of God's Word and wait for a harvest?

“As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

—MATTHEW 13:23

A Story from the Voice of the Martyrs.

FOR YOUR NOTES