



# Anglican Church of Australia

## Diocese of Gippsland

(Committed in Christ, Connecting in Service & Creative in Spirit.)

### Parish of Wonthaggi & Inverloch

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The Church of the Ascension

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## Pentecost 12 – 28th August

### Prayer, Praise & Proclamation



Humbling ourselves before God and others can be a struggle at times, especially when we think we're right.

Take for example the Russian Leader Mr Putin - for him to back out of Ukraine would be humiliating and thus it is most unlikely to happen.

For him to back down, would mean trying to save face in some way - and most likely at the cost of many lives.

However, in some ways we're no different, to take a lesser place is humbling and hard when we live in a world that promotes strong leadership and individuality.

But, being humble is what God requires, especially when we're wrong.

Please, humble yourself in the sight of the Lord.

Rev. Graeme

## **Sentence**

All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

*Luke 14.11*

## **Collect**

O God,

you invite the humble and the sinful

to take their place in the festive assembly of the new covenant:

teach your Church always to honour the presence of the Lord in the poor and the outcast, so that we may learn to recognise each other

as brothers and sisters gathered together around your table.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,

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**

#### **Jeremiah 2.4-13**

<sup>4</sup> Hear the word of the Lord, you descendants of Jacob, all you clans of Israel.

<sup>5</sup> This is what the Lord says: 'What fault did your ancestors find in me, that they strayed so far from me? They followed worthless idols and became worthless themselves.

<sup>6</sup> They did not ask, "Where is the Lord, who brought us up out of Egypt and led us through the barren wilderness, through a land of deserts and ravines, a land of drought and utter darkness, a land where no one travels and no one lives?" <sup>7</sup> I brought you into a fertile land to eat its fruit and rich produce. But you came and defiled my land and made my inheritance detestable.

<sup>8</sup> The priests did not ask, "Where is the Lord?" Those who deal with the law did not know me; the leaders rebelled against me. The prophets prophesied by Baal, following worthless idols. <sup>9</sup> 'Therefore I bring charges against you again,' declares the Lord.

'And I will bring charges against your children's children. <sup>10</sup> Cross over to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and observe closely; see if there has ever been anything like this: <sup>11</sup> has a nation ever changed its gods? (Yet they are not gods at all.) But my people have exchanged their glorious God for worthless idols.

<sup>12</sup> Be appalled at this, you heavens, and shudder with great horror,' declares the Lord. <sup>13</sup> 'My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

*This is the word of the Lord*

***Thanks be to God.***

### **Psalm 81.1,10-16**

<sup>1</sup> O sing joyfully to God our strength:  
shout in triumph to the God of Jacob.

<sup>10</sup> **'I am the Lord your God, who  
brought you up from the land of  
Egypt: open wide your mouth, and I  
will fill it.**

<sup>11</sup> 'But my people would not listen to  
my voice: and Israel would have none  
of me.

<sup>12</sup> **'So I left them to the stubbornness  
of their hearts: to walk according to  
their own designs.**

<sup>13</sup> 'If only my people would listen: if  
Israel would but walk in my ways,

<sup>14</sup> **'I would soon put down their  
enemies: and turn my hand against  
their adversaries.**

<sup>15</sup> 'Those that hate the Lord would  
cringe before him: and their  
punishment would last for ever.

<sup>16</sup> **'But Israel I would feed with the  
finest wheat: and satisfy you with  
honey from the rocks.'**

### **New Testament Reading:**

#### **Hebrews 13.1-8,15-16**

<sup>1</sup> Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. <sup>2</sup> Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup> Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are ill-treated as if you yourselves were suffering. <sup>4</sup> Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.' <sup>6</sup> So we say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?' <sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. <sup>15</sup> Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. <sup>16</sup> And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

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

## Gospel

### **Luke 14.1, 7-14**

<sup>1</sup> One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

<sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honour at the table, he told them this parable: <sup>8</sup> ‘When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honour, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. <sup>9</sup> If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, “Give this person your seat.” Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, “Friend, move up to a better place.” Then you will be honoured in the presence of all the other guests. <sup>11</sup> For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’

<sup>12</sup> Then Jesus said to his host, ‘When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbours; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup> and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’

*For the Gospel of the Lord*

***Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.***

## **MAF - Fuel For Father's Day**

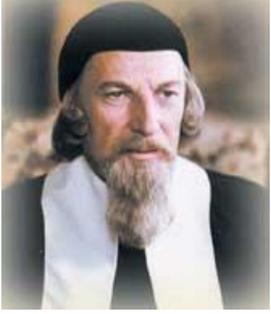
MAF is once again running their fuel for Father's Day appeal.

To take part, merely purchase a Jerry Can Father's Day Gift Card at the back of the church. There are 4 different types of Gift Cards:

\$50 – Jerry Can, \$25 – Jerry Can, \$10 children's colour in Jerry Can and an In Memory Jerry can for \$50.

Please consider giving to this project, as it helps keep MAF aircraft in the air, which is a vital service to the Highlands of PNG and the witness of the Gospel of Christ.

## On This Day: Ladislaus Convened a Thorny Conference



Could there be peace between Calvinists, Catholics, and Lutherans? With a struggle tearing Europe apart, King Ladislaus IV of Poland hoped so. The Reformation had invaded his nation, resulting in factions. Religious differences weakened Poland.

Any weakness was dangerous, because Poland in those years fought war after war against the Swedes, the Russians, and the Ottoman Turks. The last thing the country needed was internal strife, too. But that is what it had, and Ladislaus had to struggle with his own people.

**On this day, August 28, 1645**, the beleaguered king convened a religious conference at Torun (Thorn). The city was historic. Founded by Teutonic Knights in 1231, it became the birthplace of one of Poland's most famous sons (Nicolas Copernicus). At Torun, peace had been signed between the Teutonic Knights and Poland in the fifteenth century, and it became an important city in the Hanseatic league (a military and trade alliance among northern Germanic people).

Now 26 **Catholic**, 28 **Lutheran** and 24 **Calvinist** theologians attended meetings there, meetings which were optimistically called the "Colloquium charitativum" ("brotherly conversation"). Among those who attended were notable men such as the Moravian educator John Amos Comenius and the Lutheran peacemaker George Calixtus. Calixtus had already engaged in dialog with Catholics at Mainz. So strongly did he desire peace, that he was even willing to acknowledge that the pope (whom Luther had called antichrist) was the supreme head of the church, as long as it was understood that his supremacy was the result of human arrangements, not a God-ordained appointment.

Like Calixtus, Ladislaus hoped for reunion of the church, but his wish was doomed to disappointment. Most of the delegates only wanted to show how wrong each of the other doctrinal positions was. Discussion continued until November, but by then it was apparent that no progress could be made. **Reconciliation** was out. On November 21, 1645, the negotiations ended.

Three years later, Ladislaus died. He had failed in his efforts to control his nobles (*who sided with different religious factions*). And at the time of his death, Poland was facing yet another woe: the Cossacks of the Ukraine region were in revolt.

*Dan Graves*

[www.christianity.com/church/church-history/timeline/1601-1700/ladislaus-convened-a-thorny-conference](http://www.christianity.com/church/church-history/timeline/1601-1700/ladislaus-convened-a-thorny-conference)

## Intercessory Prayers:

**Please pray with us for:**

**Our Bishop** Richard & Leanne

**Our Rector:** Graeme & Susan

**Locum Tenens –**

**Burnley (Dio' Melb')** - Liam Matthews & Madeline. Lord please keep Liam & Madeline safe as they serve for the next couple of months.

**Parish of Westernport** Colin Oakley, Anthea

**Province of Melanesia** Archbishop: George Takeli

Bishops: Banks & Torres - Patterson Worek Central Melanesia - George Takeli

Central Solomons - Ben Seka Guadalcanal - Nathan Tome

Hanuato'o - Alfred Karibongi Malaita - Samuel Sahu

Temotu – Vacant Vanuatu - James Ligo Ysabel - Ellison Quity

**Missions** Parish Mission Action Plans

**Special Focus** The Anglican Communion Archbishop of Canterbury - Justin Welby

**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, Jelter, 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<sup>c</sup>Burnie, Graeme Peters, Ellen W, Elisabeth H, Portia, Vivienne, Benjamine, Robert P, Jessica, Kirk & Susannah.

**We give thanks for the faithful departed.**

Lord please comfort families & friends who are grieving the loss of loved ones. Especially the Butterfield family as they mourn the passing of Paul & the Dale family as the mourn the passing of Isabel.

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## CMS SUTS – Summer Under The Sun

**19 – 21 January 2023**

**Bookings are now available @**

<https://www.cms.org.au/event/suts-2023-the-road-less-travelled/?branch=vic>

***Put it in your diary today!***

## Ministry Team

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

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**Pastoral Care Coordinator:** Rev. Anne Perryman 0438 345 349

### Parish Council +

**Retired Clergy:** Rev's Anne Perryman 0438 345 349, John Davies 5672 4710,

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Amy Turner 0412 727 711

**Lay Reader:** Sue Lester 0418 529 662

**Rector's Wardens:** Alan Price 0407 343 876, Ray Smith 5674 1373

**People's Wardens:** David Beischer 0408 629 494, Robert Mesley 0416 246 349

Liz Watkins 0404 379 005, Wendy McBurnie 0407 574 484

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

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**Welfare Support:** Rev. Graeme

**Food Rescue:** Ron Osborne

**Prayer requests for prayer chain:** Jenny Rivers 0417287355

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**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!*

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## WINTER FEAST

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Winter Feast will be held at The Abbey, Raymond Island, on Saturday 10 September 2022 starting at 12.00 noon. The cost will be \$60.00 per person. For further information and bookings please contact Anna at The Abbey on 5156 6580 or [info@theabbey.org.au](mailto:info@theabbey.org.au).

## INFORMATION

<b>Readings 4 Sept</b>	Jeremiah 18.1-11	Psalm 139.1-5
<b>Pentecost 13</b>	Philemon 1-25	Luke 14.25-35
<b>Tuesday 30 Aug</b>	10:00 am – Ascension Inverloch – HC – Rev Amy 11:30am – Prayer Meeting – Ascension – Rev. Susan	
<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> Aug</b>	10:00 am – St George’s Wonthaggi – HC – Rev. Greg 11:00 - 11:30 am Food Rescue @ St George’s	
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept</b>	11:00 - 11:30 am Food Rescue @ St George’s	

### Rosters 4th September, Pentecost 13: Holy Communion

<u>Activity</u>	<u>St George’s</u>	<u>Church of the Ascension</u>
<b>Bible Reader</b>	Robert Mesley	Ray S
<b>Sides Person</b>	Ron Osborne	Ted/Ray
<b>Prayers</b>	Jenny Rivers	Ray S
<b>Service Leader</b>	David Beischer	Sue Lester
<b>Eucharistic Asst</b>	Janette Elder	Sue Lester
<b>Musician</b>	Laren Hooke	Tonya/Elise Watkins
<b>Children’s Ministry</b>	Rev. Susan	Liz Watkins

*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, 7:30 pm at the Beischer’s.

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

**Davies’** - Thursdays, 1:30 pm @ St George’s Hall

**Liersch’s** – Tuesdays 4:00 pm @

Ph: 0407 343 876 for details. - **(Not Meeting this Week)**

**Boer’s** – Tuesdays 6:30 pm. **(In Recess until Geoff & Jennifer Return)**

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

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

## **Samaritans Purse - Operation Christmas Child**

We are again supporting this ministry and boxes are now available at the back of the Church.

Please carefully follow the 'How to Pack a Shoe Box' Instructions. Shoe boxes need to be returned by the end of October.

## **Kid's Hope**



If you are interested in becoming a Kids Hope Mentor at the Wonthaggi Primary School please talk to Reverend Susan. You will need a children's check, current safe ministry status and the ability to commit to one hour per week in school terms for at least one year. Thank you!

## **Diocesan Retreat**

**21 -22 October 2022 'Praying it Forward: Emerging Hope and our Role as Ancestors of the Future' To be held at The Abbey, 1 - 25 First Parade, Raymond Island. Cost per person Residential: \$135 twin share. Non residential: \$85.00 per person. For all bookings phone 03 5166 6580**

## **Songs that Bless Your Heart**

**Will be held today, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022 and starts at 2.00 pm at the Wonthaggi Baptist Church, 2 Broome Crescent, Wonthaggi. Please bring a plate of afternoon tea to share.**

## **BCA Spring Lunches**

**GWAC (19 Sept), and Sandringham (20 Sept)  
12 noon to 2pm. Lunch included.**

***To book a seat go to:***

**[www.bushchurchaid.com.au/vicspringgatherings](http://www.bushchurchaid.com.au/vicspringgatherings)**

## **MISSION BOXES**

Please return Mission Boxes by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept so proceeds can be distributed by the end of the financial year (Sept 30<sup>th</sup>).

## **Australian Anglican Church Calendar 2023**

The calendar is now available to order and if you would like a copy, please see Graeme.

## **Anglican Diocese of Gippsland Position Vacant**

There is a Permanent Part Time Position, 3 days per week, available for a Safe Ministry Clearance Officer. For more information please email the Registrar, Richard Connelly on [richardc@gippslandanglicans.org.au](mailto:richardc@gippslandanglicans.org.au)

## **For Your Notes!**