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Parish of Wonthaggi & Inverloch

***St. George's,
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***The Church of the Ascension
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CHRIST the KING/The REIGN of CHRIST

Last Sunday after Pentecost – 23rd November

Prayer, Praise & Proclamation



We've reached the Royal time of the Year, and officially the Last Sunday in the Church's Calendar Year.

Why does the Church's Year always end with celebrating King Jesus?

It is a good question to ponder.

But, in the greater scheme of things it makes good sense, after-all everything we do and all we teach from the scriptures throughout the year is, in one way or another, all about **King Jesus.**

Even the book of Revelation concludes with the Lamb upon His throne declaring His position.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." (Rev 22:13)

It makes sense, and it is good to remember that it all ends with Jesus!

Rev. Graeme

Sentence

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Zechariah 9.9

Collect

Eternal God, you exalted Jesus Christ to rule over all things, and have made us instruments of his kingdom: by your Spirit empower us to love the unloved, and to minister to all in need, then at the last bring us to your eternal realm where we may be welcomed into your everlasting joy and may worship and adore you for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of 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

Jeremiah 23.1-6

¹ 'Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!' declares the Lord. ² Therefore this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: 'Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,' declares the Lord. ³ 'I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. ⁴ I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,' declares the Lord. ⁵ 'The days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Saviour.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Song of Zechariah (Benedictus, Luke 1.68–79)

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of
Israel: who has come to his people
and set them free.**

**The Lord has raised up for us a
mighty Saviour: born of the house of
his servant David.**

**Through the holy prophets, God
promised of old: to save us from our
enemies, from the hands of all who
hate us,**

**To show mercy to our forebears:
and to remember his holy covenant.**

**This was the oath God swore to our
father Abraham: to set us free from
the hands of our enemies,**

**Free to worship him without fear:
holy and righteous before him, all the
days of our life.**

**And you, child, shall be called the
prophet of the Most High:
for you will go before the Lord to
prepare his way,**

**To give his people knowledge of
salvation: by the forgiveness of their
sins.**

**In the tender compassion of our
God: the dawn from on high shall
break upon us,**

**To shine on those who dwell in
darkness and the shadow of death:
and to guide our feet into the way of
peace.**

New Testament Reading:

Colossians 1.11-20

¹¹ Being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

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

Gospel

Luke 23.33-43

³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals – one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.' And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. ³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One.' ³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' ³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the Jews. ³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: 'Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' ⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. 'Don't you fear God,' he said, 'since you are under the same sentence?' ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.' ⁴² Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' ⁴³ Jesus answered him, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

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

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.

BIBLE DISCOVERY GROUPS

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

Price'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.

Graeme's Group: *New group Tuesdays, 7pm at St George's.*



Interested in being part of a Bible Study Group?

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

Inverloch & Wonthaggi Church Working Bees

Church of the Ascension – 10-12 am, Monday Dec 1st

St George's – 10-12 am, Saturday Dec 6th



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.**

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.

Pray for adults supporting youth...

- For patience and love for parents and primary carers
- For Godly witness for grandparents with non-Christian families
- For congregation members to value, serve and welcome young people
- Youth mission agencies to reach young people with the Gospel
- For Christian schools, chaplains, and teachers to be faithful witnesses of Jesus
- For Christian professionals working with young people to be faithful witnesses
- For volunteer youth leaders to be equipped and encouraged



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

This year the I.C.C. was unable to find someone to coordinate Christmas Hampers, therefore we will be handing out limited hampers in conjunction with Food Relief and with the support of the I.C.C. member churches.

Therefore we are seeking financial support buy the required Christmas items. We're doing it this way to ensure simplicity & equality.

Any financial support towards buying supplies for the hampers is greatly appreciated.



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-2025-12-06-08-00](https://www.basscoastanglican.org.au/event-details/mens-breakfast-2025-12-06-08-00)**

Or use the QR Code.



ON THIS DAY: St. Clement, Pupil of Apostles, Martyred



Imagine being tied to an anchor and cast into the sea. According to legend, that was the fate of Clement of Rome under the emperor Domitian. This is probably incorrect, however, since Domitian died before the turn of the first century and church historian Eusebius of Caesarea tells us Clement was martyred **on this day, November 23, 101**, which would put his death in the reign of Trajan. Clement was the fourth bishop of Rome, the first possibly being Peter. Did he know Peter and Paul? It is completely possible that they taught him. Clement even wrote a letter to the Corinthian church that echoed the teachings of the apostles. Clement's letter made him stand out among the early leaders of the Roman church.

The Roman church claims that Clement's letter proves that the popes were already seen as the heads of the whole Christian church. Protestant and Orthodox scholars disagree, saying it was natural for Corinth to turn to one of the largest and most prestigious churches of the day for advice and arbitration. However that may be, the 65 short chapters of *Clement's letter to Corinth* were even considered scripture by some Christians up until the 5th century! Corinth was still having the same kinds of trouble with sexual immorality and infighting that Paul had dealt with in letters written years before. Clement's letter was written because a number of Corinthians had banded together against their church leaders and thrown them out of office. Clement reproved this behaviour and suggested a better way:

"...God wanted all his beloved ones to have the opportunity to repent and he confirmed this desire by his own almighty will. That is why we should obey his sovereign and glorious will and prayerfully entreat his mercy and kindness. We should be suppliant before him and turn to his compassion, rejecting empty works and quarrelling and jealousy which only lead to death."

Clement may have written a sermon that bears his name and he was said to have gathered together a large collection of church law called the *Apostolic Constitutions*. Scholars aren't able to verify either claim.

We don't know why Domitian (or Trajan) executed Clement. However, many of the early bishops of Rome suffered death at the hands of the secular authorities; so it is a good guess that Clement stood up for truth in the corrupt capitol of the empire and paid for it with his life.

Dan Graves

www.christianity.com/church/church-history/timeline/1-300/st-clement

Intercessory Prayers:

Please pray with us for:

Our Bishop: Richard Treloar & Leanne

Our Rector: Graeme & Susan

Cathedral Parish of Sale: Dean - Keren Terpstra,
Heather Toms & Max, Kate Campbell,
Missions: Anglicare

Diocese of Tasmania: + Richard Condie

Assistant Bishop: + Chris Jones

Special Focus: International Labour Organisations, Trade Unions & all
Unionists, Employer Organisations, Chamber of Commerce,
Converge International Chaplains (Industrial Chaplaincy)

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.

We give thanks for the faithful departed. We thank you Lord for the life of Sandra Dietrich, Lia Pavic, 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 Sandra Dietrich & Lia Pavic

OPEN MIC

*There is an Open Mic event 2pm at the Wonthaggi 'Goods Shed', on
Sunday the 14th of December.*

*If anyone is interested in coming along and singing Christmas Carols
please see Merridee.*

INFORMATION

Readings Sun 30th Nov	Isaiah 2.1-5	Psalm 122
Advent 1 & AGM	Romans 13.9-14	Matthew 24.36-44
Tuesday Nov 25th	10:00 am – Ascension – H.C. – Rev. Graeme 11:30 am – Prayer group – Inverloch	
Wednesday 26th Nov	10:00 am – St George's - H.C. – Rev. Graeme	
Thursday 27th Nov	10:30 am – Staff Meeting, St George's	
Friday 28th Nov	Young Mum's, Inverloch. – Rev. Susan	

Rosters: November - 30th First Sunday of Advent – Holy Communion

<u>Activity</u>	<u>St George's</u>	<u>Church of the Ascension</u>
Bible Reader	X	Mal Fletcher
Sides Person	X	Ray Smith
Prayers	X	Marcia Smith
Service Leader	X	Liz Watkins
Eucharistic Assist	X	Liz/Susan
Musician	X	Tonya/Elise
Children's Ministry		Rev Susan

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

Annual General Meeting

**Next Sunday November 30th after a combined service 10am at
'The Church of the Ascension', Inverloch,**

There will be lunch after, comprising of rolls and sandwiches.

**If you have anything you wish to discuss at the AGM please email
your request to admin@basscoastanglican.org.au.**

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Parish Council +

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Parish Website: <http://www.basscoastanglican.org.au>

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Thank you to all who have already set up this means to support the Parish!



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

REJOICE
in hope
BE PATIENT
in suffering
persevere in
PRAYER

Gemma White/I am handmade cards

Romans 12:12 engageworship.org/AREA52

How hard it is to rejoice when everything is going wrong! And yet Paul exhorts us to do just that! Recently I engaged in an on-line bible study by Max Lucado called Tame your Thoughts. The hope we have in Jesus is his promise that when we give our lives to Him as living sacrifices (Rom 12:1) our minds will be transformed and renewed (Rom 12:2).

According to Max we can tame our thoughts with the help of the Holy Spirit given to us when we offer ourselves to Jesus through using 3 tools:

1. Practice picky thinking (thought prevention) – just because we have a thought it doesn't mean we have to entertain it. In 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 Paul reminds us that our minds are a spiritual battleground and unmanaged thoughts become strongholds that imprison us. However the tools that the Holy Spirit gives us enable us to demolish these strongholds so that they no longer have any power over us. Once a stronghold is shattered we must allow Jesus to take all our thoughts captive. To do this we need tools 2 and 3.
2. Identify UFO's (thought progression) – know the enemies strategies. His strategies may be potent but they are predictable. He intrudes our thinking with:

Untruths – He sows false seeds that sew mental weeds but we can shine a light on them.

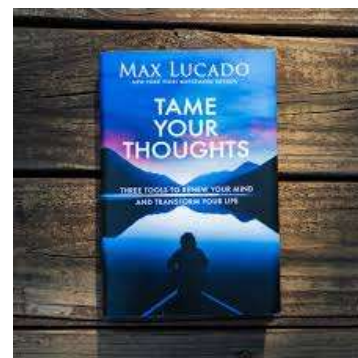
False narrative – untruths left uncontested create a false narrative (ie the story of how we see ourselves) that often leads to.....

Over reactions – when unseen emotional wounds are triggered.

3. Uproot and replant (thought extraction) – our toxic thoughts need to be dug out by the Word of God. Jesus used this technique when he was tempted in the wilderness. Satan didn't denounce God he simply attempted to sow seeds of doubt in Jesus' mind but Jesus used the word of God to stand against it. Hebrews 4:12 reminds us that the Word of God is alive and active.....it judges thoughts and attitudes of the heart. When we uproot a false thought we must quickly replant it with the truth of the Word. James reminds us to 'get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.'

To learn more you can read Max Lucado's book.

I found this 3-step approach helpful. I hope you will too.



Reverend Susan Liersch

HOPE25 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.

To this end, our parish team has changed its name to Good News Facilitators, GNF for short.

We're looking for some men who have a passion for seeing the good news of Jesus reach the community, to join the team.

If that is you, please talk with Rev. Susan.



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