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

Pentecost 22 - 25th October, 2026

Prayer, Praise & Proclamation



How Devoted to God are you?

Are you so devoted that you'll do anything for Him?

Devotion to God is what He expects of us and that devotion is sometimes hard to see or understand.

At the centre of devotion to God is Jesus Christ and all His attributes: Faithfulness, unconditional love,thankfulness, endurance and sacrifice.

When you are totally devoted to God, you live for God, and you are 'Alive' in all it's fulness.

So, where does your devotion lie?

Rev. Graeme

Sentence

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. *Matthew 22.37–40*

Collect

O God, whose Son has taught us that love is the fulfilment of your law: stir up within us the fire of your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts your greatest gift of love, so that we may love you with our whole being, and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever**. Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 34.1–12

1 Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of
Pisgah, opposite Jericho. There the Lord showed him the whole land – from
Gilead to Dan, **2** all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the
land of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea, **3** the Negev and the whole region
from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar. **4** Then the Lord said
to him, 'This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I
said, "I will give it to your descendants." I have let you see it with your eyes, but
you will not cross over into it.' **5** And Moses the servant of the Lord died there in
Moab, as the Lord had said. **6** He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth
Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is. **7** Moses was a hundred
and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength
gone. **8** The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until
the time of weeping and mourning was over. **9** Now Joshua son of Nun was filled
with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the
Israelites listened to him and did what the Lord had commanded Moses. **10** Since
then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to
face, **11** who did all those signs and wonders the Lord sent him to do in Egypt –
to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. **12** For no one has ever
shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in
the sight of all Israel.

Hear the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God

Psalm 90.1-6, 13-17

1 Lord, you have been our refuge:
from one generation to another.

**2 Before the mountains were born
or the earth and the world were
brought to be: from eternity to
eternity you are God.**

3 You turn us back into dust: saying
'Return to dust, O children of Adam.'

**4 For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday passing: or like one
watch of the night.**

5 You cut them short like a dream:
like the fresh grass of the morning;

**6 In the morning it is green and
flourishes: at evening it is withered
and dried up.**

13 Relent, O Lord; how long will you be
angry?: take pity on your servants.

**14 O satisfy us early with your mercy:
that all our days we may rejoice and
sing.**

15 Give us joy for all the days you have
afflicted us: for the years we have
suffered adversity.

**16 Show your servants your work:
and let their children see your glory.**

17 May the gracious favour of the Lord
our God be upon us: prosper the work
of our hands, O prosper the work of
our hands!

New Testament Reading:

1 Thessalonians 2.1-13

1 You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not without results.
2 We had previously suffered and been treated outrageously in Philippi, as you
know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in the face of
strong opposition. 3 For the appeal we make does not spring from error or
impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. 4 On the contrary, we speak as
those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to
please people but God, who tests our hearts. 5 You know we never used flattery,
nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed – God is our witness. 6 We were not
looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as
apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority. 7 Instead, we were like
young children among you. Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, 8 so
we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share
with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well. 9 Surely you
remember, brothers and sisters, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day
in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to
you. 10 You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless
we were among you who believed. 11 For you know that we dealt with each of

you as a father deals with his own children, [12] encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory. [13] And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.

Hear the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Matthew 22.34-46

[34] Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. [35] One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: [36] 'Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?' [37] Jesus replied: '"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." [38] This is the first and greatest commandment. [39] And the second is like it: "Love your neighbour as yourself." [40] All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.' [41] While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, [42] 'What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?' 'The son of David,' they replied. [43] He said to them, 'How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him "Lord"? For he says, [44] '"The Lord said to my Lord: 'Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.'" [45] If then David calls him "Lord", how can he be his son?' [46] No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

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

BCA SPRING GATHERINGS



The Speaker will be the Rev Pat O'Keefe and his wife Issy – BCA Ministry Katherine. Pat will update us on how they have seen God at work in the Territory and their biggest needs for prayer.

Friday 6 November 6pm – 8 pm BCA Dinner, St Paul's, Warragul; or

Monday 9 November 12pm – 2pm Spring Lunch, Glen Waveley Anglican Church.

Cost $25.00 (Students Free). **RSVP:** bushchurchaid.com.au/events

ON THIS DAY: John of Salisbury Defined His Age



It is the destiny of some lives to summarize their era. Such a one was John of Salisbury.

The intimate friend of Pope Hadrian IV, well-known to St. Bernard of Clairvaux, he was also in contact with many of the leading men of his age, and entrusted with the affairs of state and church for which his moderation and practical sense made him a trusted adviser and agent. John sat at the feet of the famed nominalist scholar Peter Abelard, but did not accept uncritically all that the master had to teach. He served as secretary to two archbishops of Canterbury and was wounded when archbishop Thomas à Becket was hacked to death by four ruthless knights. John wrote extensively and many of his writings cast light upon the lives, events and schools of his day. Little wonder, then, that his era is sometimes called *the Age of John of Salisbury*.

John's close association with Becket caused him trouble. Even before his master was exiled by Henry II to the continent, John was forced abroad. John thought Becket tactless and rude in his dealings with the king and urged him to a more moderate course. Nonetheless, when the archbishop was killed, John wrote his biography in such terms as would ensure that Rome would declare him a saint.

It was as a scholar John won much of his renown in his own day. He was a strong advocate of Aristotalian logic and wrote influentially on the subject. He also developed a political theory which prefigured later works such as the *Lex Rex* of Samuel Rutherford. John argued that a king is restrained by God's laws and may be executed if he disobeys those laws.

John's good sense is obvious when he writes against follies such as witchcraft, astrology and the interpretation of dreams. Yes, certain men in the Bible interpreted dreams, but they also were able to report what was the dream which they interpreted. "If there be any who enjoys such special favor let him join Daniel and Joseph and like them attribute it to the Lord." He argues that experience and reason are so undependable in these matters that only revelation from God can draw any sure truth from them. He concludes that the most effective remedy for nonsense is to "embrace the true faith, refuse to listen to such lies and never give thought to follies and inanities of the sort."

Despite his talents, John of Salisbury struggled financially most of his life. **He died on this day, October 25, 1180** and his age was the poorer for the loss of this man of wit, integrity, moderation, intelligence and faith. *Dan Graves*

www.christianity.com/church/church-history/timeline/ 901-1200/john-of-salisbury

INFORMATION

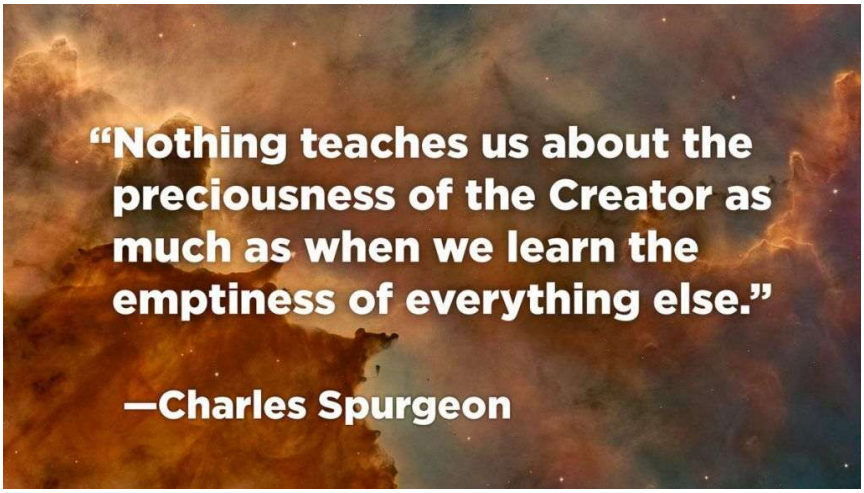
Readings Nov 1st **All Saints Day**	Revelation 7.9-17 Psalm 34.1-10, 22 1 John 3.1-3 Matthew 5.1-12
Tuesday 27th Oct	10:00 am – Ascension – H.C Rev Graeme 11:30am – Prayer Meeting – Inverloch
Wednesday 28th Oct	10:00 am – St George's - H.C. Rev. John 11:00 am – Interment – Lower Tarwin – Rev. Graeme 11:00 -11:30am – Food Rescue @ St George's 2:00 pm – Memorial Service – Inverloch – Rev Graeme
Friday 30th Oct	11:00 -11:30am – Food Rescue @ St George's

Rosters 1st November, Holy Communion – All Saints Day.

Activity	***St George's***	***Church of the Ascension***
Bible Reader	Merridee	Elise Watkins
Sides Person	Ellen	Ray Smith
Prayers	Rev Susan	Ray Smith
Service Leader	Rev John	Liz Watkins
Eucharistic Asst	Susan/John	Susan/Liz
Musician	Jan Kershaw	Ian/Elise
Children's Ministry	X	X

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

QUOTE OF THE WEEK



Intercessory Prayers:

Our Bishop: Richard Treloar & Leanne

Our Rector: Graeme & Susan

Parish of Trafalgar Dean Spalding & Kate

Missions The work of Amnesty International

Diocese of Wangaratta

Bishop: Clarence Bester

Special Focus

International Peace - for diplomats and ambassadors
Volunteer Workers Abroad
Anglican Communion Peace and Justice Network

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

War in the Middle East & Ukraine: *Lord please bring an end to the war in the Middle East, and Ukraine. Please continue to bring the warring parties to the negotiating table and heal those of their memories that have suffered in these conflicts. We also ask for peace among all nations.* ***Amen.***

A Prayer for politicians & State Election Candidates.

Dear Lord, at this time of anxiety for politicians across the country, please keep them safe, give them courage and help them to keep their ingerity intact.

Lord we thank you for bringing healing to those known to us.

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, Doug, Pam Lawson, Jefter & family, Simone, Mark, Cecily, Robin, Tania, Russell, Elijah, Rodney W, Luke M, Terry, Micah, Simon, John G, Phil, Elizabeth H, Jenny Rivers, Marnie Fletcher, Matt Fletcher, Valerie & Graeme Reid, Susan F, Pauline, Jenny, Peter & Elizabeth M, Jill, Robert, Dianne, Alison, Ian & Wendy, Brett, Kym, Stephen, Brad & Hazel,
Ted C, Margaret B, Mal F, Danny K, Helen Haines, & Nic P.

We give thanks for the faithful departed. We thank you for the life of James Rivers, Florence Hydon & Margaret Roberts and ask that you comfort their families in this time of grief.

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, 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 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!

BIBLE DISCOVERY GROUPS

Davies': 1:30pm Thursdays at St George's Hall.
Contact *John Davies for more details.*
Price's Group: Tuesdays at 4:00pm at Jill & Alan Price's, Inverloch.
Women of Faith: Meets at Liz Watkin's 1 pm Thursdays. Speak to Rev Susan on 0427 099 391 for information.



Graeme's Group: Tuesdays 3:30pm – 5:30pm, 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 noon Monday November 9th**

St George's – **10-12 noon, Saturday November 7th.**



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 or Liz for more details at Inverloch.
Please speak with Leah for more details at St George's



HEALING SERVICE

The **next** Healing Service will be at St George's **Wednesday, November 4th, at 6.00 pm**.



Next Men's Breakfast

Saturday the 14th 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-2025-12-06-08-00
Or use the QR Code.

FREEDOM FOR FAITH

Freedom for Faith is a Christian legal think tank that exists to see religious freedom protected and promoted in Australia.

A Forum will be held with candidates for the Bass electorate on the date and time listed below.

Event Date & Time: Thursday, 29th of October, 7:00 pm.

Venue: St George's, Wonthaggi.

Please do come along and hear from your prospective State Member

***RSVP** to Rev Graeme Liersch by the 27th October.*

ALL WELCOME!

For Your Notes!