



# Anglican Church of Australia

## Diocese of Gippsland

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

### **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**



## **CHRISTMAS - 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> December**



**Praise God for the Birth of the Christ Child - Jesus Christ!**

Gift's at Christmas time are something that have been common to the Western way of life for decades.

Unfortunately, the real reason for gift giving has been lost in the world of commercialism, as a result the focus on the Christ child is also being lost. Please don't lose sight of Jesus.

It has been a tough year for all, with going in and out of lockdown too many times to remember. In amongst this we have continued to prepare church services and worship God both in and out of season.

Thank you for helping Susan and I to settle in working among you throughout this challenging time. May you experience Christ in a real tangible way this Christmas and may 2022 be a year of blessings for you.

*Rev. Graeme*

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

### Sentence:

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; for to us a child is born, to us a son is given.

Isaiah 2.9

### Prayer of the Day:

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### Old Testament Reading

#### **Isaiah 9.2-7**

<sup>2</sup> The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. <sup>3</sup> You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. <sup>4</sup> For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. <sup>5</sup> Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and for ever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

#### **Psalm 96**

<sup>1</sup> O sing to the Lord a new song:  
**sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

<sup>2</sup> Sing to the Lord and bless his holy name: **proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**

<sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations:  
**and his wonders among all peoples.**

<sup>4</sup> For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised:

**he is more to be feared than all gods.**

<sup>5</sup> As for all the gods of the nations, they are mere idols:

**it is the Lord who made the heavens.**

<sup>6</sup> Majesty and glory are before him:  
**beauty and power are in his sanctuary.**

<sup>7</sup> Render to the Lord, you families of the nations:

**render to the Lord glory and might.**

<sup>8</sup> Render to the Lord the honour due to his name: **bring offerings and come into his courts.**

<sup>9</sup> O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness: **let the whole earth stand in awe of him.**

<sup>10</sup> Say among the nations that the Lord is king: **he has made the world so firm that it can never be moved; and he shall judge the peoples with equity.**

<sup>11</sup> Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad:

**let the sea roar, and all that fills it:**

<sup>12</sup> Let the fields rejoice, and everything in them: **then shall all the trees of the wood shout with joy before the Lord;**

<sup>13</sup> For he comes, he comes to judge the earth: **he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.**

### New Testament Reading:

#### **Titus 2.11-14**

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. <sup>12</sup> It teaches us to say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, <sup>13</sup> while we wait for the blessed hope – the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

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

### Gospel

#### **Luke 2.1-14**

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. <sup>2</sup> (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup> And everyone went to their own town to register. <sup>4</sup> So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. <sup>5</sup> He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, <sup>7</sup> and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. <sup>8</sup> And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great

joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.’ <sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.’

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

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## **CHRISTMAS MORNING**

### **Sentence:**

I bring you good news of great joy for all people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, Christ the Lord. *Luke 2.10-11*

### **Prayer of the Day**

Give us, O God, such love and wonder  
that, with shepherds and pilgrims unknown,  
we may come to adore the holy Child, the promised King,  
and with our gifts worship him,  
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

### **Old Testament Reading:**

#### **Isaiah 62.6-12**

I have posted watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the Lord, give yourselves no rest, <sup>7</sup> and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth. <sup>8</sup> The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: ‘Never again will I give your grain as food for your enemies, and never again will foreigners drink the new wine for which you have toiled; <sup>9</sup> but those who harvest it will eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather the grapes will drink it in the courts of my sanctuary.’  
<sup>10</sup> Pass through, pass through the gates! Prepare the way for the people. Build up, build up the highway! Remove the stones. Raise a banner for the nations. <sup>11</sup> The Lord has made proclamation to the ends of the earth: ‘Say to Daughter Zion, “See, your Saviour comes! See, his reward is with him, and his recompense

accompanies him.””<sup>12</sup> They will be called the Holy People, the Redeemed of the Lord ; and you will be called Sought After, the City No Longer Deserted.

Hear the word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 97

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice:  
**let the multitude of islands be glad.**

<sup>2</sup> Clouds and darkness are round about him: **righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

<sup>3</sup> Fire goes before him: **and burns up his enemies on every side.**

<sup>4</sup> His lightnings light the world:  
**the earth sees it and quakes.**

<sup>5</sup> The mountains melt like wax before his face: **from before the face of the Lord of all the earth.**

<sup>6</sup> The heavens have proclaimed his righteousness: **and all peoples have seen his glory.**

<sup>7</sup> They are ashamed, all those who serve idols and glory in mere nothings:

**all gods bow down before him.**

<sup>8</sup> Zion heard and was glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoiced:  
**because of your judgements, O God.**

<sup>9</sup> For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth: **you are exalted far above all gods.**

<sup>10</sup> The Lord loves those that hate evil:  
**the Lord guards the life of the faithful, and delivers them from the hand of the ungodly.**

<sup>11</sup> Light dawns for the righteous:  
**and joy for the true of heart.**

<sup>12</sup> Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous:  
**and give thanks to his holy name.**

### New Testament Reading

#### **Titus 3.4-8a**

<sup>4</sup> But when the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Saviour, <sup>7</sup> so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. <sup>8</sup> This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

Hear the word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel

### **Luke 2.8-20**

<sup>8</sup> And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.' <sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.' <sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.' <sup>16</sup> So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

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

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## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

### Sentence:

Clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and be thankful. *Colossians 3.14-15*

### Prayer of the Day:

God of community,  
whose call is more insistent than ties of family or blood:  
may we so respect and love those whose lives are linked with ours  
that we fail not in loyalty to you,  
but make choices according to your will;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### Old Testament Reading:

#### **1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26**

<sup>18</sup> But Samuel was ministering before the Lord – a boy wearing a linen ephod. <sup>19</sup> Each year his mother made him a little robe and took it to him when she went up with her husband to offer the annual sacrifice. <sup>20</sup> Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, saying, ‘May the Lord give you children by this woman to take the place of the one she prayed for and gave to the Lord.’ Then they would go home.

<sup>26</sup> And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favour with the Lord and with people.

Hear the word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 148**

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven: **O praise him in the heights.**

<sup>2</sup> Praise him, all his angels:  
**O praise him, all his host.**

<sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon:  
**praise him, all you stars of light.**

<sup>4</sup> Praise him, you highest heaven:  
**and you waters that are above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord:  
**for he commanded and they were made.**

<sup>6</sup> He established them for ever and ever: **he made an ordinance which shall not pass away.**

<sup>7</sup> O praise the Lord from the earth:  
**praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps;**

<sup>8</sup> Fire and hail, mist and snow: and **storm-wind fulfilling his command;**

<sup>9</sup> Mountains and all hills:  
**fruit trees and all cedars;**

<sup>10</sup> Beasts of the wild, and all cattle:  
**creeping things and winged birds;**

<sup>11</sup> Kings of the earth, and all peoples:  
**princes, and all rulers of the world;**

<sup>12</sup> Young men and maidens:  
**old folk and children together.**

<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord: **for his name alone is exalted.**

<sup>14</sup> His glory is above earth and heaven:  
**and he has lifted high the horn of his people.**

<sup>15</sup> Therefore he is the praise of all his servants: **of the children of Israel, a people that is near him. Praise the Lord.**

## **New Testament Reading**

### **Colossians 3.12-17**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. <sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Hear the word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God**

## **Gospel**

### **Luke 2.41-52**

<sup>41</sup> Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. <sup>43</sup> After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. <sup>44</sup> Thinking he was in their company, they travelled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup> When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, 'Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.' <sup>49</sup> 'Why were you searching for me?' he asked. 'Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?' <sup>50</sup> But they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>51</sup> Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup> And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

For the Gospel of the Lord,

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Intercessory Prayers:**

**Please pray with us for:**

### **Diocese:**

**The Bishop:** Bishop Richard & Leanne

**Our Rector:** Graeme & Susan

**Locum Tenens – Trafalgar:** Anne Perryman & Lance

**Locum Tenens – Cathedral (Dec' 21 – Mar' 22):** Liam Matthews & Madeleine

Please give our Locums wisdom as they lead the parishes of Trafalgar & Sale through this transitional period and please keep them safe in their travelling.

**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, James, Murray, Doug, Ron Lawson, Jeter, Beth & family, Simone, Mark, Marie Wilson, Cecily, Robin, Barb Bickley, Trish, Ross Smith, Tania, Wayne, Russell, Hayley, Barbara Manns, Mary Anderson, Meredith, Richard B, Mary B, Lee, Paul Butterfield, Mercy, Dr Paul, Matt F, Alasdair, Bev, Stuart, Vladimir, Kirstie, Erika, Rita, Elijah, Rodney & Geoffrey W, Nathanael L, Luke M, Terry & Jessica.

**We give thanks for the faithful departed:** Ellen Atherton, John Oldham  
Please comfort their families in their distress at the loss of loved ones.

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## **Up coming Events for your Diary**

**SUFM Mission Inverloch 28<sup>th</sup> Dec – 5<sup>th</sup> Jan.**

### **Family & Teen Programs**

**SUFM – Commissioning Monday 27<sup>th</sup>, 5pm @ the Church of the Ascension.**

**Please pray for all Summer SU Mission Teams, including the Beischer's serving at Cowes.**

## **SUMMER UNDER THE SON (SUTS)**

**January 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> (Thursday-Saturday)**

*Talk with Geoff Boer for more details*

## INFORMATION

Readings 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	O.T. Jeremiah 31.7-14	Psalm 147.12-20
Christmas 2	N.T. Ephesians 1.3-14	Gospel John 1.10-18

### Rosters 2<sup>nd</sup> January, Christmas 2.- H.C.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>St George's</u>	<u>Church of the Ascension</u>
<b>Bible Reader</b>	Barbara Robertson	Wendy McBurnie
<b>Sides Person</b>	Jill Price	Ray Smith/Ted Cross
<b>Prayers</b>	Jenny Rivers	Marcia Smith
<b>Service Leader</b>	Jenny Rivers	
<b>H.C. Assistant</b>	Janette Elder	
<b>Musician</b>	Tonya Hackett	
<b>Children's Min'</b>	X	X

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

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### Notices:

**Bible Discovery Groups: (Check with group leaders for details)**

Beischer's - *In Recess until late Jan' 2022*

Davies' - *In Recess until late Jan' 2022*

Liersch's - *In Recess until late Jan' 2022*

Boer's - *In Recess until late Jan' 2022*

Alycia/Tonya - *In Recess until late Jan' 2022*

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**Mid Week Services – *In Recess until the end of January***

**Food Rescue – *In Recess until the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022***

**No News Bulletin/Pewsheets next week 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan' 2022**

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**Please return Completed National Christian Life Surveys to the Office or Church this week**

**Church Codes:**      Inverloch – ANV01502,      Wonthaggi – ANV01501

## **Ministry Staff**

**Bishop:** Rt. Rev. Dr. Richard Treloar, Sale 51442044

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### **Parish Council +**

### **Retired Clergy:**

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Amy Turner 0412727711

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**Direct Debt:** 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 setup this means to support the Parish!*

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### **A Weekly Prayer Group.**

*In recess between Christmas & February.*

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### **Belgrave Heights Convention**

30 Dec' 2021 – 4<sup>th</sup> Jan' 2022

*Talk with David Beischer for more details*

# ***COVID RULES FOR THIS WEEK Re: Ministry***

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## **New Regulations have Commenced**

### **1. Church Worship**

All are welcome to worship with no limits.

**Wearing of Face Masks indoors is now compulsory.**

### **2. Op-Shop – Open to all.**

All Op Shop Volunteers: are required to provide proof of double vaccination to the manager (Ray Smith).

*(This is a State Government requirement that the Diocese & Parish are required to comply with).*

### **3. Church Workers:** are required to provide proof of double vaccination to work in the parish, this includes Food Rescue personnel.

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## **2021/22 Inverloch SUFM Prayer Letter**

### **Program/community**

- People will meet Jesus!
- The people will feel safe to come
- That God will be preparing the hearts of the people we meet in Inverloch
- That the program will be safe, fun, and radiate the love of Jesus

### **Team**

- Health in the lead up to, and on, mission (and good sleep!)
- That we will be trained and equipped to share the gospel in our everyday lives after mission
- For the furthering of our relationships with God as we study 'Prayer' together as a team.
- That the program won't simply be a 'mountaintop experience' for us but provide meaningful development that influences how we live out our faith day-to-day.
- For the formation of friendships and team cohesion.

### **Churches**

- Praise for their generosity and practical support, including:
  - o The Church of Ascension for providing us with accommodation
  - o Donations of food for our meals
  - o Prayer support
  - o People showing great hospitality by allowing us to come into their homes for showers