



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

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Michael & All Angels – Sept' 29th, 2024

Holy Communion



Angels!

They're often thought of as winged creatures from the heavenly realms that serve God for His glory.

Strangely, if you were to ask someone if they believed angels existed, their answer would most likely be yes. Ask the same person whether they believed God existed their answer might just be no.

But what of these angels, what are they like and do they really have wings? Today we are going to take a closer look at these heavenly beings and see what part they play in our lives.

Rev. Graeme

Sentence:

And all the angels sang, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.

Revelation 7.12

Prayer of the Day:

Almighty God,
you govern the courses of this world
by means too wonderful for us to comprehend:
give us reverence before the mysteries of your providence,
and grace to know the messengers of your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hope25 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 7.9-10, 13-14

⁹ 'As I looked, 'thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. ¹⁰ A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened. ¹³ 'In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. ¹⁴ He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshipped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138

¹ I will give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart: even before the gods will I sing your praises.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name: because of your faithfulness and your loving-kindness, for you have made your name and your word supreme over all things.**

³ At a time when I called to you, you gave me answer: and put new strength within my soul.

⁴ **All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord: for they have heard the words of your mouth;**

⁵ And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord: that the glory of the Lord is great.

⁶ **For though the Lord is exalted, he looks upon the lowly: and he comprehends the proud from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of danger, yet will you preserve my life: you will stretch out your hand against the fury of my enemies, and your right hand shall save me.

⁸ **The Lord will complete his purpose for me: your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever; do not forsake the work of your own hands.**

New Testament Reading

Revelation 12.7-12a

⁷ Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. ⁸ But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. ⁹ The great dragon was hurled down – that ancient snake called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. ¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: ‘Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. ¹¹ They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. ¹² Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short.’

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

Gospel Reading

John 1.45-51

⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, 'We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.' ⁴⁶ 'Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?' Nathanael asked. 'Come and see,' said Philip. ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, 'Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.' ⁴⁸ 'How do you know me?' Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, 'I saw you while you were still under the fig-tree before Philip called you.' ⁴⁹ Then Nathanael declared, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.' ⁵⁰ Jesus said, 'You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig-tree. You will see greater things than that.' ⁵¹ He then added, 'Very truly I tell you, you will see "heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on" the Son of Man.'

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

AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDAR 2025

Please finalise your order this week. The cost is \$20.50 including postage. Please put your name and quantity on the order form at the back of the church.

The Office will place the order this coming week for next year's calendars.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

It is time to start collecting food for the Christmas Hampers again. We have been asked to donate:

- 100 x 50 Tea bags/100g Coffee
- 140 x large cans of fruit
- 100 x 1 litre long life juice.

Would you please buy an extra tin/pkt when getting your groceries and bring it to church. A donation would also be gratefully accepted and we will organise to buy the items on your behalf.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOXES

These have all been allocated and the boxes must be filled and returned to the Church before 11 October.

Please note, you can order a box and pay online. For just \$35.00 you can select a shoebox for a boy or girl, choose an age group and write a personalised letter. Visit <https://occdonations.samaritanspurse.org.au/product/pack-a-shoebox-online/>. Doing this online saves the cost of transport as they are done in the country where they will be given out and it also helps the economy in those countries. If you are ordering a box online could you please let Leah know how many you are doing as it would be nice to know how many boxes were donated from our Diocese.

FASHION SHOW

The WIN Collective is holding a fashion show on Tuesday the 15th October 2024, 1.30 pm at the Church of the Ascension, Inverloch.

For details & registration please contact: Wendy McBurnie on 0407 574 484 or register using the QR code or on our website at <https://www.basscoastanglican.org.au/event-details/fashion-show-october-15>.



ST GEORGE'S LIBRARY

As Christians it is wise to look to the wiser for guidance on the journey towards a deeper understanding and walk with the Lord.

St George's library covers most aspects of the Christian life.

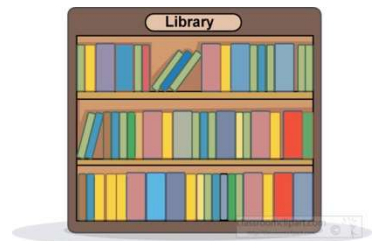
Conditions of use

Borrowers please enter details in exercise book on the bookshelf.

Book Borrow Limit: No limit **Borrow Time Limit:** No limit

Please return books as soon as you've finished reading them.

For further information contact Vivienne McInerney.



Daylight Saving Time Begins!

Yes, it is that time of the year again. **Next Sunday the 6th of October**, wind your clocks forward 1 hour.

Try not to be late for church!

ON THIS DAY: Michael the Archangel.



Many people are caught up in a craze to know more about angels. Books galore are available on the subject. Popular shows, such as the many episodes of *Touched by an Angel*, or the Christmas movie *A Season for Miracles* have introduced angels into their plots.

The angel craze is not all bad. No doubt we should learn something about these majestic and powerful beings, for, as God's messengers, angels played important roles in both the Old and New Testaments. Several kinds are mentioned in the Bible, including cherubim and seraphim. However, because they are created beings, they are never to be worshipped--and God's good angels will never accept such worship, although fallen angels will.

In the Middle Ages, Christians also were interested in angels. In fact, they set apart this day, September 29, as the feast day of Michael the archangel, a day the English call *Michaelmas*. Later, Gabriel, the angel who announced the birth of Jesus to Mary, was added to the feast, as was Raphael, an angel mentioned in the apocryphal book of Tobit.

There is only one archangel mentioned in the commonly accepted books of the Bible and that is Michael. He is the powerful being who led God's armies to throw Satan out of heaven. Whereas Satan (Lucifer) tried to seize God's place, Michael's name reflects his humility, for it means "Who is like God?" The term *archangel* implies that Michael is an angel over the other angels, just as an archbishop is a bishop over other bishops.

According to Daniel, Michael is also the special protector of the Jews. He will stand up in their behalf in the last days. The little book of Jude also tells us that Michael once had to dispute with Satan for Moses' body. Those who mock Satan should be wary, for we are warned that even Michael did not dare to do so, but instead called upon the Lord to rebuke the fiend.

From Paul we learn that the archangel will give the shout when Christ returns at his second coming. At this shout the dead will rise.

Dan Graves

<https://www.christianity.com/wiki/people/life-cs-lewis.html6000-1-bc/Michael>

MERRIDEE IS ON THE MOVE!

And she needs some help in cleaning up her Old Place, 188 Graham St,
Wonthaggi, 10am Wednesday 2nd of October.

Please let her know if you can help. Phone: 0490 717 972



Inverloch & Wonthaggi Church Working Bees

Church of the Ascension - The 1st Monday of the Month @
10.00 am. The next will be October 6th.

St George's – The 1st Saturday of the Month
@ 10.00 am. The next will be Saturday 5th October.

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 Alycia & Liz for more details at Inverloch

Please speak with Leah for more details at St George's

CONTINUING WAR IN UKRAINE

Please continue to pray for Alison Giblets (CMS UK) working in Ukraine.

Her Prayer Requests:

- Victory for Ukraine.
 - Protection for those who are defending the country.
 - Protection for electrical power stations and the harvest fields.
 - For a good harvest during this summer, both physical and spiritual.
 - That many will hear and accept the Word of God for salvation.
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PRAYER GROUP

Inverloch, every week, Tuesdays, at 11.30 am

For further info', contact Rev. Susan

PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CONFLICT

IN GAZA, LEBANON AND ISRAEL

Almighty and Everlasting God: our days are in your hands; we lift up all those in the Holy Land who are victims of violence and injustice, that you might empower your Church to bring healing to the wounded, relief to the suffering, and comfort to those who mourn; please soften the hearts of all those involved in this ongoing conflict, that they would 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.**

Intercessory Prayers:

Please pray with us for:

Our Bishop: Richard Treloar & Leanne

Our Rector: Graeme & Susan

Defence Force Chaplaincy: Bishop Grant Dibden & the upcoming Anglican ADF Chaplain's retreat in October.

Special Focus: Widows, widowers and orphans, Single Parents,
Community Service Groups,
Community Health Centres,
Pensioners and Pensioner Organisations

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:

Bill Peters, Paula, Theo, Pat Delacy, Chris Peters, James, Murray, Doug, Ron & Pam Lawson, Jeffer & family, Simone, Mark, Marie Wilson, Don & Cecily, Robin, Tania, Russell, Hayley, Meredith, Richard B, Lee, Bev, Elijah, Rodney W, Luke M, Terry, Micah, June R, John G, Amanda, Elizabeth, Jenny Rivers, Marnie Fletcher, Matt Fletcher, Barbara Manns, Valerie & Graeme Reid, Susan F, Glenda, Merridee, Florence H, Robert M, Pauline, Jenny, Rita, Samantha, Leah F, Peter, Elizabeth M, Jill, Robert D, & Dianne B.

We give thanks for the faithful departed. *We thank you Lord for the life of* those who have gone before us. Please comfort all families & friends who are grieving at this time the loss of loved ones especially the family of Stuart McIntyre.

Hush Quiet Day

Future *Hush* dates for 2024:

October 10 – *The Story of our Lives*. Jenny & Peter Batten

November 14th – *Prayer Life of C.S. Lewis*. Jeff Berger

INFORMATION

<u>Readings Sun Oct 6th</u> Pentecost 20	Job 1.1, 2.1-10 Hebrews 1.1-4, 2.5-12	Psalm 26 Mark 10.2-16
Tuesday Oct 1st	10:00 am – Ascension – H.C. – Rev Graeme 11:30 am – Ascension – Prayer meeting.	
Wednesday Oct 2nd	10:00 am – St George's - H.C. – Rev. Graeme	
Thursday Oct 3rd	10.30 am – Staff Meeting, St George's. 7:00pm - ICC	

Rosters: October 6th, Holy Communion

<u>Activity</u>	<u>St George's</u>	<u>Church of the Ascension</u>
Bible Reader	Jill Price	Mal Fletcher
Sides Person	Robert/Ellen	Ray/Ted
Prayers	Alan Price	Liz Watkins
Service Leader	Rev John	Liz Watkins
Eucharistic Assist		Liz Watkins
Musician	Jan Kershaw	Ian/Elise
Children's Ministry	Rev Susan	Rev Susan

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

BIBLE DISCOVERY GROUPS

Please check with leaders for further details.

Liersch's: Tuesdays 4:00 pm – Alan & Jill Price's home Inverloch.

Phone: 0417 513 390. *Will resume 1 October*

Davies': Thursdays, St George's Hall – 1:30pm.

In recess until after school holidays

Women of Faith: Fridays 1:30pm – Liz Watkin's, Inverloch

Contact Susan on 0427 099 391

In recess until after school holidays



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, Anne Perryman 0438 345 349,
Liam Matthews 0411 339 344, Amy Turner 0412 727 711

Lay Reader: Sue Lester 0418 529 662

Rector's Warden: Alan Price 0407 343 876

People's Wardens: Robert Mesley 0416 246 349

Liz Watkins 0404 379 005

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!

WARNING to all responsible for a ministry:

The Parish AGM is in November so please start thinking about your reports. They will be due by the end of October.

A full list of required reports will be listed next week.

Next MEN'S BREAKFAST



**Men, sign up for the next men's breakfast at
St George's on Saturday 05 Oct, from 8am – 9:30am.**

Simply register by using the QR code or
contacting the Church office on 5672 5002.



Mission Boxes

Thank you to all who donated to missions through your mission box.
Please collect your empty box so you can fill it again.

Graeme



HEALING SERVICE

Wednesday the 2nd of October, 6pm @ St George's
Wonthaggi.



The World Community for Christian Meditation
Australia - Victoria

is holding a day of meditation and gospel reflection at:

**Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church
Scarborough St, Inverloch, on
Saturday October 12 from 10am to 2:30pm.**

No bookings required. Gold coin donation. Bring lunch to share.

This is a day for experienced meditators and those who would like to explore Christian meditation.

Christian Meditation is an ecumenical community and welcomes people of all faith traditions and those of no formal religion.

For more information please contact Julie deBondt on 0407 535 032

For your Notes!

Sharing your faith story is an important part of evangelism. We are seeking faith stories from members of our church family to put into our newsletter Hope25 insert. Graeme has provided a how-to-write your story video to help you do this. You can find this on our church website:

<https://www.basscoastanglican.org.au/projects-6>

To get us going here is my faith story.....



If Jesus is real, what difference would it make in your life? I discovered that Jesus was real when I was fifteen. I grew up in a family that attended church at Easter and Christmas. I was baptised as a baby and it was expected that I would be confirmed when I was 13.

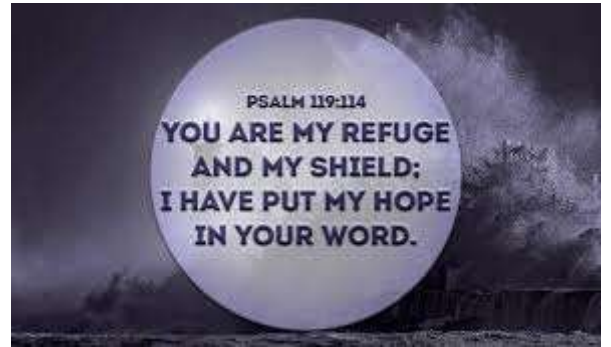
To be confirmed I had to attend youth group for at least a year. Most of my friends were

doing this so I happily went along. Over the course of the next two years I was introduced to Jesus through youth group bible studies. I was impressed with the way Jesus cared for the poor and the suffering. I was also impressed with the way my youth group leader did life; he was at peace with others and had a great relationship with his wife. This contrasted with the conflict that filled my family's life.

So by 15 I knew a lot about Jesus, but it was at a Billy Graham crusade that I had a personal encounter with Him. I can still remember what Billy Graham spoke about - Jesus was preparing a room for us in Heaven. By the end of the talk I knew that I wanted to take up Jesus' offer of a room in His heaven and I became physically aware of God's presence with me. As Billy Graham invited people to the front to give their life to Jesus, I felt compelled to go forward as though God's Spirit was taking over me. From that point onward I knew that Jesus

was real and that my faith in Him was not going to be a passing fad but rather a lifelong commitment.

Jesus says He is the good shepherd. He will guide us and meet all our needs, and we will know His voice and as I look back over 45 years of following Jesus, He has been exactly that for me. He has steered me through the big decisions in my life, my career, who I would marry, parenting my children. I can say with confidence that the choices I have made have been good and led to adventures I never would have dreamed were possible. I have learnt to depend on God for my every need and He has not only provided my needs but at times has spoiled me.



Jesus can't be our shepherd unless we acknowledge that we need Him. It is in recognising our need of a saviour that we experience the reality of who He is. He is the risen Lord. Why not ask Him to reveal Himself to you. I'm convinced He will, just as He revealed Himself to me.

Reverend Susan Liersch



To sign up to the Hope25 email list go to:
<https://www.hope25.com.au/> or scan the QR code.

Next HOPE 25 FACILITATION TEAM MEETING

Today, Sun' 29 Oct, 2.00 pm at Alycia's.