



# 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**

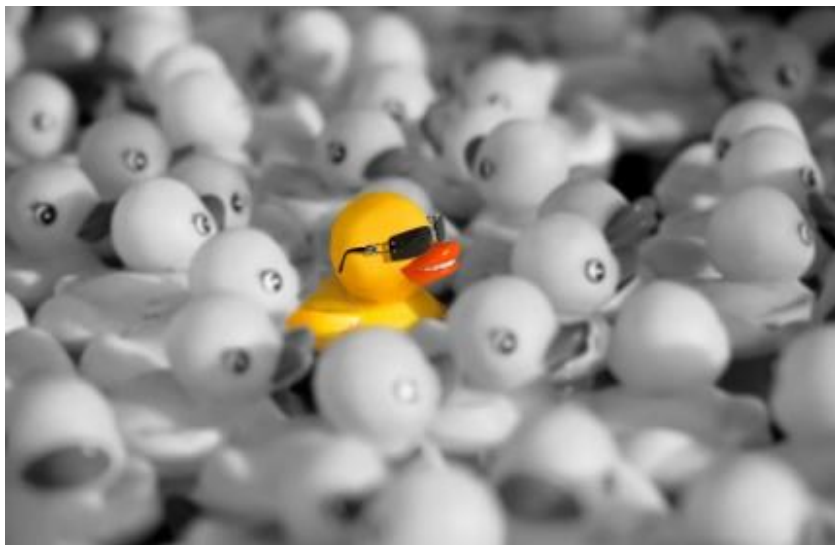
**Bunurong Country**

**ABN: 18 842 576 826**



## **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Sept' 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**

### **Prayer, Praise & Proclamation**



#### **It's good to be Different!**

Standing-Out in a crowd makes a statement, but with it comes a risk.

*The risk is, you will be noticed.*

Christians should be noticed for who we are.

When you're active in your faith putting it to good use, people's lives change because they see Christ in you.

**How many of your friends know that you are a practising Christian?  
Or, do you hide your faith that isn't faith at all?**

Today we welcome Rev. Anne as she unpacks the scriptures and encourages us to be different for Christ.

*Rev. Graeme*

**Sentence:**

Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all. *Mark 9.35*

**Prayer of the Week:**

God and Father of all,  
you have taught us through your Son that the last shall be first,  
and have made a little child the measure of your kingdom:  
give us the wisdom from above,  
so that we may understand that in your sight  
the one who serves is the greatest of all.  
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.**

**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:**

**Proverbs 31.10-31**

<sup>10</sup> A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies.  
<sup>11</sup> Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. <sup>12</sup> She  
brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life. <sup>13</sup> She selects wool and flax  
and works with eager hands. <sup>14</sup> She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food  
from afar. <sup>15</sup> She gets up while it is still night; she provides food for her family  
and portions for her female servants. <sup>16</sup> She considers a field and buys it; out of  
her earnings she plants a vineyard. <sup>17</sup> She sets about her work vigorously; her  
arms are strong for her tasks. <sup>18</sup> She sees that her trading is profitable, and her  
lamp does not go out at night. <sup>19</sup> In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the  
spindle with her fingers. <sup>20</sup> She opens her arms to the poor and extends her  
hands to the needy. <sup>21</sup> When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all  
of them are clothed in scarlet. <sup>22</sup> She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed

in fine linen and purple. <sup>23</sup> Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land. <sup>24</sup> She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes. <sup>25</sup> She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. <sup>26</sup> She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. <sup>27</sup> She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. <sup>28</sup> Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: <sup>29</sup> 'Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.' <sup>30</sup> Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. <sup>31</sup> Honour her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

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

### Psalm 11

<sup>1</sup> Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the ungodly: **nor followed the way of sinners, nor taken their seat amongst the scornful.**

<sup>2</sup> But their delight is in the law of the Lord: **and on that law will they ponder day and night.**

<sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted beside streams of water: **that yield their fruit in due season.**

<sup>4</sup> Their leaves also shall not wither: **and look, whatever they do, it shall prosper.**

<sup>5</sup> As for the ungodly, it is not so with them: **they are like the chaff which the wind scatters.**

<sup>6</sup> Therefore the ungodly shall not stand at the judgement: **nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.**

<sup>7</sup> For the Lord cares for the way of the righteous: **but the way of the ungodly shall perish.**

### New Testament Reading

#### **James 3.1-12**

<sup>1</sup> Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. <sup>2</sup> We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check. <sup>3</sup> When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. <sup>4</sup> Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. <sup>5</sup> Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. <sup>6</sup> The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the

parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup> All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, <sup>8</sup> but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup> With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. <sup>10</sup> Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. <sup>11</sup> Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? <sup>12</sup> My brothers and sisters, can a fig-tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

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

### **Gospel Reading**

#### **Mark 9.30-37**

<sup>30</sup> They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, <sup>31</sup> because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, 'The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.' <sup>32</sup> But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it. <sup>33</sup> They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' <sup>34</sup> But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup> Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, 'Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.' <sup>36</sup> He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup> 'Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.'

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

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### **HOPE 25 FACILITATION TEAM MEETING**

*The next meeting will be held on Sunday 29 September at 2.00 pm at Alycia's.*

## **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.

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## **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.

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## **FASHION SHOW**

**The WIN Collective** is holding a fashion show on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> 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>.



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## **AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDAR 2025**

Now available to order. The cost is \$20.50 including postage. Please put your name and quantity on the order form at the back of the church

## ON THIS DAY: The Life and Work of C.S. Lewis



Whether you measure impact in terms of book sales or in terms of how many people know his name, or how many people say they became Christians through encountering his work, C.S. Lewis was one of the most influential Christians in recent memory. So what made him so special?

There's a strong argument to be made that C.S. Lewis is the bestselling Christian author of the last century and maybe the best-known. Whether through his fantasy series, the Chronicles of Narnia or his apologetics classic *Mere Christianity*, or his satire *The Screwtape Letters*, the chances are quite good that you've heard his name and read at least one of his books.

C. S. Lewis's legacy endures 50 years later, his writing remaining a great gift to both the church and the world. Lewis's classical training and keen intellect equipped him with razor-sharp reason. His early atheism gave him both sympathy with skeptics and the ability to convincingly critique the very positions he had once so tenaciously held. And his slow but thorough conversion to Christ baptized his reason and imagination, which together gave birth to several dozen books ranging from poetry, allegory, science fiction, and fantasy to theology, apologetics, literary criticism, and ethics.

Individuals have surrendered their lives to Christ in all sorts of places. C. S. Lewis converted while riding to a zoo in his brother's motorcycle sidecar.

"When we set out I did not believe that Jesus is the Son of God and when we reached the zoo I did." Jack (as he preferred to be called) had earlier become a theist—one who believes there is a God. He was converted to full Christianity **on this day, September 22, 1931**, following a long talk he'd had on the 19<sup>th</sup> with two Christian friends: J.R.R. Tolkien and Hugo Dyson.

Tolkien argued that even some myths can originate in God, preserving truth, however, distorted. One might do God's work by writing myths. Lewis doubted myths embodied truth at all. The three argued until 3 A.M., when Tolkien went home. Dyson insisted Christianity works. It puts the believer at peace, frees him of sin, and provides outside help to straighten him out.

On Christmas Day, C. S. Lewis joined the church and took communion. He felt that faith had given him a solid footing; he had lacked a sense of direction for his talent. By the middle of 1932, he had written the first of the many books which made him one of the best-loved 20th-century Christian apologists: *The Pilgrim's Regress*.

Dan Graves

<https://www.christianity.com/wiki/people/life-cs-lewis.html>



Our parish Hope25 team has had its first meeting and we're excited at the possibilities that are before us.

One key aspect is encouraging each other to share our own stories on coming to faith in Christ Jesus.

TO HELP YOU DEVELOP YOUR STORY, THERE IS A HELPFUL VIDEO ON HOW TO WRITE YOUR OWN 'FAITH IN CHRIST' STORY, ON OUR WEBSITE.

Hope 25's pinnacle dates are Easter Day (April 20) to Pentecost Sunday (June 8) 2025. However, our hope is that this will be the beginning of a lasting journey in sharing Jesus Christ with others.

For more information please contact Rev Susan on 0427 099 391 or the Parish Office on 5672 4590.



Or go to our website: <https://www.basscoastanglican.org.au/>

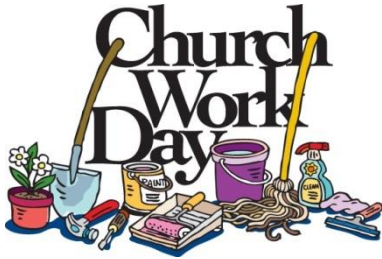
To sign up to the Hope25 email list go to: <https://www.hope25.com.au/> or scan the QR code:

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**Quote of an apologetic:**

"A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on the level with a man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the devil of hell. You must make your choice. **Either he was and is the Son of God:** or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon; or you can fall at his feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."

**C.S. Lewis**



## **Inverloch & Wonthaggi Church Working Bees**

Church of the Ascension - The 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the Month @

10.00 am. The next will be October 6<sup>th</sup>.

St George's – The 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month

@ 10.00 am. The next will be Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 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*

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## **CONTINUING WAR IN UKRAINE**

We've received a quarterly email from Alison Giblets regarding her work in the Ukraine. If you would like a full copy of this please let Leah know and she will forward it to you.

### **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*

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## **PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CONFLICT**

### **IN GAZA 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 the recent 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.

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## Intercessory Prayers:

*Please pray with us for:*

**Our Bishop:** Richard Treloar & Leanne

**Our Rector:** Graeme & Susan

**Parish of Moe/Newborough:** Philip Muston (Locum)

**Diocese:** Ordination Candidates

Growth in Ministry – Ordination Training: Graham Knott

Those in discernment for ordination

Vocations Panel

**Missions:** Bible Society

**Diocese of North Queensland:** Bishop: Keith Joseph

**Special Focus:** Service Clubs in our town

St John's Ambulance Service

Workers who maintain our essential services – Gas,

Electricity, Water, Fire-Brigades

CFA, SES and all Emergency Service Workers.

**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, Nicole, Rita, Samantha, Leah F, Peter, Elizabeth M & Jill.

**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.

## INFORMATION

<b>Readings Sun Sep 29th Pentecost 19 Combined Service</b>	Esther 7.1-6,9-10;9.20-22 James 5.12-20 <b>Inverloch</b>	Psalm 124 Mark 9.38-50
<b>Tuesday Oct 1st</b>	10:00 am – Ascension – H.C. – Rev Graeme 11:30 am – Ascension – Prayer meeting.	
<b>Wednesday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	10:00 am – St George’s - H.C. – Rev. Graeme	
<b>Thursday Oct 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	10.30 am – Staff Meeting, St George’s.	

### Rosters: September 29<sup>th</sup>, Holy Communion

<u>Activity</u>	<u>St George’s</u>	<u>Church of the Ascension</u>
<b>Bible Reader</b>	X	Wendy
<b>Sides Person</b>	X	Ray/Ted
<b>Prayers</b>	X	Ray Smith
<b>Service Leader</b>	X	Rev Graeme
<b>Eucharistic Assist</b>	X	Liz Watkins
<b>Musician</b>	X	Tonya/Elise
<b>Children’s Ministry</b>	X	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.*

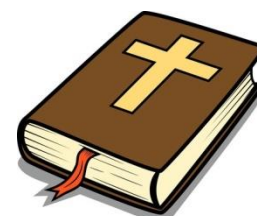
**Liersch’s:** Tuesdays 4:00 pm – Alan & Jill Price’s home Inverloch.

Phone: 0417 513 390. Will resume 1 October.

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

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

Contact Susan on 0427 099 391



## **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](mailto:graemel@basscoastanglican.org.au)

### **Youth & Young Families**

**Minister:** Rev. Susan Liersch 0427 099 391 [susanl@basscoastanglican.org.au](mailto: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

**Parish Op Shop:** 114 Cashin St, Inverloch 0438 248 397

**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](mailto: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!*

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## **WARNING:**

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

## **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.*

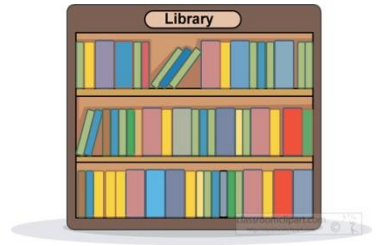
### **Conditions of use**

***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.



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## **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

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## **COMBINED CHURCH SERVICE**

Next Sunday, the 29<sup>th</sup> of September is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month. Therefore there will be a Combined Service at 10.00 am at the Church of the Ascension, Inverloch.

***Inverloch Parishioners will provide the main course  
and Wonthaggi Parishioners the dessert.***

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