



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



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 1st, 2024

Holy Communion



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL THE DADS!

It is nice to be thanked for what we do. I call it a warm fuzzy!
It is encouraging and to tell a dad that he's doing great is important,
for the responsibility of any parent, is huge.

Dads may not realize this, but their role as a parent is just as
important as a mother's and in some ways perhaps more important.

Their job is to set the tone of the family, to love unconditionally, to be
sacrificial and go the extra mile. In fact their role is found in the bible
reading from James and in some ways from the book of Song of Songs.

***Whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom and
continues in it - they will be blessed in what they do. (James 1:25)***

Rev. Graeme

Sentence:

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

James 1.17

Prayer of the Day:

Cleanse our consciences, O Lord,
and enlighten our hearts
through the daily presence of your Son Jesus Christ,
that when he comes in glory to be our judge
we may be found undefiled and acceptable in his sight;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for 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:

Song of Songs 2.8-13

⁸ Listen! My beloved! Look! Here he comes, leaping across the mountains, bounding over the hills. ⁹ My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look! There he stands behind our wall, gazing through the windows, peering through the lattice. ¹⁰ My beloved spoke and said to me, 'Arise, my darling, my beautiful one, come with me. ¹¹ See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. ¹² Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. ¹³ The fig-tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance. Arise, come, my darling; my beautiful one, come with me.'

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

Psalm 96

¹ O sing to the Lord a new song:
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

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

³ Declare his glory among the nations:
and his wonders among all peoples.

⁴ For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised: **he is more to be feared than all gods.**

⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are mere idols: **it is the Lord who made the heavens.**

⁶ Majesty and glory are before him: **beauty and power are in his sanctuary.**

⁷ Render to the Lord, you families of the nations: **render to the Lord glory and might.**

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

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

¹⁰ 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.**

¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad: **let the sea roar, and all that fills it:**

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

¹³ 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

James 1.17-27

¹⁷ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. ¹⁸ He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first-fruits of all he created. ¹⁹ My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, ²⁰ because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.

²¹ Therefore, 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. ²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. ²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his

face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵ But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom and continues in it – not forgetting what they have heard but doing it – they will be blessed in what they do. ²⁶ Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading

Mark 7.1-8, 14-23

¹ The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus ² and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³ (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. ⁴ When they come from the market-place they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.) ⁵ So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, ‘Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?’ ⁶ He replied, ‘Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: “These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. ⁷ They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.” ⁸ You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.’ ¹⁴ Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, ‘Listen to me, everyone, and understand this.

¹⁵ Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them.’ ¹⁷ After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. ¹⁸ ‘Are you so dull?’ he asked. ‘Don’t you see that nothing that enters a person from the outside can defile them? ¹⁹ For it doesn’t go into their heart but into their stomach, and then out of the body.’ (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean.) ²⁰ He went on: ‘What comes out of a person is what defiles them. ²¹ For it is from within, out of a person’s heart, that evil thoughts come – sexual immorality, theft, murder, ²² adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. ²³ All these evils come from inside and defile a person.’

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

Hush Quiet Day

Future *Hush* dates for 2024:

September 12th – *Shout Out for the Psalms*. Michael Fox

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

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

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



The boxes for Christmas 2025 are now available. Please put your name and quantity you would like on the order form at the back of the church and we will deliver the boxes to you. The boxes cost \$1.00 each so could you please have the cash for this and give it to Leah or Ray. 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 samaritanspurse.org.au/occ-packonline. 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.

ON THIS DAY: Carthage Dunking Rebaptised the Lapsed



What happens if a Christian is baptized by an unworthy or improperly ordained minister? Is that baptism valid? Under the prodding of the dynamic bishop and martyr Cyprian, the issue was faced in the North African city of Carthage in the third century.

During the Decian Persecutions, which broke out in 250, many Christians poured libations to the emperor rather than suffer torture. Others bribed the authorities to obtain certificates saying they had sacrificed even when they had not. Later some of these, who were called lapsi, or the 'lapsed,' felt remorse for their betrayal of Christ and asked to be readmitted to the church.

Schism developed over the issue. Led by Novatian, many Christians broke off from Rome, saying no lapsed person should be readmitted. The Novatians ordained their own priests who baptized new Christians. Later some Novatian Christians wanted to unite with the Catholic Church. Cyprian said this was only possible if they were rebaptised within the Catholic Church by "legitimate" priests. Another group wanted to let the lapsed return on easier terms than Cyprian. They also broke away and elected their own bishop, Cecilianus, who baptized converts.

Cyprian took a tough stand against accepting baptism by schismatics, arguing that no sacrament administered outside the church had validity. Since there can be only one church, he considered the breakaway groups to be without the Holy Spirit. He wrote letters and summoned councils. These councils met in Carthage in 251, 252, 253, 255 and 256 to address the issues raised.

On September 1, 256, the North African synod voted unanimously with Cyprian. Baptized "heretics" who entered the Catholic fold must be baptized again. This vote did not stand. Stephen, bishop of Rome, ordered Cyprian to accept the lapsed into the church without a second baptism. Cyprian refused. *"How can he who lacks the Spirit confer the Spirit?"* he asked. He resisted, but eventually yielded-under threat of excommunication. Rome uses this concession by Cyprian to prove that at that early time the bishops of Roman word had authority.

Cyprian died a martyr. He had been accused of cowardice for hiding during the Decian Persecutions. In 258 he vindicated himself, boldly testifying to his faith as he went to his beheading. Stephen, too was martyred-a year before Cyprian.

The Council of Arles in 314 upheld Stephen's decision. As long as a person was baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, he or she was truly baptized, regardless of who conferred the rite. *Dan Graves*

DIOCESE OF GIPPSLAND

SAFE CHURCH WORKSHOPS 2024

(FULL AND REFRESHER COMBINED)

If you need or wish to attend a Safe Church Workshop, there will be one held this year on :

13 September 2024 2.00 – 5.00 pm: St Paul's Anglican Church,
3 Queen Street, **Korumburra**. Online registration is essential:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CPHBA>



You can also access this course online at:

[https://www.gippslandanglicans.org.au/assets/SMT Ang Gippsland Sign In Info 1.pdf](https://www.gippslandanglicans.org.au/assets/SMT_Ang_Gippsland_Sign_In_Info_1.pdf)

NEWS FLASH

Rev's Graeme & Susan become grandparents

Their daughter Ellen gave birth to Albert John Westley Wednesday morning at the Mitcham Private hospital.

Baby, Mother, Father Jacob, and grandparents are all doing well.

Registrar resigns.

Richard Connelly has announced his resignation as the registrar of the Diocese effective 17th October 2024.

He will be farewelled following the Bishop-in-Council meeting that afternoon and the Revd Brian Norris will step in as Acting Registrar, part time, while recruiting for this position.

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.

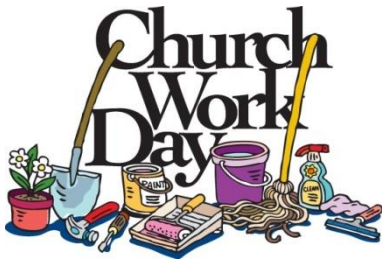
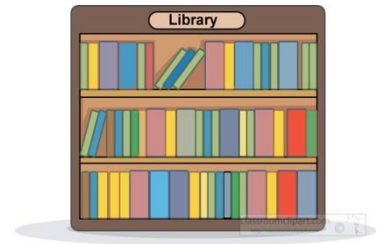
Conditions of use

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.



Inverloch & Wonthaggi Church Working Bees

Church of the Ascension - The 1st Monday of the Month @ 10.00 am. The next will be tomorrow 2nd September.

St George's – The 1st Saturday of the Month @ 10.00 am. The next will be this Saturday 7th September.

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

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.

PRAYER GROUP

Inverloch, every week, Tuesdays, at 11.30 am

For further info', contact Rev. Susan

Intercessory Prayers:

Please pray with us for:

Our Rector: Graeme & Susan

The Anglican Church in Australia:

General Synod:

The Primate: Archbishop Geoffrey Smith

The General Secretary: Anne Hywood

General Synod Commissions

Diocese:

The Bishop: Bishop Richard, Leanne, Rachel & Nicholas

Vicar General: Graham Knott.

The Dean Elect: Keren Terpstra

The Archdeacon: Sue Jacka & Ross.

The Regional Dean: Lyndon Phillips & Harry.

Clerical Canons: Phyllis Andy, Fran Grimes

The Registrar: Richard Connelly & Annette

Registry Staff: Kate Campbell, Tim Gibson.

David Perryman & Emma.

Kevin Broughton, Cici.

Diocesan Solicitor: James Sullivan

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, Stuart, 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.

INFORMATION

Readings Sun Sep 8th Pentecost 16	Proverbs 22.1-2, 8-9, 22-23 James 2.1-10, 14-17	Psalm 125 Mark 7. 24-37
Tuesday Sept 3rd	10:00 am – Ascension – H.C. – Rev Graeme 11:30 am – Ascension – Prayer meeting.	
Wednesday Sept 4th	10:00 am – St George’s - H.C. – Rev. Graeme	
Thursday Sept 5th	10:00 am – Staff Meeting in Office	

Rosters: September 8th. Morning Prayer

<u>Activity</u>	<u>St George’s</u>	<u>Church of the Ascension</u>
Bible Reader	June Hall	Ian McBurnie
Sides Person	Robert/Ellen	Ray/Ted
Prayers	Alan Price	Marcia Smith
Service Leader	Rev Susan	Sue Lester
Eucharistic Assist	X	X
Musician	Laren Hooke	Tonya/Elise
Children’s Ministry		Liz Watkins

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

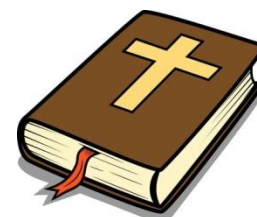
BIBLE DISCOVERY GROUPS

Please check with leaders for further details.

Liersch’s: Tuesdays 4:00 pm – (In recess this week due to induction of new Minister at Bass/Phillip Island). Phone: 0417 513 390.

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

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

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

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!

MAF FUEL FOR FATHER'S DAY- TODAY

We are participating in the MAF Fuel for Father's Program and all the information is on the table at the back of the church.

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.

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

MAF MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN AFRICA

Exciting news! Mercy Ships and MAF have teamed up once again to make a big difference in the lives of people across Africa. Mercy Ships is known for its amazing work, operating floating hospitals that provide free surgeries and healthcare to countries where access to safe surgical care is limited.

Meanwhile, MAF is all about bringing help, hope and healing to those living in isolated and tough-to-reach places.

With our renewed partnership, our two faith-based charities are combining our strengths to reach even more people in need. Mercy Ships can now extend its life-changing care further inland, thanks to MAF's logistical support. This collaboration has started in Madagascar and is set to open up new opportunities for communities in some of the most remote parts of Africa. Together, we're ensuring that people who need critical surgical interventions can get the help they need, no matter where they are.



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.

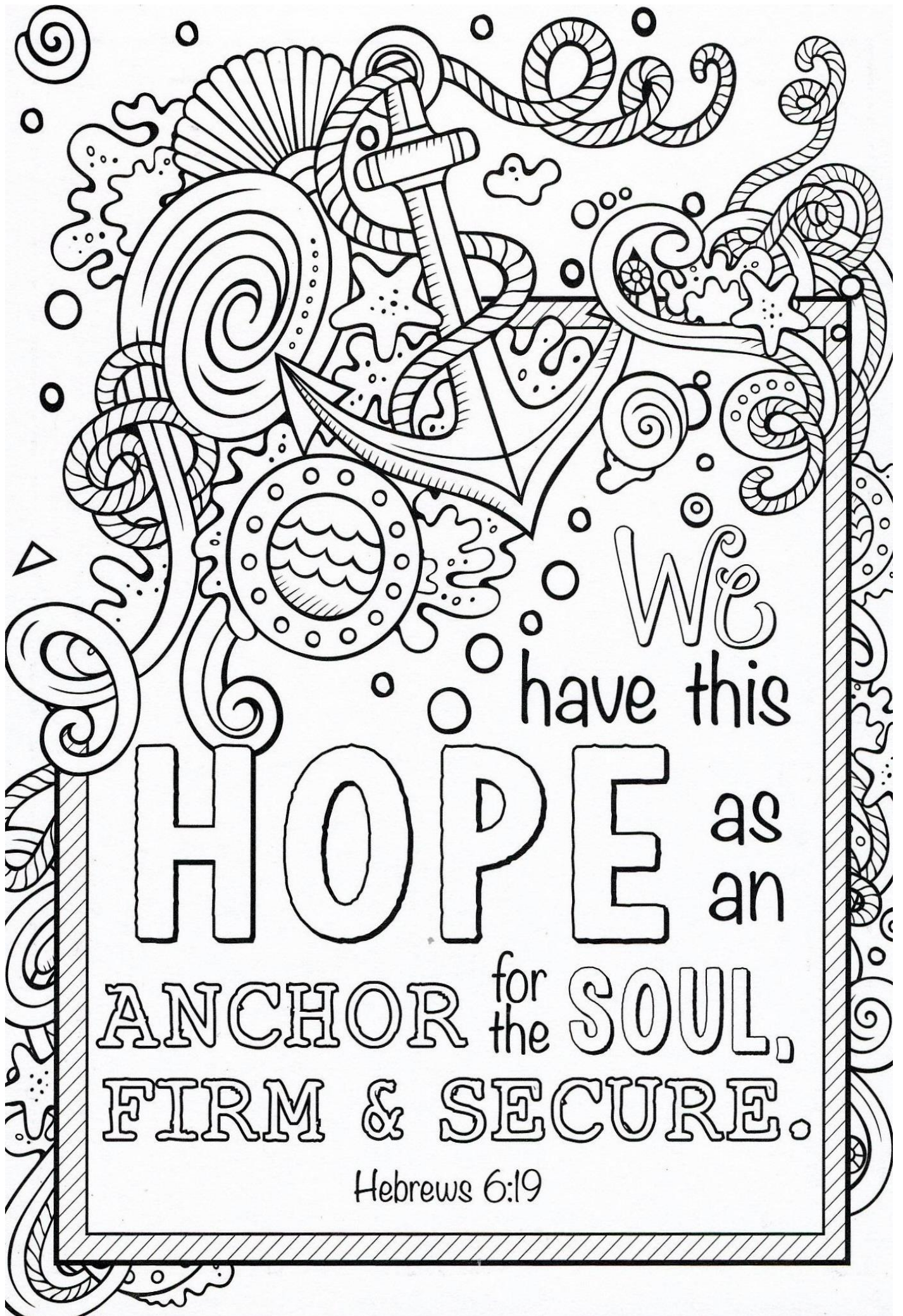
To help us develop our stories we will in the near future provide some hints, help and teaching on how to write and share our stories.

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.

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





We
have this
H O P E as
an
ANCHOR for the SOUL,
FIRM & SECURE.

Hebrews 6:19