



# 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**

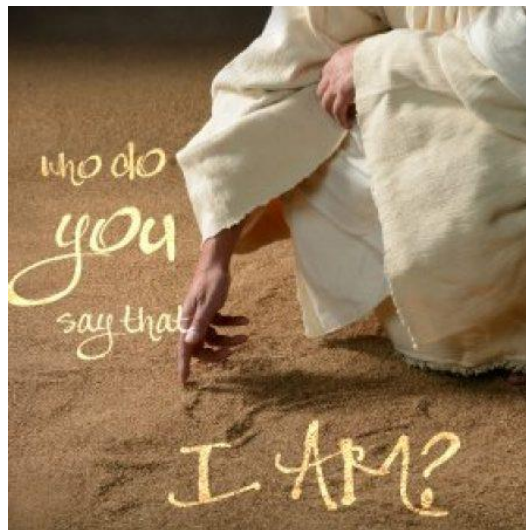
**Bunurong Country**

**ABN: 18 842 576 826**



## **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost – Sept' 15th, 2024**

### **Holy Communion**



**It may not seem so, but this is a very profound question.** Jesus had lived with these disciples for some time; they had seen Him at work preaching, teaching, performing miracles and healing people.

#### **Was it not evident who He was?**

Yet the question needed to be asked. It was like a test to see if they had been listening and learning.

Peter's response was good, yet He too still didn't grasp what this declaration meant.

It wasn't until Jesus rose from the dead that the disciples started to understand.

So, who do you say Jesus is? And Do you understand?

*Rev. Graeme*

**Sentence:**

Those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for the sake of the gospel will save it. *Mark 8.35*

**Prayer of the Day:**

God of mercy,  
help us to forgive as you have forgiven us,  
to trust you, even when hope is failing,  
and to take up our cross daily  
and follow you in your redeeming work;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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:**

**Proverbs 1.20-33**

<sup>20</sup> Out in the open wisdom calls aloud, she raises her voice in the public square;  
<sup>21</sup> on top of the wall she cries out, at the city gate she makes her speech: <sup>22</sup> ‘How long will you who are simple love your simple ways? How long will mockers delight in mockery and fools hate knowledge? <sup>23</sup> Repent at my rebuke! Then I will pour out my thoughts to you, I will make known to you my teachings. <sup>24</sup> But since you refuse to listen when I call and no one pays attention when I stretch out my hand, <sup>25</sup> since you disregard all my advice and do not accept my rebuke, <sup>26</sup> I in turn will laugh when disaster strikes you; I will mock when calamity overtakes you – <sup>27</sup> when calamity overtakes you like a storm, when disaster sweeps over you like a whirlwind, when distress and trouble overwhelm you. <sup>28</sup> ‘Then they will call to me but I will not answer; they will look for me but will not find me, <sup>29</sup> since they hated knowledge and did not choose to fear the Lord.

<sup>30</sup> Since they would not accept my advice and spurned my rebuke, <sup>31</sup> they will eat the fruit of their ways and be filled with the fruit of their schemes. <sup>32</sup> For the waywardness of the simple will kill them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them; <sup>33</sup> but whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm.'

*Hear the word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 19

<sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;

**<sup>2</sup> One day tells it to another: and night to night communicates knowledge.**

<sup>3</sup> There is no speech or language: nor are their voices heard;

**<sup>4</sup> Yet their sound has gone out through all the world: and their words to the ends of the earth.**

<sup>5</sup> There he has pitched a tent for the sun: which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber, and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.

**<sup>6</sup> Its rising is at one end of the heavens, and its circuit to their farthest bound: and nothing is hidden from its heat.**

<sup>7</sup> The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul: the command of the Lord is true, and makes wise the simple.

**<sup>8</sup> The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart: the**

**commandment of the Lord is pure, and gives light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup> The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever: the judgements of the Lord are unchanging, and righteous every one.

**<sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold: sweeter also than honey, than the honey that drips from the comb.**

<sup>11</sup> Moreover, by them is your servant taught: and in keeping them there is great reward.

**<sup>12</sup> Who can know their own unwitting sins?: O cleanse me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup> Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the mastery over me: so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.

**<sup>14</sup> May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight: O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

## New Testament Reading

### **James 2.18-26**

<sup>18</sup> But someone will say, 'You have faith; I have deeds.' Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. <sup>19</sup> You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that – and shudder. <sup>20</sup> You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? <sup>21</sup> Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? <sup>22</sup> You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. <sup>23</sup> And the scripture was fulfilled that says, 'Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,' and he was called God's friend. <sup>24</sup> You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone. <sup>25</sup> In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? <sup>26</sup> As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

*Hear the word of the Lord,*

***Thanks be to God***

## Gospel Reading

### **Mark 8.27-38**

<sup>27</sup> Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, 'Who do people say I am?' <sup>28</sup> They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' <sup>29</sup> 'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?' Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah.' <sup>30</sup> Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him. <sup>31</sup> He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. 'Get behind me, Satan!' he said. 'You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.' <sup>34</sup> Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. <sup>36</sup> What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? <sup>37</sup> Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? <sup>38</sup> If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels.'

*For the Gospel of the Lord,*

***Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.***

## **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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## **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>.



## 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.

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### WIN MEETING

The next Meeting will be held at St George's, Wonthaggi at 1.30 pm on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> September and we will be making biscuits for Food Rescue.

All welcome – including Men.

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### ST GEORGE'S LIBRARY

AsP 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.*

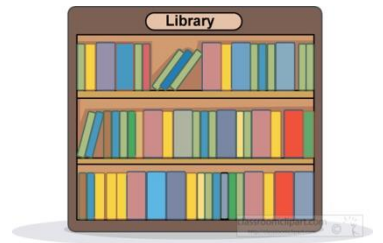
#### Conditions of use

***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.



### COMBINED CHURCH SERVICE

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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### DIOCESE OF GIPPSLAND

#### SAFE CHURCH WORKSHOPS

*(FULL AND REFRESHER COMBINED)*

You can 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)

## ON THIS DAY: Beer Garden Became Pacific Garden Mission



One day, while Sarah Dunn was struggling with a decoration in her family's New York home, she heard an almost audible voice that asked, "*What are you doing to decorate your heavenly home?*" That marked the beginning of her passion to convert people to Christianity, although it did not prevent her from marrying a worldly businessman, Colonel George R. Clarke, some years later. Again God spoke to Sarah, and warned her about the time she wasted in social functions. She persuaded her husband (*who had become a Christian*) to visit the city slums, with their gambling halls, saloons and brothels.

He went, but was more interested in making money than dealing with human wrecks. However, while he was on a business trip a thousand miles away, he felt the Lord Jesus stab him with conviction that people matter more than money. He dropped to his knees and consecrated himself to God's service. Immediately he telegraphed his wife of his change of plans.

Returning to Chicago, he attempted to explain about Jesus and preach to the broken people of Chicago's slums. His friends considered him one of the world's worst preachers. And yet through his love and concern, lives were changed.

**On this day, September 15, 1877**, Colonel and Sarah Clarke opened a mission on South Clark Street. The Clarkes saw it as a work of the Holy Spirit when many lives were changed.

Five years later, the mission moved to a bigger building that had been the Pacific Beer Garden. Dwight L. Moody suggested its new name. "*Strike out the 'beer' and add 'mission',*". And so the Pacific Garden Mission got its name. Among those converted in its meetings were Billy Sunday, who became an evangelist; Mel Trotter, who was on his way to commit suicide when he wandered in; and Harry Monroe who became a powerful leader of the very organization that introduced him to Christ.

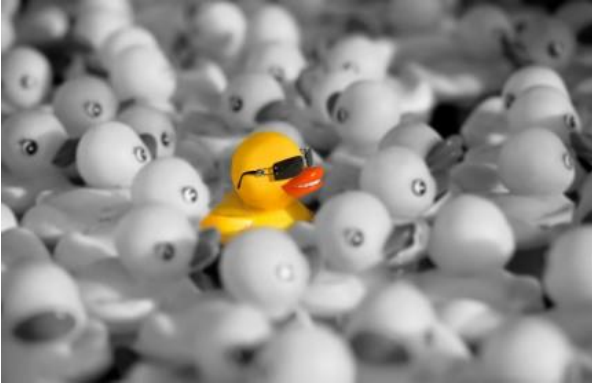
Moody considered the Pacific Garden Mission the greatest slum work in the world. He often preached there. "*...Nobody was ever too bad for Jesus to save. Amen, glory!*" Prostitutes, gangsters, alcoholics, gamblers all came to faith. Their testimonies to the power of Christ played a big part in winning others to follow Jesus.

The Pacific Garden Mission is still going strong. Most observers would say God picked right when he chose Colonel and Sarah Clarke to work for him.

Dan Graves [www.christianity.com/church/church-history/timeline/1801-1900/beer-garden](http://www.christianity.com/church/church-history/timeline/1801-1900/beer-garden)

## **ATTENTION**

### **PPP SERVICE SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER**



The theme of the service is Standing Out - be different by being righteous. To join in the essence of this theme please come to the service wearing something different to what you would normally wear!!! You might wear a crazy hat, your pj's, if you are game or different kind of jewellery. Let your imagination run wild!!!

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### **NEXT HEALING SERVICE**

Wednesday 18 September at 6.00 pm at St George's.

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### **2024 ANNUAL ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER**

Wednesday 13 November 2024

In support of Trinity College Theological School's Building our Future Appeal. Further details are on the form at the back of the church.

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### **PASSING OF ABBOT LAURIE MCINTYRE.**

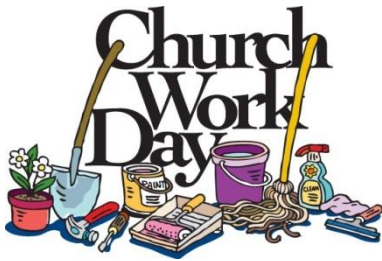
Abbot Laurie McIntyre, the founding Abbot of the Abbey, passed away on Saturday night. A memorial service to celebrate Laurie's life will be held at 11 am on Saturday, September 14 at Saint Matthew Anglican church Windsor, 5 Moses Street Windsor.

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### **BCA SPRING LUNCH - WARRIGAL**

This will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at midday in Warrigal. If you would like to attend please see Graeme as he has a free ticket available.





## **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 Mirboo North:** Belinda Seabrook  
Damian King – Lay minister

**Missions** Anglican Overseas Aid

**Diocese of Newcastle** Bishop: Peter Stuart  
Assistant Bishops: Sonia Roulston & Charlie Murry

**Special Focus** Mothers' Union, Anglican Women Australia,  
Anglican Communion Women's Network,  
Women's groups in parishes.

**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, 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.

## **SAFE ARRIVAL**

We thank you for your prayers for Ellen, Jacob and Baby Albert Westley.

Rev's Graeme & Susan's Grandson, was born safely on the 28<sup>th</sup> Aug.

Albert is doing well and hopefully will be able to go home soon.

## INFORMATION

<b>Readings Sun Sep 22nd Pentecost 18</b>	Proverbs 31.10-31 James 3.1-12	Psalm 1 Mark 9.30-37
<b>Tuesday Sept 17th</b>	10:00 am – Ascension – H.C. – Rev Amy 11:30 am – Ascension – Prayer meeting. 1:30pm – WIN - Wonthaggi	
<b>Wednesday Sept 18<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 am – St George’s - H.C. – Rev. John	
<b>Thursday Sept 19<sup>th</sup></b>		

### Rosters: September 22<sup>nd</sup>, Prayer, Praise & Proclamation

<u>Activity</u>	<u>St George’s</u>	<u>Church of the Ascension</u>
<b>Bible Reader</b>	Merridee	Ray Smith
<b>Sides Person</b>	Alan Price	Ray/Ted
<b>Prayers</b>	John Davies	Mal Fletcher
<b>Service Leader</b>	Rev Anne	Rev Anne
<b>Eucharistic Assist</b>	X	X
<b>Musician</b>	Renee Chan	Sue/Elise
<b>Children’s Ministry</b>	Activity available on children’s table	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.*

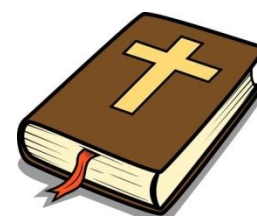
**Liersch’s:** Tuesdays 4:00 pm – Alan & Jill Price’s home Inverloch.

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



## **MISSION BOXES**

All Mission Boxes should be handed in by Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September please. Funds need to be dispersed before the end of the financial year (Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>)

## 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.**

# HOPE25

HOPE IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD

Paul calls us to pray continually in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. God has given us the privilege of joining Him in His mission of bringing HOPE to a broken world through His Son. To fully engage with Him in missional activity, we need to be continually communing with God to discern His will.

Let us therefore together daily pray for Hope25 by praying for:

- ✚ spiritual renewal across Australia
- ✚ our parish to be inspired by the Holy Spirit to:
  - discern who He wants us to reach
  - openness to try new outreach ideas or activities
  - activities that will be relevant and achievable
  - insight into where we might grow in the fruit of the Spirit in our lives and our parish culture
- ✚ that God's power in Christ would change our own hearts, as well as the hearts of those we are trying to reach
- ✚ for courage to trust God's power to work when we take risks to share the hope that Jesus gives
- ✚ discern one or two people in our own lives who need to hear the hope of Christ that we can pray for

If you would like to write a prayer that can include in a church service and add this Hope25 insert in our newsletter, please send it to [admin@basscoastanglican.org.au](mailto:admin@basscoastanglican.org.au)



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## Other ways you can join in prayer for **Hope25**

1. Join the monthly online prayer meeting, first Thursday of each month @ 7:30pm via the zoom link which can be found on the national website <https://www.hope25.com.au/>
2. Sign up for the Prayer Mate App to receive prayer updates.



Praying for the Anglican Church of Australia's season of focused evangelism from Easter to Pentecost 2025

[Find out more about Hope25](#)

Step 1. Get the free PrayerMate app on iOS or Android



Step 2. Subscribe to Hope25

You can get Hope25 prayer updates automatically on your mobile phone or tablet through the free PrayerMate app on iOS and Android. With the PrayerMate app installed, just tap the following link on your mobile device:



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