



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

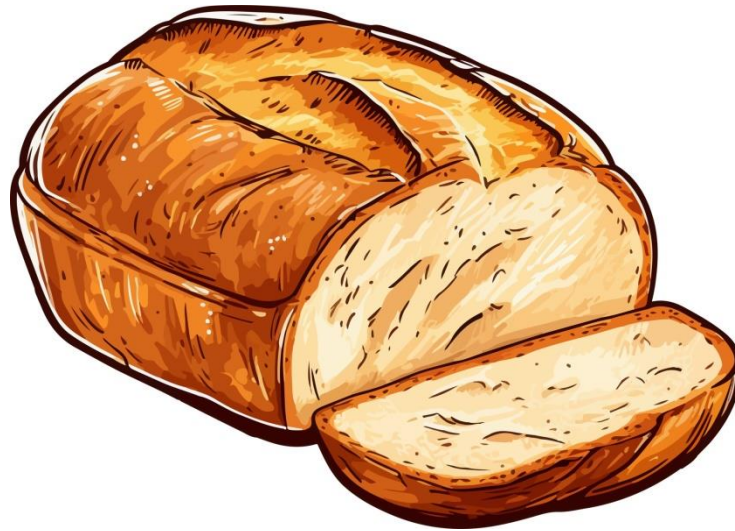
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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost – August 4th, 2024

Holy Communion



Bread – Part of our staple diet.

Last week we learnt from Jesus feeding the 5,000 about the link between bread and life for the Jewish Nation as it wandered through the wilderness out of slavery in Egypt.

This week we look at the link between Bread and spiritual life.

It is no accident that Jesus fed the 5,000 for He was leading them to a greater truth, that He is the Bread of life.

How then do we get this Bread of Life?

Answer – By reading the word of God, the Bible.

Do you have a bible and are you reading it?

If you need a bible then let me know and I'll get you one.

Rev. Graeme

Sentence:

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Isaiah 55.2

Prayer of the Day:

Living God, whose Son Jesus fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us with your true and living bread, 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:

2 Samuel 11.26-12.13a

²⁶ When Uriah's wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him.

²⁷ After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing David had done displeased the Lord. ¹ The Lord sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, 'There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. ² The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, ³ but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb that he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him. ⁴ 'Now a traveller came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveller who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him.' ⁵ David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, 'As surely as the Lord lives, the man who did this must die! ⁶ He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity.' ⁷ Then Nathan said to David, 'You are the man! This is what the Lord,

the God of Israel, says: “I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. ⁸ I gave your master’s house to you, and your master’s wives into your arms. I gave you all Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. ⁹ Why did you despise the word of the Lord by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰ Now, therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.” ¹¹ ‘This is what the Lord says: “Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity on you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will sleep with your wives in broad daylight. ¹² You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.”’ ¹³ Then David said to Nathan, ‘I have sinned against the Lord.’ Nathan replied, ‘The Lord has taken away your sin. You are not going to die.

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

Psalm 51.1-12

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, in your enduring goodness: **according to the fullness of your compassion blot out my offences.**

² Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness: **and cleanse me from my sin.**

³ For I acknowledge my rebellion: **and my sin is ever before me.**

⁴ Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your eyes: **so you will be just in your sentence and blameless in your judging.**

⁵ Surely in wickedness I was brought to birth: **and in sin my mother conceived me.**

⁶ You that desire truth in the inward parts: **O teach me wisdom in the secret places of the heart.**

⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: **wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

⁸ Make me hear of joy and gladness: **let the bones which you have broken rejoice.**

⁹ Hide your face from my sins: **and blot out all my iniquities.**

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God: **and renew a right spirit within me.**

¹¹ Do not cast me out from your presence: **do not take your holy spirit from me.**

¹² O give me the gladness of your help again: **and support me with a willing spirit.**

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 4.1-16

¹ As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷ But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. ⁸ This is why it says: 'When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people.' ⁹ (What does 'he ascended' mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? ¹⁰ He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) ¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 6.24-35

²⁴ Once the crowd realised that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus. ²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, 'Rabbi, when did you get here?' ²⁶ Jesus answered, 'Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷ Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.' ²⁸ Then they asked him, 'What must we do to do the works God requires?' ²⁹ Jesus answered, 'The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.' ³⁰ So they asked him, 'What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?' ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: "He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³² Jesus said to them,

‘Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.’³³ For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’³⁴ ‘Sir,’ they said, ‘always give us this bread.’³⁵ Then Jesus declared, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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

Hush Quiet Day

Future *Hush* dates for 2024:

August 8th - *Spirituality from the Grasslands*. Dr Cath Connelly

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

BROOCHES FOR MOTHERS UNION GAHINI

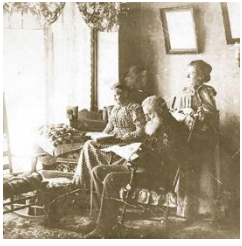
We have a special request. We’re collecting old brooches to donate to the Mothers Union members in our companion Diocese Gahini. The Gahini MU members wear brooches to hold up the white sash on their uniforms, a significant part of their attire. When you donate a brooch, you are invited to attach a card inscribing a personal note for the recipient. If you have any brooches you would like to donate please pass them on to Pam Davies.

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.

ON THIS DAY: **William C. Blair Set the Pace**



The Rev. William C. Blair knew how to work hard. The record of his achievement was great, and yet he felt it necessary to apologize to the Sunday School Union. He had fallen sick, he said, and illness had forced him to rush over parts of his territory.

His report was important to the future of the Sunday School Union which had formed only in 1817 (under the name Sunday and Adult School Union). Many pastors were doubtful about its work. Some disliked his concern for black people. Others were afraid that the interdenominational organization would steal their converts. All feared wasting their limited resources.

Hired in 1821 to be the first Sunday-school missionary of the American Sunday-school Union, William set to rest any question of the value of a paid missionary. "There ought to be eight or ten Sunday-school missionaries in every state," he said. The record of this Presbyterian minister's work showed why.

He had ridden out to undertake his new job **on this day, August 4, 1821**. Twelve months later he reported that, working alone most of the time, he had covered about 2,500 miles in six states, from Pennsylvania to North Carolina. He had founded 61 new Sunday schools, visited 35 others, and revived twenty that had gone under. In addition, he had started six societies to spread Christian tracts and had founded four adult schools.

William's report, and reports by other Sunday school workers, such as the Rev. Timothy Alden, President of Allegheny College, showed the Union what could be done and what still needed doing. The leadership committee was so impressed that they hired two more full-time missionaries.

Dan Graves

www.christianity.com/church/church-history/timeline/1801-1900/william-c-blair

PRAYER GROUPS

Inverloch, every week, Tuesdays, at 11.30 am, and
Wonthaggi, every fortnight, Thursdays, at 11.30 am – (8th Aug)
For further info', contact Rev. Susan

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)



Hope25 is an opportunity for us to share the hope that we have in Jesus. It is an intentional season of sharing hope in Jesus for every parish and community in the Anglican Church of Australia. The dates will be Easter Day (April 20) to Pentecost Sunday (June 8) 2025. Every parish is encouraged to form a parish Hope25 team who will receive step by step encouragement via the monthly Hope25 email list.

If you are interested in being part of the Parish Team working on this please contact Rev Susan on 0427 099 391 or the Parish Office on 5672 4590.

For more information go to the Hope25 website where you can sign up to their email list:

<https://www.hope25.com.au/> or scan the QR code:



Intercessory Prayers:

Please pray with us for:

Our Bishop: Richard Treloar & Leanne

Our Rector: Graeme & Susan

Parish of Bass/Phillip Is. Ruth Hanlon, Rector Elect (Induction 3 September 2024) (Liam Matthews locum)

Anglicare – Gippsland Vicki Levey Regional Director

Diocese of Armidale: Bishop: Rod Chiswell

Special Focus

Those living below the poverty line, those who are unemployed

Foster Parents, Kinship carers (grandparents, aunts etc)

Family Counsellors and carers

The Anglican Communion Family Network

Those who are homeless

Those recovering and rebuilding from the bushfires

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.

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

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| Readings Sun Aug 11th Pentecost 12 | 2 Samuel 18.5-9, 14, 31-33 Ephesians 4.25-5.2 | Psalm 130 John 6., 41-5135 |
| Tuesday Aug 6th | 10:00 am – Ascension – H.C. – Rev Graeme 11:30 am – Ascension – Prayer meeting. | |
| Wednesday Aug 7th | 10:00 am – St George’s - H.C. – Rev. Graeme | |
| Thursday Aug 8th | 11:30 am – St George’s – Prayer meeting. 7:00 pm - ICC | |

Rosters: 11th August Morning Prayer

| <u>Activity</u> | <u>St George’s</u> | <u>Church of the Ascension</u> |
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| Bible Reader | Alan Price | Ray Smith |
| Sides Person | Rev John | Ray/Ted |
| Prayers | Robert Mesley | Mal Fletcher |
| Service Leader | Rev Graeme | Rev Graeme |
| Eucharistic Assist | X | X |
| Musician | Laren Hooke | Sue/Elise |
| Children’s Ministry | Jill Price | 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

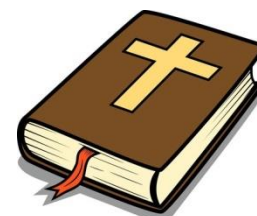
Please check with leaders for further details.

Liersch’s: Tuesdays 4:00 pm – *Not on this week due to Parish of Corner Inlet Induction of Rev. Fran Grimes*
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

Renee & Sari’s: Monday’s - Contact Renee on 0416 555 463 for details.



Ministry Team

Bishop: Rt. Rev. Dr. Richard Treloar, Sale 5144 2044

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graemel@basscoastanglican.org.au

Youth & Young Families

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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)

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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

We will again this year be participating in the MAF Fuel for Father's Program.

NEWS FROM GEOFF & JENNIFER BOER

Geoff and Jennifer advised that they have been blessed with the offer of a house for most of August by a CMS couple who are going "bush" for the month and are hoping to move into a permanent address in late August.

MAF Australia's Day of Prayer

Tuesday 13th August 2024 6.00 – 7.00 pm

MAF invites you to join in a Zoom online prayer meeting to lift up their work and seek divine strength, wisdom, and protection for their team.

Please join and be a part of this powerful time of prayer and support for MAF Australia.

To register go to: <https://events.humanitix.com/maf-australia-day-of-prayer> to register.

GIPPSLAND PRIMARY HEALTH NETWORK

People living and working in Gippsland are invited to join a Health Needs Assessment Consultation interactive workshop to help shape our health future.

This will be held in Wonthaggi, at Artspace on Wednesday 14 August 2024 between 1.30 and 4.30 pm or there is an Online workshop on the same day from 6.30-8.00 pm and again on Friday, 16 August between 1.00 and 2.30 pm.



To register use the QR Code or go to <https://gphn.org.au/events/gippsland-primary-health-network-health-needs-assessment-consultation-session-s/>.
