



# 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**

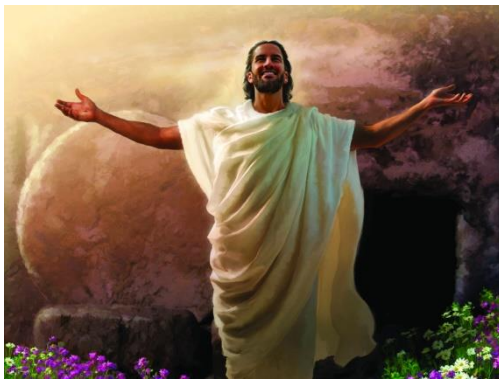
**Bunurong Country**

**ABN: 18 842 576 826**



## **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost – August 11th, 2024**

### **Morning Prayer**



### **Christology**

Christology is the study of Christ.

When we study Christ we discover several astounding claims.

These claims include:

“I am the Good Shepherd; I am the Way the Truth and the Life; I am the Gate for the sheep; I am the Light of the World; I am the Resurrection and the Life; I am the True vine;” And perhaps most outstandingly,  
“I am the bread of life!”

We also discover the claim that He is the “Son of Man”, as prophesied in Daniel 7 and that He is the “Son of God”.

But it is this claim, that “He is the Bread of Life” that perhaps has the greatest impact on the people of His earthly time and the people of today.

***What does this claim mean for you? For me it means life!***

*Rev. Graeme*

**Sentence:**

Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. *Ephesians 5.1–2*

**Prayer of the Day:**

Grant, O Lord,  
that we may see in you the fulfilment of all our need,  
and may turn from every false satisfaction  
to feed on the true and living bread  
that you have given us in Jesus Christ;  
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 18.5-9, 14, 31-33.**

<sup>5</sup> The king commanded Joab, Abishai and Ittai, ‘Be gentle with the young man Absalom for my sake.’ And all the troops heard the king giving orders concerning Absalom to each of the commanders. <sup>6</sup> David’s army marched out of the city to fight Israel, and the battle took place in the forest of Ephraim. <sup>7</sup> There Israel’s troops were routed by David’s men, and the casualties that day were great – twenty thousand men. <sup>8</sup> The battle spread out over the whole countryside, and the forest swallowed up more men that day than the sword. <sup>9</sup> Now Absalom happened to meet David’s men. He was riding his mule, and as the mule went under the thick branches of a large oak, Absalom’s hair got caught in the tree. He was left hanging in mid-air, while the mule he was riding kept on going.

<sup>14</sup> Joab said, ‘I am not going to wait like this for you.’ So he took three javelins in his hand and plunged them into Absalom’s heart while Absalom was still alive in the oak tree. <sup>31</sup> Then the Cushite arrived and said, ‘My lord the king, hear the good news! The Lord has vindicated you today by delivering you from the hand of

all who rose up against you.’<sup>32</sup> The king asked the Cushite, ‘Is the young man Absalom safe?’ The Cushite replied, ‘May the enemies of my lord the king and all who rise up to harm you be like that young man.’<sup>33</sup> The king was shaken. He went up to the room over the gateway and wept. As he went, he said: ‘O my son Absalom! My son, my son Absalom! If only I had died instead of you – O Absalom, my son, my son!’

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

### Psalm 130

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord: **Lord, hear my voice;**

<sup>2</sup> O let your ears consider well: **the voice of my supplication.**

<sup>3</sup> If you, Lord, should note what we do wrong: **who then, O Lord, could stand?**

<sup>4</sup> But there is forgiveness with you: **so that you shall be feared.**

<sup>5</sup> I wait for the Lord, my soul waits for

him: **and in his word is my hope.**

<sup>6</sup> My soul looks for the Lord: **more than watchmen for the morning, more, I say, than watchmen for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup> O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy: **and with him is ample redemption.**

<sup>8</sup> He will redeem Israel: **from the multitude of their sins.**

### New Testament Reading

#### **Ephesians 4.25-5.2**

<sup>25</sup> Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbour, for we are all members of one body. <sup>26</sup> ‘In your anger do not sin’: do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, <sup>27</sup> and do not give the devil a foothold. <sup>28</sup> Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need. <sup>29</sup> Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. <sup>32</sup> Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. <sup>5:1</sup> Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children <sup>2</sup> and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

## Gospel Reading

### **John 6.35, 41-51**

<sup>35</sup> 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.

<sup>41</sup> At this the Jews there began to grumble about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' <sup>42</sup> They said, 'Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I came down from heaven"?' <sup>43</sup> 'Stop grumbling among yourselves,' Jesus answered. <sup>44</sup> 'No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day. <sup>45</sup> It is written in the Prophets: "They will all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me. <sup>46</sup> No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup> Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup> Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. <sup>50</sup> But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. <sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live for ever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.'

*For the Gospel of the Lord,*

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

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## ***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

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## **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.

## ON THIS DAY: Philip Embury, America's 1st Methodist Pastor



Barbara Heck's eyes blazed as she stood in Philip Embury's living room. *"Philip, you must preach to us, or we shall all go to Hell together and God will require our blood at your hands!"* It wasn't the first time that Barbara had confronted Philip about this. In fact, she'd become a nag on the subject. But Philip could not remember ever seeing her so upset before.

Barbara Heck, a Methodist from Ireland, believed that it was a sin to fritter time. When she returned home from an errand one day to find a game of cards in progress, it was too much. Her family well-knew that she thought cards frivolous and sinful--a worldly amusement! She chewed out the players, flung the offending pack of cards into the fireplace, and fell on her knees in prayer. Then she told Philip Embury that he must preach.

Philip was well-known to the Hecks. In fact, Barbara was his cousin and both families had emigrated from Ireland. In the old world, Philip had been a Methodist preacher. When he arrived in America **on this day, August 11, 1760**, he was the first Methodist preacher to settle in Britain's American colonies. Since then, he had been too busy scraping out a living in New York to take up church work. Barbara saw the danger. But Philip took some convincing. "I cannot preach, for I have neither a house nor congregation."

*"Preach in your own house first, and to our own company,"* said Barbara.

Philip gave in and preached his first sermon, to five people, in his own rented house. This is believed to be the first Methodist sermon preached in America. The five people increased. Soon the congregation had to rent a large room. Rumours about the Methodists helped the church grow, because some of the people who came to investigate them were impressed and joined. A Methodist military man who had been converted in Bristol, England under John Wesley's preaching, also joined Philip. This Captain Webb was a bold evangelist and began to speak to the neighbours and in the soldiers' barracks and rum shops near where the Methodists rented their hall.

The little Methodist society began to grow. Eventually it built a church. One of the members wrote a letter to John Wesley, describing the situation and asking for legal advice on how to deed the land. Noting that Embury and Webb lacked training, he added, "We want an able and experienced preacher; one who has both gifts and grace necessary for the work." This prompted Wesley to send his first Methodist missionaries to America.

*Dan Graves*

[www.christianity.com/church/church-history/timeline/1701-1800/philip-embury](http://www.christianity.com/church/church-history/timeline/1701-1800/philip-embury)



## Update

Our first Diocesan Hope25 Facilitation Team meeting took place on the 25<sup>th</sup> July.

- There is a positive vibe and engagement across the diocese.

### **Monthly Zoom Prayer Meeting - First Thursday of the month, 7:30 pm:**

- Rev. Susan attended, with 28 other Anglicans from across the country.
- Be uplifted by joining in the monthly prayer meeting to pray for our nation and our outreach in 2025.
- If you haven't signed up then please do so, to keep abreast of what is happening.
- **The prayer meeting Zoom link can be found on the home page of the Hope25 website: <https://www.hope25.com.au/>**
- 1000 individual Anglicans have signed up to the Hope25 website and are receiving the monthly newsletters.

### **Our parish Hope25 facilitation team:**

- Will be meeting in the next few weeks.
- We will be looking for ways to engage and equip people for this exciting season of proclamation of hope in Jesus.
- **When?** Between Easter and Pentecost next year.
- Hope25 prayer postcards, to remind you to pray at home, are available.
- Rev. Susan hopes to order more!

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:



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## **PRAYER GROUPS**

**Inverloch**, every week, Tuesdays, at 11.30 am, and

*For further info', contact Rev. Susan*

## 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.*

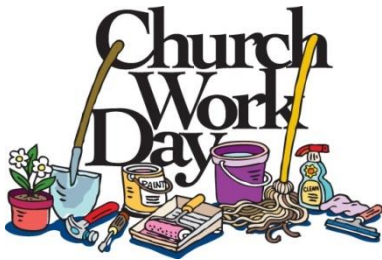
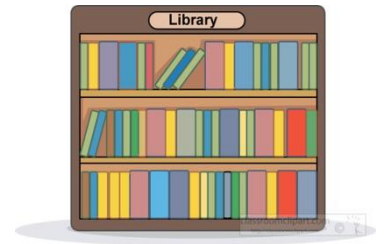
### Conditions of use

***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 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the Month @ 10.00 am. The next will be September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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

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

Alison Giblett's June Prayer letter is at the back of the Church.

Pray for:

- Peace, Unity and Protection for all in the country.
- Victory for Ukraine.
- Protection for those who are defending the country.
- Military Chaplains, their safety and that they be able to bring hope in Christ to military personnel.
- Restoration of power supplies to all the country, plus protection for electrical power stations.
- The sick, wounded and widows.
- Strength in personal relationships during this time of stress.
- Opportunities for Alison and the team to minister to those in need.
- That many will hear and accept the Word of God for salvation.

## **Intercessory Prayers:**

*Please pray with us for:*

**Our Bishop:** Richard Treloar & Leanne

**Our Rector:** Graeme & Susan

**Parish of Korumburra:** Vacant. David Atkinson - locum

**Missions:** NHMF – National Home Mission Fund

**Special Focus:** The Poor and those in need – the hungry and famine-stricken  
All Organisations Engaged in Overseas Aid  
Asylum Seekers and Refugees  
Displaced persons

**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, Jefter & 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.

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## **AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDAR 2025**

**Now available to order:** Cost is \$20.50 including postage.

Please put your name and quantity on the order form at the back of the church.



## INFORMATION

<b>Readings Sun Aug 18th Pentecost 13</b>	1 Kings 2.10-12, 3.3-14 Ephesians 5.11-21	Psalm 111 John 6.51-58
<b>Tuesday Aug 13th</b>	10:00 am – Ascension – H.C. – Rev Graeme 11:30 am – Ascension – Prayer meeting.	
<b>Wednesday Aug 14th</b>	10:00 am – St George’s - H.C. – Rev. John	
<b>Thursday Aug 15th</b>	7:00 pm – Parish Council – Wonthaggi	

### **Rosters: 18<sup>th</sup> August Holy Communion**

<u>Activity</u>	<u>St George’s</u>	<u>Church of the Ascension</u>
<b>Bible Reader</b>	June Hall	Wendy McBurnie
<b>Sides Person</b>	Alan Price	Ray/Ted
<b>Prayers</b>	Alan Price	Ray Smith
<b>Service Leader</b>	Rev. Graeme	Liz Watkins
<b>Eucharistic Assist</b>		Liz Watkins
<b>Musician</b>	Jan Kershaw	Ian
<b>Children’s Ministry</b>	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.

**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

**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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## **MAF FUEL FOR FATHER'S DAY**

We will again this year be participating in the MAF Fuel for Father's Program and all the information is on the table at the back of the church.

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## **MAF Australia's Day of Prayer**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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>

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## **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.

**Where?** - Wonthaggi, at Artspace

**When?** Wednesday 14 August between 1.30 - 4.30 pm

**Or** online – Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> from 6.30 - 8.00 pm

**or** Friday, 16 August between 1.00 - 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/>.



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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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## SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOXES

### Boxes for Christmas 2025 are now available.

- Please put your name and the quantity required on the order form at the back of the church and we will deliver the boxes to you.
- **They must be filled and returned to the Church before 13 October.**

Last year's boxes from this Parish were delivered to Ukrainian children in the only shipping container to get through.

### 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](http://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.

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## WIN MEETING

The next meeting is at 1.30 on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at Inverloch.

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## 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)