



# 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**



## **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 8th, 2024**

### **Morning Prayer**



#### **Have you ever jumped off a cliff?**

I have, and it takes a lot of nerve! You walk up to the edge, look over it and consider your options. You may do this several times before you eventually take the risk and leap out into the unknown.

Trusting in God is much the same, you look, listen and learn. You then count the cost and despite the possible dangers you take that leap of faith. But, if you don't take the leap - then faith isn't present, in fact it can't exist until you do something about it.

You may have all the knowledge in the world, be wise, sensitive, and have great ideas, but until you do something about it, it means absolutely nothing.

#### **Have you taken the leap of faith?**

*Rev. Graeme*

**Sentence:**

So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. *James 2.13*

**Prayer of the Day:**

O God, whose word is life, and whose delight is to answer our cry: give us faith like that of the woman who refused to remain an outsider, so that we too may have the wit to argue and demand that our children be made whole, through Jesus Christ. **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 22.1-2, 8-9, 22-23**

<sup>1</sup> A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold. <sup>2</sup> Rich and poor have this in common: The Lord is the Maker of them all. <sup>8</sup> Whoever sows injustice reaps calamity, and the rod they wield in fury will be broken. <sup>9</sup> The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor. <sup>22</sup> Do not exploit the poor because they are poor and do not crush the needy in court, <sup>23</sup> for the Lord will take up their case and will exact life for life.

*Hear the word of the Lord*

***Thanks be to God.***

**Psalm 125**

<sup>1</sup> Those who put their trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion: which cannot be shaken, but endures for ever.

**<sup>2</sup> As the mountains stand about Jerusalem, so stands the Lord about his people: from this time forward for evermore.**

<sup>3</sup> For the sceptre of wickedness shall have no sway over the land apportioned to the righteous: lest the righteous set their hands to do evil.

**<sup>4</sup> Do good, O Lord, to those who are good: to those that are upright in heart.**

<sup>5</sup> As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, let the Lord lead them away with the evildoers: and in Israel let there be peace.

## **New Testament Reading**

### **James 2.1-10, 14-17**

<sup>1</sup> My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favouritism. <sup>2</sup> Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. <sup>3</sup> If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, 'Here's a good seat for you,' but say to the poor man, 'You stand there' or 'Sit on the floor by my feet,' <sup>4</sup> have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup> Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? <sup>6</sup> But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? <sup>7</sup> Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong? <sup>8</sup> If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, 'Love your neighbour as yourself,' you are doing right. <sup>9</sup> But if you show favouritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as law-breakers. <sup>10</sup> For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. <sup>14</sup> What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? <sup>15</sup> Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. <sup>16</sup> If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? <sup>17</sup> In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

*Hear the word of the Lord,*

***Thanks be to God***

## **Gospel Reading**

### **Mark 7.24-37**

<sup>24</sup> Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. <sup>25</sup> In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. <sup>26</sup> The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup> 'First let the children eat all they want,' he told her, 'for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs.' <sup>28</sup> 'Lord,' she replied, 'even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' <sup>29</sup> Then he told her,

‘For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter.’<sup>30</sup> She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis.<sup>32</sup> There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.<sup>33</sup> After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man’s ears. Then he spat and touched the man’s tongue.<sup>34</sup> He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, ‘Ephphatha!’ (which means ‘Be opened!’).<sup>35</sup> At this, the man’s ears were opened, his tongue was loosed and he began to speak plainly.<sup>36</sup> Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it.<sup>37</sup> People were overwhelmed with amazement. ‘He has done everything well,’ they said. ‘He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.’

*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

### **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.

## **WIN MEETING**

The next Meeting will be held at St George's, Wonthaggi at 1.30 pm on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> September. All welcome.

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## **SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOXES**

These have all been allocated but if anyone would still like one or more please see Leah. 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.

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## **AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT**

Income for period: \$10,847 including \$8,718 offerings

Expenditure: \$14,864

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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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## ON THIS DAY: Peter Vermigli Named for a Martyr



Peter Vermigli shocked sixteenth-century England. Archbishop Thomas Cranmer had invited the reformer to England and offered him a position at Oxford. The Italian was considered a significant catch because he was known as one of the greatest scholars of the age. However, not everyone favoured this appointment, because Peter, who had once sworn to be celibate had accepted Reformation ideas, changed his mind and married; what is more, his wife had been a nun.

Born in Florence on this day, **September 8, 1499**, Peter's father named him after the Dominican saint Pietro Martire (Peter Martyr). Peter joined the Augustinian monks when he was sixteen. By the age of 30 he had become an abbot and in 1533 the prior of Naples. There he became friends with the Spanish reformer Juan de Valdes. Perhaps some of Juan's ideas rubbed off. At any rate, Peter began to study the Bible seriously and was suspended from preaching for denying purgatory.

When the inquisition became active in Italy, Peter fled to Switzerland. Martin Bucer, one of the big names in the Reformation, invited him to teach at Strasbourg and he accepted. While in Switzerland, he "stole" a nun named Catherine out of her cloister one night and married her. Sometime after that, Thomas Cranmer invited him to England. But to the English, who had not yet begun to break their vows of priestly celibacy and marry, Peter's marriage seemed outrageous. *"They have professed virginity to the Lord,"* growled Richard Smith, a Catholic.

In England, Peter took part in many significant debates. He was often consulted by English reformers. In public, he taught in Latin, but in private, in Italian. His private views were more liberal than his public statements until he made a strong declaration that the Lord's Supper was symbolic, angering many people. Catherine, his wife, died in 1553. Not long afterward, the Catholic queen, Mary, came to the throne and Peter found himself under house arrest. As soon as he was allowed to, he hurried back to Switzerland. There he taught at Strasbourg again until he was driven out because his doctrine of the Lord's Supper disagreed with the Calvinist teaching. Peter's views were nearer to Zwingli's. Peter then moved on to Zurich and taught Hebrew. He was still there when he died in 1562. The longest he stayed at any place in his adult life was eight years. Usually he had to leave because of opposition to his ideas. Some thought he earned his name "martyr" because of that.

*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)



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:



## **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.*

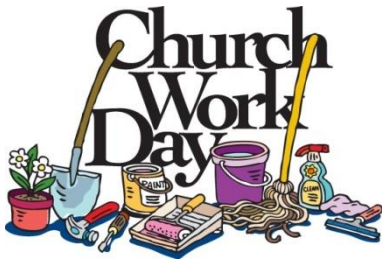
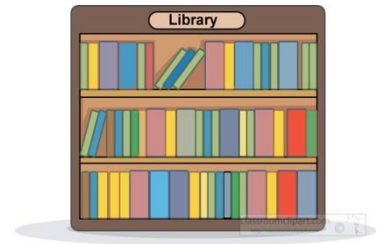
### **Conditions of use**

***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 7th October.

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*

## **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 Bishop:** Richard Treloar & Leanna

**Our Rector:** Graeme & Susan

**Parish of Corner Inlet:** Fran Grimes

**Diocese of Brisbane:** Archbishop: Jeremy Greaves  
Bishops: John Roundhill, Cameron Venables,

**Special Focus:** All Licensed Lay Persons, Lay Readers, Pastoral Assistants  
Liturgical Assistants, Eucharistic Assistants  
Other Lay ministers in the Diocese  
Study Group Leaders, Parish Musicians,  
& Lay Reader Chaplains

**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.

## **SAFE ARRIVAL**

We thank you for your prayers for Ellen, Jacob and Albert John Westley. Albert is doing well and hopefully will be able to go home soon.

## INFORMATION

<b>Readings Sun Sep 15th</b>	Proverbs 1:20-33	Psalm 19
<b>Pentecost 17</b>	James 2.18-26	Mark 8.27-38
<b>Tuesday Sept 10th</b>	10:00 am – Ascension – H.C. – Rev Amy 11:30 am – Ascension – Prayer meeting.	
<b>Wednesday Sept 11th</b>	10:00 am – St George’s - H.C. – Rev. John	
<b>Thursday Sept 12th</b>	7:30pm Parish Council - Ascension	

### Rosters: September 15th. Holy Communion

<u>Activity</u>	<u>St George’s</u>	<u>Church of the Ascension</u>
<b>Bible Reader</b>	Jude Mortimer	Elise Watkins
<b>Sides Person</b>	John/Merridee	Ray/Ted
<b>Prayers</b>	Renee Chan	Sue Lester
<b>Service Leader</b>	Rev Graeme	Liz Watkins
<b>Eucharistic Assist</b>		Liz Watkins
<b>Musician</b>	Jan Kershaw	Graham Wilson
<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.*

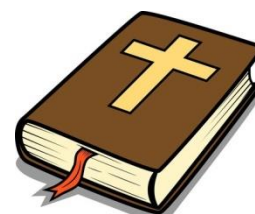
**Liersch’s:** Tuesdays 4:00 pm – Alan & Jill Price’s home Inverloch.

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



## MISSION BOXES

All Mission Boxes need to be handed in by Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September please. They will not be accepted after this date.

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

**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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**FOR YOUR NOTES**



*Evangelism* is a natural part of the Christian life; it is not meant to be a burden or a weight upon us for it is the Holy Spirit that enables us to share our faith.

**Archbishop Geoff Smith**



**Hope25** = growth in confidence in sharing our faith stories.

Let's face it, it's hard to imagine that people in our community will be interested in hearing about Jesus. But we were interested, so why wouldn't they be?

**Now is the time to share the HOPE that we have in JESUS!**

See over for one way you can gain confidence to do this.

## **321 Online Evangelism Course**

<https://321.speaklife.org.uk/course/321>

This is an excellent course produced in the UK that clearly articulates the good news story of Jesus Christ. It could be undertaken by individually or as a group.

### *Features of the course:*

- Login for free
- Eight engaging short videos to watch (10 – 15 mins).
- Questions to consider in each video
- The videos use stories that introduce the topic, create pictures that connect with life using engaging visuals
- The questions and stories provide great ideas for how you might start up a conversation with a non-believer
- Video 8 ends with an invitation to pray the sinner's prayer
- The ninth video cues participants into the other resources on the [321 speaklife](https://321.speaklife.org.uk) website, eg a reading plan for the gospel of John, opportunity to ask questions and join an online chat

Please feel free to ask me questions about this course.

*Reverend Susan Liersch*