



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

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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost – August 25th, 2024

Prayer, Praise & Proclamation



A Knight in armour is such a medieval concept for us to consider today. Of course we know that the concept of armour goes well back before the birth of Christ and is featured in many parts of the scriptures, especially the Old Testament books of 1 & 2 Kings.

However the analogy of armour is as significant today as it was back then. The whole concept of armour is to protect oneself from danger. To this end St Paul latches on to the importance of having our spiritual armour on to protect us from the devil's attacks.

Today we look at this armour and its importance for our wellbeing.

Have you got your spiritual armour on?

Rev. Graeme

Sentence:

Jesus said, 'It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.'

John 6.63

Prayer of the Day:

Everliving God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified:
hear the prayers we offer for all your faithful people, that in the ministry to which
you have called them each may serve you in holiness and truth;
through our Lord and Saviour 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:

1 Kings 8.22-30, 41-43

²² Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in front of the whole assembly of Israel, spread out his hands towards heaven ²³ and said: 'Lord, the God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below – you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way. ²⁴ You have kept your promise to your servant David my father; with your mouth you have promised and with your hand you have fulfilled it – as it is today. ²⁵ 'Now Lord, the God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father the promises you made to him when you said, "You shall never fail to have a successor to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your descendants are careful in all they do to walk before me faithfully as you have done." ²⁶ And now, God of Israel, let your word that you promised your servant David my father come true. ²⁷ 'But will God really dwell on earth? The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built! ²⁸ Yet give attention to your servant's prayer and his plea for mercy, Lord my God. Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in

your presence this day. ²⁹ May your eyes be open towards this temple night and day, this place of which you said, “My Name shall be there,” so that you will hear the prayer your servant prays towards this place. ³⁰ Hear the supplication of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place. Hear from heaven, your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive. ⁴¹ ‘As for the foreigner who does not belong to your people Israel but has come from a distant land because of your name – ⁴² for they will hear of your great name and your mighty hand and your outstretched arm – when they come and pray towards this temple, ⁴³ then hear from heaven, your dwelling-place. Do whatever the foreigner asks of you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your own people Israel, and may know that this house I have built bears your Name.

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

Psalm 84

¹ How lovely is your dwelling-place:
O Lord God of hosts!

² My soul has a desire and longing
to enter the courts of the Lord:
**my heart and my flesh rejoice in the
living God.**

³ The sparrow has found her a home,
and the swallow a nest where she
may lay her young: **even your altar, O
Lord of hosts, my King and my God.**

⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in your
house: **they will always be praising
you.**

⁵ Blessed are those whose strength is
in you: **in whose heart are the
highways to Zion;**

⁶ Who, going through the valley of
dryness, find there a spring from
which to drink: **till the autumn rain
shall clothe it with blessings.**

⁷ They go from strength to strength:
**they appear, every one of them,
before the God of gods in Zion.**

⁸ O Lord God of hosts, hear my
prayer: **give ear, O God of Jacob.**

⁹ Behold, O God, him who reigns over
us: **and look upon the face of your
anointed.**

¹⁰ One day in your courts is better
than a thousand: **I would rather
stand at the threshold of the house
of my God than dwell in the tents of
ungodliness.**

¹¹ For the Lord God is a light and a
shield, the Lord gives favour and
honour: **and no good thing will he
withhold from those who walk in
innocence.**

¹² O Lord God of hosts: **blessed are
those who put their trust in you.**

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 6.10-20

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled round your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

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

Gospel Reading:

John 6.56-69

⁵⁶ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live for ever.' ⁵⁹ He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum. ⁶⁰ On hearing it, many of his disciples said, 'This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?' ⁶¹ Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, 'Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! ⁶³ The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you – they are full of the Spirit and life. ⁶⁴ Yet there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. ⁶⁵ He went on to say, 'This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father

has enabled them.’⁶⁶ From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.⁶⁷ ‘You do not want to leave too, do you?’ Jesus asked the Twelve.⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, ‘Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.’⁶⁹ We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.’

*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. They must be filled and returned to the Church before 13 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: Parting Blessings for Moravians



In 1731 Count Zinzendorf returned to Herrnhut from Copenhagen with an appeal that would change the face of Protestantism. He had met two Eskimos from Egede's Greenland mission. It looked as if the Greenland mission was about to fail. Shouldn't Herrnhut send someone to take Egede's place? The Moravians agreed. In a

meeting held August 21, 1732, Christian David, a carpenter, and some other laymen were designated to go. They arrived in Greenland in May of 1733.

In Copenhagen, the count had also met a former slave, Anthony Ulrich, of St. Thomas Island. Anthony described the terrible brutality of slavery on the island. Slaves were utterly without Christ and were whipped if they came near a church. This account, relayed through Zinzendorf to the brethren at Herrnhut, greatly shocked them. Two close friends, Dober and Leupold were unable to sleep because of it. Surely Christ would want them to go to St. Thomas, even if they had to become slaves themselves in order to witness to the Negroes.

They asked permission to go, but it was refused. Everyone in the community saw only obstacles. The young men persisted and finally asked that the lot be drawn to determine if the Lord would allow them to go. Dober was selected, Leupold not. David Nitschmann, a man of experience and honour, offered to accompany Dober for a few months and help him get established in the islands.

The community of Herrnhut blessed the two men and sent them to Copenhagen to find a ship for St. Thomas. Many brethren were still opposed to the experiment, but Dober was determined to lay his life down if need be to bring the gospel to the slaves. Zinzendorf rode part way with them--to Bautzen, Germany--giving his final blessing **on this day, August 25, 1732.**

On the 300 mile trip to Copenhagen, Dober and Nitschmann met much skepticism. Virtually everyone told them it was folly to go to St. Thomas. To preach to slaves was absurd. Fever would kill the missionaries. Even Anthony changed his mind but did write them a letter of introduction to his sister.

In Copenhagen, help came from an unexpected quarter. Princess Charlotte Amelia learned of the mission and was moved to give funds and a Bible. A Dutch ship was found to take them and the two sailed in October. During the voyage the sailors continually scoffed at the mission which they said must undoubtedly fail. They tried to frighten the Moravians with stories of plague.

After much labour and years of fruitless suffering, Dober won his first convert--a boy. Anthony's sister was also brought to Christ. The Moravians later extended their mission work to the whole world.

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)



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:



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.

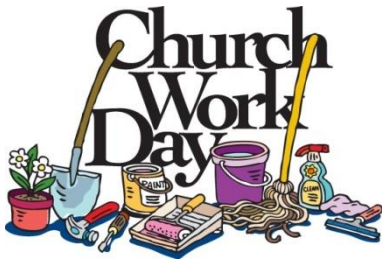
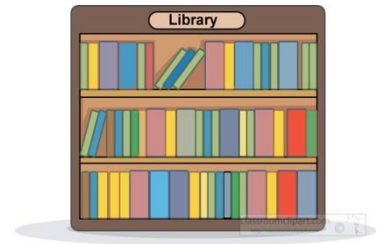
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For further information contact Vivienne McInerney.



Inverloch & Wonthaggi Church Working Bees

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

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

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 & Leanne

Our Rector: Graeme & Susan

Parish of Trafalgar Dean Spalding & Kate

Missions

The work of Amnesty International

Diocese of Wangaratta

Bishop: Clarence Bester

Special Focus

International Peace - for diplomats and ambassadors

Volunteer Workers Abroad

Anglican Communion Peace and Justice Network

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.

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 1st Pentecost 15	Song of Songs 2.8-13 James 1.17-27	Psalm 45.1-2, 6-9 Mark 7.1-8, 14-23
Tuesday Aug 27th	10:00 am – Ascension – H.C. – Rev Graeme 11:30 am – Ascension – Prayer meeting.	
Wednesday Aug 28th	10:00 am – St George’s - H.C. – Rev. John	
Thursday Aug 29th		

Rosters: September 1st. Holy Communion

<u>Activity</u>	<u>St George’s</u>	<u>Church of the Ascension</u>
Bible Reader	Pam Davies	Bob Delahoy
Sides Person	Alan Price	Ray/Ted
Prayers	Robert Mesley	Liz Watkins
Service Leader	John Davies	Liz Watkins
Eucharistic Assist		Liz Watkins
Musician	Jan Kershaw	Ian/Elise
Children’s Ministry	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.

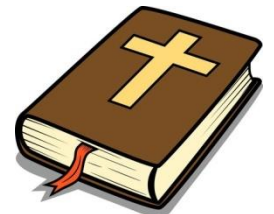
Liersch’s: Tuesdays 4:00 pm – Alan & Jill Price’s home Inverloch.

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



Ministry Team

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Liz Watkins 0404 379 005

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Parish Postal Address: PO Box 201, Wonthaggi 3995. Phone: 5672 4590

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Food Rescue: Ron Osborne

Prayer requests for prayer chain: Jill Price 0409 745 554

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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 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.