



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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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost – August 18th, 2024

Holy Communion



Holy Communion - What is it?

There has been debate for centuries over the nature of the Bread & Wine at Holy Communion - Is it really Jesus' physical body and blood or is it merely a symbol?

Today's gospel reading is one such passage that causes us to think about the reality of communion.

The term used to describe the bread and wine turning into Christ's body and blood is transubstantiation.

In some parts of the Anglican Communion, mainly Anglo-Catholic congregations, they believe it is Christ's body and blood, while in other parts of the church it is seen as a symbol of Christ's body and blood.

How do you see or interpret the bread & wine in Holy Communion?

Rev. Graeme

Sentence:

Jesus said, 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.'

John 6.56

Prayer of the Day:

Everliving God, your Son, Jesus Christ,
gave himself as living bread for the life of the world: give us such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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 2.10-12; 3.3-14

¹⁰ Then David rested with his ancestors and was buried in the City of David.

¹¹ He had reigned for forty years over Israel – seven years in Hebron and thirty-three in Jerusalem. ¹² So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David, and his rule was firmly established.

^{3:3} Solomon showed his love for the Lord by walking according to the instructions given him by his father David, except that he offered sacrifices and burned incense on the high places. ⁴ The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵ At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, 'Ask for whatever you want me to give you.' ⁶ Solomon answered, 'You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day. ⁷ 'Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in

place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. ⁸ Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. ⁹ So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?' ¹⁰ The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. ¹¹ So God said to him, 'Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, ¹² I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. ¹³ Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for – both wealth and honour – so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. ¹⁴ And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life.'

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

Psalm 111

¹ O praise the Lord. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart: **in the company of the upright and among the congregation.**

² The works of the Lord are great: **and studied by all who take delight in them.**

³ His deeds are majestic and glorious: **and his righteousness stands for ever.**

⁴ His marvellous acts have won him a name to be remembered: **the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

⁵ He gives food to those that fear him: **he remembers his covenant for ever.**

⁶ He showed his people the power of his acts: **in giving them the heritage of the heathen.**

⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just: **and all his commandments are sure;**

⁸ They stand firm for ever and ever: **they are done in faithfulness and in truth.**

⁹ He sent redemption to his people, he ordained his covenant for ever: **holy is his name and worthy to be feared.**

¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and of good understanding are those that keep his commandments: **his praise shall endure for ever.**

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 5.11-21

¹¹ Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. ¹² It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. ¹³ But everything exposed by the light becomes visible – and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. ¹⁴ This is why it is said: ‘Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.’ ¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 6.51-58

⁵¹ 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.’ ⁵² Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’ ⁵³ Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. 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.’

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

ON THIS DAY: Death of Amazing Chinese Evangelist John Sung



What does it profit a man if he gain the whole world but lose his soul?" Those words kept bouncing around inside John Sung's head. The brilliant son of a Chinese Methodist minister, John was in the United States to learn all he could about the sciences.

In just five years, even while working to support himself, he completed his Bachelor of Science Degree, his Master of Science and his Ph.D. But the importance of the soul did not escape him. He entered Union Theological Seminary. That brought him to the crisis of his life. Union had abandoned many clear teachings of Scripture and substituted modern theology (idea that God is dead) and Bible criticism in their place. John began to doubt everything that he had been taught while growing up. This troubled him and he prayed and studied the Bible looking for answers.

Suddenly, one night, his soul was transformed. He began to weep and to shout for joy. He raced to tell teachers and fellow students. The next thing he knew, he was locked in an insane asylum! In the eyes of the spiritually dead school authorities, his behaviour indicated that he had gone mad.

John was allowed to take only his Bible and a pen into the cell with him. In the 193 days that he was locked up, he read the Bible from cover to cover forty times. He later said that that was his real theological training.

After his release, John returned to China. On the ship, he threw overboard all of his diplomas, certificates and awards, keeping only his doctorate for his father's sake. From that moment on, his life was dedicated to winning souls.

And that is what John did. After a slow three-year start, God sent him from end to end of China and around Southeast Asia where he preached sermon after sermon stressing mankind's sin and need for the gospel. He named specific sins by name. Stung to the heart, his listeners wept openly. Many confessed their sins in front of the whole congregation. At meeting after meeting, people listened to John and repented. He preached for only fifteen years, but in that time, he led hundreds of thousands to Christ.

The secret of his success was hours of prayer. Every morning he rose early to pray for two or three hours. People said he prayed as if Christ were an intimate friend in the room with him. To him, faith was watching God work while you were on your knees.

John died **on this day, August 18, 1944**; He was only 43 years old. *Dan Graves*

www.christianity.com/church/church-history/timeline/1901-2000/death-of-chinese-evangelist

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.

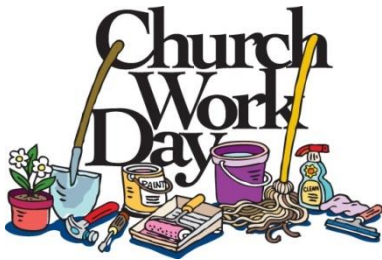
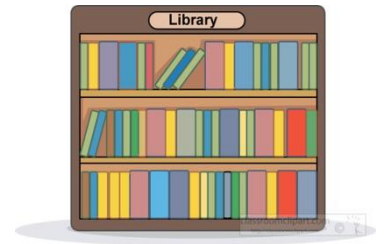
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Please return books as soon as you've finished reading them.

For further information contact Vivienne McInerney.



Inverloch & Wonthaggi Church Working Bees

Church of the Ascension - The 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 GROUPS

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

For further info', contact Rev. Susan

Intercessory Prayers:

Please pray with us for:

Our Bishop: Richard Treloar & Leanne

Our Rector: Graeme & Susan

Co-operating Parish of Neerim South: Rev. Gospel Ralte & Grace

Missions: The Mission to Seafarers

Diocese of Northern Territory: Bishop Greg Anderson

Special Focus: Anglican Earthcare Gippsland

Acting on Climate Together in Gippsland (ACTing)

All Conservationists - our stewardship of the Earth and its Resources

Sailors and Fisher folk

The Anglican Communion Environment 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

<u>Readings Sun Aug 25th</u> Pentecost 14	1 Kings 8.22-30,41-43 Ephesians 6.10-20	Psalm 84 John 6.56-69
Tuesday Aug 20th	10:00 am – Ascension – H.C. – Rev Graeme 11:30 am – Ascension – Prayer meeting. 1:30pm – WIN- Inverloch	
Wednesday Aug 21st	10:00 am – St George’s - H.C. – Rev. John	
Thursday Aug 22nd	11:30 am – St George’s – Prayer meeting.	

Rosters: 25th August Prayer, Praise & Proclamation

<u>Activity</u>	<u>St George’s</u>	<u>Church of the Ascension</u>
Bible Reader	Robert Mesley	Ian McBurnie
Sides Person	Robert Mesley	Ray/Ted
Prayers	John Davies	Marcia Smith
Service Leader	Rev Susan	Rev Susan
Eucharistic Assist	X	X
Musician	Renee Chan	Sue/Elise
Children’s Ministry	Rev Susan	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.

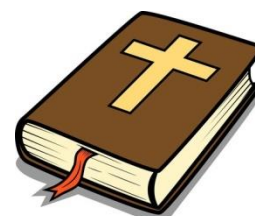
Liersch’s: Tuesdays 4:00 pm – Alan & Jill Price’s home Inverloch.

Phone: 0417 513 390.

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

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

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Parish Council +

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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

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

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.

The boxes that this Parish filled last year were delivered in the only container to get through to children in Ukraine.

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.

WIN MEETING

The next meeting is at 1.30 on Tuesday 20th August at Inverloch.

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 before the 25th of August.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

It is time to start collecting food for the Christmas Hampers. 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.

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.

