

**30th September**  
7.00 pm House Group  
Teesdale

**1st October**  
11.00 am Communion  
Estia Health Bannockburn

**2nd October**  
6.00 pm Community Cinema  
Epiphany Meredith

**4th October**  
9.00 am Devonshire Tea  
Parish Ministry Centre

**7th October**  
7.00 pm House Group  
Teesdale

**8th October**  
9.30 am Mothers' Union Service  
St Johns Bannockburn

**14th October**  
7.00 pm House Group  
Teesdale

**15th October**  
12.00 noon Deanery Meeting  
St Johns Bannockburn

**21st October**  
7.00 pm House Group  
Teesdale

### Parish Roster for October 5

#### Church Cleaning:

Inverleigh: Luanne Thornton  
Bannockburn: Paul and Freda Duke

#### Reading:

Bannockburn: David Bannister

#### Communion Assistant:

Inverleigh: Bruce McDonald  
Bannockburn: Carol Newlands

#### Morning Tea:

Bannockburn: David Bannister  
Carol Newlands

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**You can't reach for anything new  
if your hands are full of  
yesterday's junk.**



Louise Smith

# Golden Plains Anglican News

*Living the Gospel in Our Community*

Inverleigh†Bannockburn†Meredith  
28th September 2025—SIXTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST [26]

## YOU AND YOUR CHURCH V. THE WORLD

Our Parish can handle whatever the world throws at you—as a team—if we used the “church against the world” perspective.

In churches it is easy to fall into a mindset that it is us versus the world, even when we have been part of our local church for a long time. When new people come into the church and change the culture, or new things are developed we disagree with, or feeling not quite as connected as before, and feeling like we are fighting against each other on everything. It is damaging the relationships within the church.

Here are three scenarios to make it work for you.

### Your church vs. the situation

Imagine a stressful, disappointing, or unexpected turn of events that you have no control over. Maybe everyone gets sick and you have to cancel an activity that has been planning for ages. Or you fall and break your leg two days before the event. Instead of taking your negative emotions (frustration, anger, stress) out on others, it can be helpful to have something else to take the brunt of it – in this case the external situation. Unify behind how ridiculous your luck is, and help each other see the positive or humorous side of things. Be a source of support and comfort and enable reconnecting over this less-than-ideal situation.

### You vs. another member of the congregation

Okay, so you're not really going against that person. Maybe that person

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## Worship Today: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST [26]

**Sentence:** Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.

1 Timothy 4:16

**Collect:** O God, from whom light rises in darkness for those who seek you: grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us do, that in your light we may see light, and in your narrow path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Readings:** Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 ; 1 Timothy 4:12-5:8; Luke 16:1-13

### Hymns:

**Inverleigh:** 61 – Sing all creation; 448 – Blest are the pure in heart; 640 – Kneels at the feet of his friends; 679 – God of Jeremiah grieving  
**Bannockburn:** *Jesus shall take the highest honour*; 10,000 reasons (Bless the Lord); Majesty here I am; Jesus take me as I am; Will you come and follow me; *As the deer*; Sout to the Lord; *I am a new creation.* **Meredith:** *Jesus shall take the highest honour*; 10,000 reasons (Bless the Lord); Blest are the pure in heart; Will you come and follow me; Shout to the Lord; *I am a new creation*

**Intercessions:** Faithful God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**World:** Sudan, Ukraine & Russia, Israel & Palestine, India & Pakistan, Thailand & Cambodia; all where there is conflict, war, or threat of war; South Sudan, Kenya and all developing nations; Afghanistan, Bali, and all suffering from natural disaster; wherever there is poverty, insecurity, hunger, wherever there is lack of education, employment, medical intervention, freedom, clean water; all who are displaced, refugees, asylum seekers, orphans, widows, and the oppressed; for all national leaders and authorities to lead their nations with righteousness, justice, and grace.

**Church:** the good news of God's kingdom we have to share with a broken world; all church leaders; nomination and election of an Archbishop of Canterbury, Bp Mark Short incoming National Primate, preparations of Archbishop elect Ric Thorpe and Louie to come among us; that all our activities will provide an opportunity to share our faith stories; to step out in faith based on the promises of God to restore his kingdom.

**Community:** the Wadawarrung and all our first nations peoples, their elders; the Yoorook Justice Commission; all who come into our communities of any race, creed, colour, faith, or no faith will experience welcome and belonging; the lonely, forgotten, and those experience violence in their homes; all struggling with the cost of living.

**Those in need:** Matt Bellchambers, Shirley Musgrove, Melinda Gregory, Karen Schulze, Jenny Bannister, Margaret McLaren, Sarah Rees, Jayden Rees, Fay McFarlane, Jesse Osborne, Phil Dickson, Paul Duke, Josie Andrews, Makat Majok, Aluong Lieny, Mawut Gotbaili, Timothy Deng and Wek.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

Sunday 30th November

11.30 am

Following Combined Parish Eucharist

10.00 am

St Paul's Inverleigh  
26th October

9th November

Meeting Notice Display  
Nominations for Parish

Council, Wardens, Nomination  
Committee

16th November

Organisational Reports  
Audited Finances

23rd November

Distribution of Meeting  
Booklets

## INSTALLATION OF ARCHBISHOP RIC THORPE

Sunday 30th November

4.00 pm

St Paul's Cathedral  
Melbourne

Invitation to Synod Representatives  
or substitutes if not available.

## MOTHERS' UNION SERVICE and MEETING

(Never sure where to put the  
apostrophe.)

Holy Communion 9.30 am

8th October

St Johns Bannockburn  
Meeting to follow

## HOPE IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD

Join us Fri 24 Oct 2025 at 6pm for a 1-hr reflection,  
with music and readings, to encourage  
**HOPE** in an uncertain world

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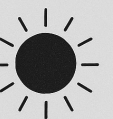
## ANXIETY IS EVERYWHERE, BUT...

There are plenty of reasons to be  
anxious in modern life,  
given the deteriorating state of our  
planet, violence against women,  
endless wars and the illnesses  
we will all face.

But that is no  
reason to give up,  
publicly or privately.

We can all benefit from  
nurturing our hope  
and contributions.

In fact, our future and  
those whom we love  
depends on our sense  
of hope.



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is throwing an antrum about one issue or another. Or someone expects you to do something time consuming when you have already had a long busy week. Or you don't think others are taking responsibility for the work of the church. Instead of taking frustration, fatigue, and general feelings of overwhelm out on each other, try channeling it into being a good teammate. Hype each other up and give each other the boost you both need to get through the challenge.

### Your church vs. an imaginary third party

Instead of nagging others about those mundane yet irritating things they do (or don't do), come up with a fake character that you blame instead. Maybe it's Chaz the Freeloading Roommate who never packs or unpacks the dishwasher. Or the mysterious Bag Monster who leaves the Op Shop donations blocking the emergency exit. Maybe we might joke, "Looks like Chaz is at it again!" Or "Oh no, the Bag Monster needs glasses!" When we can communicate our minor annoyances with a sense of humour, we can prevent things from degrading into an unnecessary argument while still getting our point quietly across. We need to be sure we are having real discussions and taking responsibility for deeper conflicts as necessary at our Parish Community Growth Meetings.

The whole principle behind this is remembering that we are a team. While this is true all the time, leaning into this is especially helpful in situations when it's easy to slip into the opposite way of thinking. Maybe you can think of some scenarios in which you could utilize "us against \_\_\_\_\_" thinking?

Based on: [www.prepare-enrich.com/blog/you-your-spouse-versus/\(edited\)](http://www.prepare-enrich.com/blog/you-your-spouse-versus/(edited))

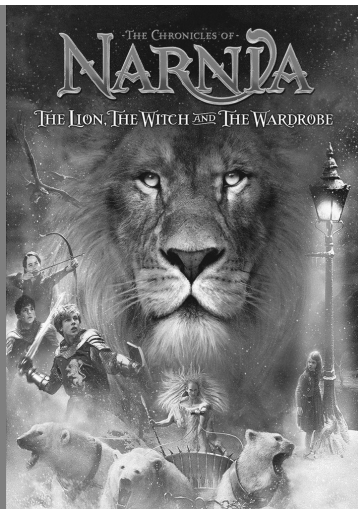
## MEREDITH COMMUNITY CINEMA GRAND OPENING

has been postponed to  
Thursday 2nd October, 6.00 pm, Church of the  
Epiphany, Meredith  
Come dressed in formal red carpet attire and  
invite your friends.  
Cocktails and Mocktails with theatre food  
available on the night.  
Movie adaptation of C S Lewis':

PG

Parental  
guidance  
recommended

The Lion, The Witch,  
and The Wardrobe.



## Bible Readings

### Prayer for the week:

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant us such a measure of your grace that, running in the way of your commandments, we may obtain your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Monday

MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS *Saints*

**Morning:** Ps 69:1-16

1 Kings 16:8-34

Matthew 9:1-13

**Evening:** Ps 69:17-23(24-30)31-38

Job 26

Colossians 1:1-8

### Tuesday

Jerome (d.420) *Monastic  
Priest and Biblical Scholar*

**Morning:** Ps 72

1 Kings 17

Matthew 9:14-26

**Evening:** Ps 73

Job 27

Colossians 1:9-20

### Wednesday

**Morning:** Ps 74

1 Kings 18:1-20

Matthew 9:27-38

**Evening:** Pss 75 & 76

Job 28

Colossians 1:21-29

### Thursday

**Morning:** Ps 77

1 Kings 18:20-40

Matthew 10:1-15

**Evening:** Ps 78:1-15

Job 29:1-20

Colossians 2:1-7

### Friday

**Morning:** Ps 78:16-38

1 Kings 18:41-19:8

Matthew 10:16-27

**Evening:** Ps 78:39-70

Job 29:21-30:15

Colossians 2:8-15

### Saturday

Francis of Assisi (d.1226) *Monastic  
Friar and Preacher*

**Morning:** Ps 80

1 Kings 19:9-21

Matthew 10:28-42

**Evening:** Ps 81

Job 30:16-31:4

Colossians 2:16-23

Matthew, Mark and Luke,  
see me after class.  
Your book reports are  
surprisingly similar.



Next Sunday 5th October  
PENTECOST 17

8.00 am Holy Communion

Inverleigh

10.00 am All-Age Communion

Bannockburn

5.00 pm Holy Communion

Meredith

Readings

Lamentations 1:1-6

Lamentations 3 19-26 or Psalm 137

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:(1-4) 5-10