

Mark Your Calendars
UPCOMING EVENTS

8th April

3.00 pm Cinema Fitout
 Epiphany Meredith

7.00 pm House Group
 Teesdale

15th April

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 Teesdale

17th April

MAUNDY THURSDAY
 7.00 pm Community Meal
 Parish Ministry Centre

18th April

GOOD FRIDAY

9.00 am Liturgy of the Cross
 St Paul's Inverleigh
 11.00 am Way of the Cross
 Mary McKillop Catholic Church

Bannockburn

20th April

EASTER DAY

21st April

Schools Return

22nd April

7.00 pm House Group
 Teesdale

23rd April

7.00 pm Parish Council
 Parish Ministry Centre

25th April

ANZAC Day Public Holiday

29th April

Supervisor Training
St Paul's Cathedral

7.00 pm House Group
 Teesdale

2nd May

Devonshire Tea

9.00 am Parish Ministry Centre

6th May

7.00 pm House Group

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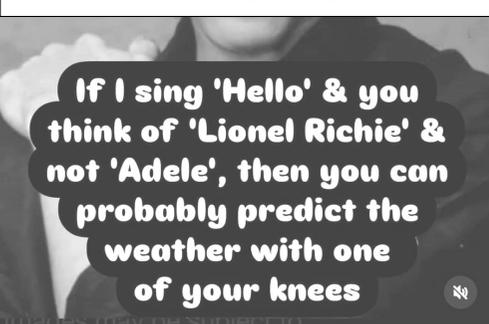
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Parish Roster for April 13

Church Cleaning:
 Inverleigh: Liz McDonald
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Morning Tea:
 Bannockburn: Freda Duke
 David Bannister



Golden Plains Anglican News

Living the Gospel in Our Community

Inverleigh†Bannockburn†Meredith Anglican Parish
 6th April 2025—FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

HOPE: FROM 1 PETER

Nola Mangurra tells of her hope found in Jesus, and that hope meant there was no turning back.

My first memories in life are living out bush with my family. I didn't know the Lord then; I only knew about bush tucker and hunting. I remember then moving to town (Numbulwar) because my parents were worried about access for supplies as the rain was making it hard to use the roads. They also wanted us (the children at the outstation) to have better access to education.

My parents went to fellowship and church and my mum 'became a church leader. I grew up following her to fellowship and listening to the church leaders singing gospel songs, yet still I didn't know the Lord. I also did other things like playing with friends and going to discos and I went to school.

I didn't find hope in Jesus until 2006, I was in my 30s. All through my life mum would encourage me talk about her faith. When I went to see her she would tell me bible stories about Jesus. Eventually those words sunk in, and I realised that I could only find hope for my life in Jesus.

So I made a choice to follow Jesus, I was baptised, and I told my church leaders that I was serious and there was no turning back for me now. And I have honoured that commitment. I am a church leader in the Numbulwar church. I lead fellowship services, help run Sunday school, read the bible in church and teach action songs about Jesus to the children in our community. I am also licensed by the bishop as a lay reader in our parish. I thank God that he continues to give us hope. God is patiently waiting for



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Worship Today: FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sentence: Those who go about weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves. Psalm 126:6

Collect: Christ, whose feet were caressed with perfume and a woman's hair, you humbly took a basin and washed the feet of your friends: wash us also in your tenderness, that, embracing your service freely, we may accept no other bondage in your name. **Amen.**

Readings: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:3-14; John 12:1-8

Hymns:

Inverleigh: 560 – All my hope on God is founded; 407 – Breathe on me breath of God; 594 – Fight the good fight; 683 – God! When human bonds are broken

Bannockburn: *Great is the darkness*; All my hope on God is founded; In Christ alone; Fight the good fight; *I believe in Jesus*; Build you kingdom here; *I am a new creation*

Meredith: *Great is the darkness*; All my hope on God is founded; Breath on me breath of God; Fight the good fight; Build you kingdom here; *I am a new creation*

Intercessions: Jesus, in your mercy, receive the prayers we offer.

World: in the world where false hopes rule and are superficial we pray for true hope for all peoples in conflict, war, or threat of war, especially: Sudan, Ukraine and Russia, Israel and Palestine, for renewed hope for all developing nations, especially South Sudan, and all nations suffering from lack of security, housing, education, employment, medical intervention, food, freedom, and clean water, those displaced from homelands, suffering poverty, hunger, loss, injury; refugees or asylum seekers; for the orphans, widows, poor and oppressed; for all national leaders and those in authority that they may hope for a world of justice and peace; seeking revitalisation through actions that bring hope for your kingdom.

Church: for all church leaders and the unity of the worldwide Church; our Diocese in this time of leadership transition; the Board of Nominators and the election of a new archbishop; the establishment of the Youth and Family Community Cinema at Meredith, to identify true hopes in the nature and person of God and be inspired to be a faith community bringing your light to a darkened world, seeing others come to faith through us; may all we do and say nurture our hope as we see Christ at work growing our church.

Community: the Wadawarrung and all our first nations peoples, their elders; those working toward reconciliation and treaty, recognition of the country on which we live, work and play; for all who come into our communities of any race, creed, colour, faith, or no faith that they will experience welcome; for who are struggling with life; that our neighbours will be find a new and better hope.

Those in need: Matt Bellchambers, Shirley Musgrove, Melinda Gregory, Karen Schulze, John Thornton, Jenny Bannister, Margaret McLaren, Mary Simpson, Sarah Rees, Jayden Rees, Fay McFarlane, Timothy Deng, Mawut and family.

CELEBRATING THE WHOLE OF EASTER

Next Sunday, 13th April, we begin the Easter Story with **Palm Sunday** celebrating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem celebrating by dressing the church in palm leaves and distributing palm crosses.

8.00 am – Holy Communion - St Paul's Inverleigh

10.00 am – All Age Communion – St John's Bannockburn

5.00 pm – Holy Communion – Church of the Epiphany Meredith
Could those who organise Palm leaves for the churches please do so.

Thursday, 17th April, is **Maundy Thursday**. It is a day we celebrate Jesus gathering his disciples to share in a meal during which he instituted the sacrament of bread and wine, symbolising his life, death, and resurrection, we know as The Eucharist, or Holy Communion, or the Lord's Supper, or Mass. To celebrate this event in the whole Easter story we gather as disciples of Jesus to share in a common meal on the night:

7.00 pm
Parish Ministry Centre
11 Byron Street
Bannockburn

Please RSVP
revdrtim@hotmail.com or
text '[Name(s)] Meal Yes'
to 0412 673 152.

For Catering purposes Surnames beginning with:

A to H please bring a meat or vegetarian dish to share

I to P please bring a vegetable side dish to share

R to Z please bring a dessert to share

If you would prefer, swap with someone. If you have any special dietary requirements, please bring something that others who need the same can share with you. Wine, soft drink, tea, and coffee will be provided.

Friday, 18th April, is **Good Friday**. We celebrate God's declaration of love for us through Jesus' on the cross. It is a sad and good day.

9.00 am

Liturgy of the Cross
St Paul's Inverleigh

and

11.00 am

The Way of the Cross, A Walk of Witness
commencing from St Mary McKillop Catholic Church

Easter reaches its climax and the hope of better things, 20th April, **Easter Day** celebrating the resurrection of Jesus.

8.00 am – Holy Communion with renewal of Baptismal Vows and lighting of the Easter Candle – St Paul's Inverleigh

10.00 am – All-Age Communion with renewal of Baptismal Vows and lighting of the Easter Candle – St John's Bannockburn

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people to come to him. If I could find Jesus, then I know that others can too. I know there are many people out there searching for this hope. And it's through us, God's people, encouraging one another through the scriptures that his words are still alive today, bringing hope to others in our community, nation and world. Will you join me in encouraging others with the gospel as my mother did with me. *1 Thessalonians 5:11; 1 Peter 3:15*

Questions for reflection:

1. Think about the things that people place great hope in, such as money, homes, possessions, beauty, fitness, clothes, and more. By comparison, note that hope in Jesus is imperishable, undefiled, unfading, and kept in heaven. How does this description of hope excite you, or challenge you?
2. What griefs and trials have you suffered in your life and how has hope in Jesus sustained you in those times?
3. Paul writes to the church in Rome,

We also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. (Romans 5:3-5)

Do you see endurance as a sign pointing to hope? How has endurance, or giving up, revealed in what you have placed your hope?

4. What does it mean to be living out hope in your life? Are there valid reasons to explain why you have not endured and still been living hope in Christ? What are the constraints or conditions to Christ's hope?
5. Is there someone you know who needs hope that is imperishable, undefiled, unfading, and kept? How might you give them an answer for your enduring hope in Jesus?

Pray:

God of hope,
you call 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.
Through our words and actions may the same Spirit
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.**

Bible Readings

Prayer for the week:

We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: we pray that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his presence abiding in us he may raise us to joys eternal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Monday

Morning: Ps 90
Exodus 7:8-24
Luke 20:1-18
Evening: Ps 119:89-104
Jeremiah 40:1-12
2 Corinthians 5:14-21

Tuesday

Georgina Molloy (d.1843) *Saint*
Pioneer Church Leader and Botanist WA
Morning: Ps 89:1-18
Exodus 7:25-8:19
Luke 20:19-26
Evening: Ps 89:19-38
Jeremiah 40:13-41:10
Philippians 3:7-16

Wednesday

William Law, Priest (d.1761) *Teacher*
Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Theologian (d.1945) *Martyr*
Morning: Ps 89:39-53
Exodus 8:20-9:12
Luke 20:27-47
Evening: Ps 91
Jeremiah 41:11-42:6
1 Peter 2:19-25

Thursday

Morning: Pss 92 & 93
Exodus 9:13-35
Luke 21:1-19
Evening: Ps 94
Jeremiah 42:7-22

Colossians 2:8-15

Friday

George Augustus Selwyn (d.1878) *Bishop*
First Missionary Bishop to New Zealand

Morning: Pss 95 & 96
Exodus 10:1-20
Luke 21:20-28
Evening: Pss 97 & 98
Jeremiah 43
Hebrews 9:11-26

Saturday

Morning: Pss 99 & 100
Exodus 10:21-11:10
Luke 21:29-22:6
Evening: Ps 103
Jeremiah 45
Hebrews 4:1-11

The fact that some people can't distinguish between etymology and entomology bugs me in ways I can't put into words.



Next Sunday 13th April
PALM SUNDAY

Sharing our HOPE in Jesus
8.00 am Holy Communion

St Paul's Inverleigh

10.00 am All-Age Communion

St John's Bannockburn

5.00 pm Holy Communion

Epiphany Meredith

Readings

Liturgy of the Palms:

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Main Readings:

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-18

Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49