

Mark Your Calendars UPCOMING EVENTS

13th May

7.00 pm House Group
Teesdale

14th May

11.00 am Asbestos Inspections
Meredith, Bannockburn, Inverleigh

20th May

7.00 pm House Group
Teesdale

21st May

9.00 am Fire Safety Audit
Meredith, Bannockburn, Inverleigh
12.30 pm Deanery Meeting
Holy Trinity, Lara

22nd May

7.25 pm Geelong v W Bulldogs
GMHBA Stadium

23rd May

7.00 pm Election Synod
St Pauls Cathedral

24th May

10.00 am Election Synod
St Pauls Cathedral

27th May

10.00 am Supervision Training
The Anglican Centre Melbourne

Parish Roster for May 18

Church Cleaning:

Inverleigh: Luanne Thornton
Bannockburn: Wendy Wood
Ivan Marsetti

Reading:

Bannockburn: Lynette Oates

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Inverleigh: Geoff Morgan
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Morning Tea:

Bannockburn: Freda Duke
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"Wait! Listen to me!... We
don't have to be just
sheep!"

Golden Plains Anglican News

Living the Gospel in Our Community

Inverleigh†Bannockburn†Meredith Anglican Parish
11th MAY 2025—FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAINTAINING OUR DUTY OF CARE?

Working with the Diocesan Registry to ensure our buildings are safe for our church members and the community that frequents them.

There have been a number of incidences within the Diocese involving falling bells causing injury and fires possibly caused by overloading of electrical points. We have a duty to ensure that our buildings, how we use them, and maintain them, are safe for our church members and the community that frequent them.

Natural disasters have also caused increases in cost of policies by the Insurance companies who are now considering compliance to rules and ensuring duty of care in their quotations.

When many of our buildings were constructed there were rules regarding safety for occupancy and use. As some maintenance was undertaken, things were updated according to later revised and established rules. Once again these rules have been updated and compliance is being enforced by significant fines. Consequently, the Parish is currently undergoing a number of inspections to assess the compliance of our of our buildings.

This inspection activity is needed for the following reasons:

Safety of parishioners, staff and contractors: Ensuring the safety of everyone who uses our property is paramount. Risk management initiatives help to identify hazards that can cause injury, such as fire risks, structural issues, or security vulnerabilities, and enable us to

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Worship Today: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sentence: The Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. *Revelation 7:17*

Collect: Gracious God, you sent Jesus, the good shepherd, to gather us together: may we not wander from his flock, but follow wherever he leads us, listening for his voice and staying near to him until we are safely in your fold, to live with you for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings: Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

Hymns:

Inverleigh: 256 – The Servant King; 10 – The Lord's my Shepherd; 745 – Seek ye first; 560 – All my hope on God is founded; 342 – When I survey the wondrous cross

Bannockburn: Jesus Christ; The Servant King; Jesus is King; 23rd Psalm; Father, I place into Your hands; Lord you have my heart; When I survey the wondrous cross; I will offer up my life

Meredith: Jesus Christ; The Servant King; 23rd Psalm; Seek ye first; Father, I place into Your hands; When I survey the wondrous cross; I will offer up my life

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

World: a world in conflict, war, or threat of war, especially: Sudan, Ukraine & Russia, Israel & Palestine, India & Pakistan; South Sudan and all developing nations, where poverty insecurity, displacement, and hunger; lack of education, employment, medical intervention, freedom, clean water; those who are refugees or asylum seekers; orphans, widows, and the oppressed, occur; for all national leaders and authorities of the world to work for justice, peace, and security in an uncertain and dark world.

Church: for all church leaders and the unity of the worldwide Church; our Diocese in this time of transition; the Board of Nominators and the election of a new archbishop; the establishment of the Youth and Family Community Cinema at Meredith, to be a church seeking what God wants us to be and grow a church culture that enables growth spiritual and in numbers.

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, play and pray; for all who come into our communities of any race, creed, colour, faith, or no faith that they will experience welcome; for all who are struggling with cost of living; our neighbours will be find a new and better hope in the message of the resurrection of Jesus.

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

Memorium: John Thornton

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These inspections must be conducted by experienced, accredited professionals, and in some cases may also involve follow-up work or remediation planning. As a result, while the costs may seem high, they are necessary to ensure the safety, legal compliance, and long-term integrity of our buildings.

This will, of course, make a difference to our budget as we continue to cover the cost of continuing inspections, prioritise and make the rectification works where necessary.

GROWING A HEALTHY CHURCH CULTURE

Healthy churches are congregations which

1. ☒ are energized by faith,
2. ☒ have an outward-looking focus,
3. seek to find out what God wants,
4. face the costs of change and growth,
5. operate as a community,
6. make room for all, and
7. do a few things and do them well.

SEEK TO FIND OUT WHAT GOD WANTS

Discerning the Spirit's leading rather than trying to please everyone

- **vocation:** seeks to explore what God wants the church to be and do
- **vision:** develops and communicates a shared sense of where the church is going
- **mission priorities:** consciously sets both immediate and long-term goals
- **sacrifice:** able to call for, and make, personal and corporate *sacrifices* to bring about the vocation, vision, and mission priorities and living out faith.

Questions for reflection:

Read: Luke 10:38-11:13—What is Christianity, and so the church, about? What place do silence and reflection have in our life and church? What really matters in life

Read: Colossians 3:1-14—What sort of church might God want to join?

Meditate: The church is called to express the life of Jesus Christ.

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.**

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address them proactively.

Compliance and legal protection: We must adhere to a complex framework of legislation and regulations governing property safety and risk management.

Duty of care: We have a duty of care to ensure the safety of all people who use our property and to prevent foreseeable harm.

Protection of assets: Risk management helps to identify potential risks to our assets and to implement measures to address them.

Insurance benefits: Our existing, and prospective, insurers look favourably on organisations with robust risk management practices in place. Demonstrating sound risk management may increase other insurers' interest. Greater competition can produce more favourable premiums and coverage terms.

Financial stability: We can avoid significant future financial impositions by identifying and mitigating risks before they result in losses.

Reputation management: A significant incident, such as a fire or injury on Diocesan property, can damage our reputation. Proactive risk management helps to avoid such incidents.

Ministry continuity planning: Pre-loss testing and risk management help us to continue our ministry activities with no (or minimal) disruption. This includes having plans in place for emergency response, business continuity, and disaster recovery.

Consequently, the following inspections are currently taking place to ensure all of our properties remain safe, legally compliant, and fit for purpose:

- Electrical (non-residential)
- Electrical (residential)
- Fire Safety and Planned Maintenance
- Gas Safety
- Asbestos Management
- Emergency Evacuation Diagrams, and
- Essential Safety Measures.

The cost of the initial inspections is to be covered by the Diocesan budget, but the Parish will be responsible to meet the cost of:

- any rectification works at their properties arising from the property compliance and inspection activities undertaken in 2025, and
- Future routine property compliance and inspection activities at their properties from 2026 onwards.

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Bible Readings

Prayer for the week:

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: help us when we hear his voice to know him who calls us each by name, and to follow where he leads; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Monday

Morning: Ps 31

Exodus 24
John 11:1-16

Evening: Ps 33

Joshua 10:40-43, 11:10-23
1 Corinthians 3:18-4:5

Tuesday

Morning: Ps 35:1-17

Exodus 25:1-22
John 11:17-37

Evening: Pss 35:18-29 & 36

Joshua 21:41-22:12
1 Corinthians 4:6-21

Wednesday

Morning: Ps 34

Exodus 25:31-40, 27:20-21
John 11:38-44

Evening: Ps 119:17-40

Joshua 22:13-34
1 Corinthians 5

Thursday

Morning: Ps 37:1-17

Exodus 28:1-6, 29:1-9
John 11:45-54

Evening: Ps 37:18-41

Joshua 23
1 Corinthians 6:1-11

Friday

Morning: Ps 38

Exodus 29:38-30:8(9-10)
John 11:55-12:8

Evening: Ps 39

Joshua 24:1-15
1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Saturday

Morning: Ps 40

Exodus 30:11-25, 34-38
John 12:9-19

Evening: Pss 42 & 43

Joshua 24:16-33
1 Corinthians 7:1-11



**Next Sunday 18th May
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
HEALTHY CHURCH CULTURE:**

Facing the Cost of Change

8.00 am Holy Communion

St Paul's Inverleigh

10.00 am All-Age Communion

St John's Bannockburn

5.00 pm Prayer and Praise

Epiphany Meredith

Readings

Acts 11:1-18

Psalms 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35