

20th October

12.00 noon Electrical Inspections
Bannockburn & Meredith

21st October

7.00 pm House Group
Teesdale

22nd October

Public Holiday—Geelong Cup

7.00 pm Parish Council
Parish Ministry Centre

28th October

7.00 pm House Group
Teesdale

1st November

9.00 am Devonshire Tea
Parish Ministry Centre

4th November

7.00 pm House Group
Teesdale

5th November

11.00 am Communion
Estia Health

11th November

7.00 pm House Group
Teesdale

12th November

Fire Safety Training

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Golden Plains Anglican News

Living the Gospel in Our Community

Inverleigh†Bannockburn†Meredith

19th October 2025—NINETEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST [29]

HANDLING RELATIONSHIP ISSUES IN SOCIAL SETTINGS



Imagine you and your spouse or best friend are meeting with others in a social setting, perhaps just for coffees. You're chatting away catching up with them, and they ask you about something concerning your relationship. You immediately tense up. They wouldn't know this, but this has been a sore spot in your marriage or friendship for the last couple of months. You shoot those one of those looks at one another.

Have you been in this situation before? A major point of contention between you and your spouse comes up in front of others. Maybe it's something you've been arguing about. Or it could be an elephant in the room that you haven't discussed yet. Either way, you're caught off-guard and put on the spot. Maybe there's awkward silence, or you can feel your emotions start to bubble up. How do you respond? Here are a few tips for handling hot topics in social settings.

Maintain boundaries.

The topic might be tied to very private or personal details. If you don't typically share this information with others, this is not the time to start. Uphold the privacy boundaries of your relationship – don't divulge details

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Parish Roster for October 26

Church Cleaning:

Inverleigh: Liz McDonald
Bannockburn: Danid and Jenny Bannister

Reading:

Bannockburn: Christina Szabo

Communion Assistant:

Inverleigh: Geoff Morgan
Bannockburn: Lynette Oates

Morning Tea:

Bannockburn: Christina Szabo
Christina Szabo

Worship Today: NINETEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST [29]

Sentence: Will not God grant justice to those who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? Luke 18:7-8

Collect: Lord, tireless guardian of your people, teach us to rely, day and night, on your care. Drive us to seek your justice and your help, and support our prayer lest we grow weary, for in you alone is our strength. We make our prayer through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Readings: Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; 2 Timothy 3:10-4:5
Luke 18:1-14

Hymns:

Inverleigh: 473 – Community of Christ; 616 – O day of God draw near; 590 – What a friend we have in Jesus; 571 – Forth in your name O Lord I go

Bannockburn: *He is the Lord*; Great is your faithfulness, O God of Jacob; Glory be to God in heaven; O Day of God draw near; Jesus Christ is waiting; *Lord you have my heart*; What a friend we have in Jesus; *I will offer up my life*

Meredith: 473 – Community of Christ; 616 – O day of God draw near; 590 – What a friend we have in Jesus; 571 – Forth in your name O Lord I go

Intercessions: God be merciful to us, and, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

World: fulfilment of peace for Israel & Palestine; for Sudan, Ukraine & Russia, India & Pakistan, Thailand & Cambodia and all places of conflict, war, or threat of war; for South Sudan and all nations yearning for development and prosperity; all places where there is suffering due to natural disaster; all placed experiencing injustice and loss of freedom, fulfilment, education, racism, misogyny and death from curable diseases and trauma; for all national leaders and authorities to lead their nations being transformed in righteousness, justice, and grace in new and changing world.

Church: to share the good news of God's kingdom with a broken world; all church leaders local and national; Bp Sarah to be installed as Archbishop of Canterbury, Bp Mark Short incoming National Primate, Bp Ric Thorpe to be installed as Archbishop of Melbourne (and Louie), our Bp Brad and the Oodthenong Episcopal Area; to know the judgments of God and where they are not met and be the example and source of justice; that all our activities will provide an opportunity to share our faith stories; may we be a part of the transformation of the world and God's kingdom come.

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 will experience peace and loving community; transformed with all life's changes.

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, Naomi Peel, Makat Majok, Peter Aluong, 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

9th November

Public Notice Meeting
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.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Sunday 26th October

2.30 pm

ABERDEEN STREET BAPTIST
CHURCH
7 ABERDEEN STREET
NEWTOWN

Sing Your Favourite Hymns
Guest Artists
Free Event

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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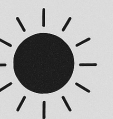
ANXIETY IS EVERYWHERE, BUT...

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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your spouse or friend hasn't given you permission to do. Similarly, if you have thoughts or opinions on the matter that you haven't had the opportunity, or are nervous about raising, with them yet, be empathetic if you decide to do so. It doesn't always feel great when your spouse or friend opens up with a third person before they've shared those same sentiments with you (sometimes this can cause conflict in its own right!)

Be respectful.

Let's say the question raised is actually a major issue in your relationship. It might be tempting to throw your partner under the bus in order to gain an unbiased perspective or even just to see if the person's opinion on the matter aligns with your own. Although it might feel satisfying in the moment, this can be a major blow to the connection of your relationship and the sense of loyalty and emotional safety you have with one another. Respect your relationship by keeping the issue between you and your spouse or friend.

Give a vague answer if you need to.

The other people may be waiting for an answer, but you don't have to give one if you're not comfortable doing so. Be gracious, but clear, if it's something you'd rather not discuss in front of everyone. You might say something like, "We're actually still trying to figure that out!" Inject some humour to keep things light, but don't let yourself feel pressured into sharing things you don't want to, or haven't decided yourself.

Debrief later.

You might be eager to discuss the moment with your spouse or friend, or you might secretly hope you both forget about it. Either way, most of the time you'll benefit from a private debrief afterwards. It can be an opportunity to either reopen the conversation or finally address it if has been that unspoken elephant in the room. It's also a chance to talk about the way you both handled the situation in the moment. How were you each affected? Is there anything that could have been handled better, and if so, how? How can you be supportive of each other in similar circumstances in the future?

Chances are, you and your spouse or friend will experience this situation at some point, if you haven't already. You can't determine when or if it will happen, but you can take control of how you respond to it. Will it be an uncomfortable public argument you wish you could take back, or an emotional fight when you get home? Or will it be an opportunity to cement your teammate status, strengthen your connection, and maybe even laugh at the moment in hindsight? You decide!

Bible Readings

Prayer for the week:

Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Monday

Morning: Pss 114 & 115
2 Kings 5:15-27 (6:1-7)
Matthew 15:1-20
Evening: Pss 116 & 117
Job 38:19-38
1 Peter 3:1-7

Tuesday

Morning: Pss 121, 122 & 123
2 Kings 6:8-23
Matthew 15:21-39
Evening: Ps 119:129-152
Job 38:39-39:12
1 Peter 13:8-16

Wednesday

Morning: Ps 118:1-18
2 Kings 6:24-7:2
Matthew 16:1-12
Evening: Pss 118:19-29 & 120
Job 39:13-30
1 Peter 3:17-4:2

Thursday

James of Jerusalem (d.c.62) *Martyr*
Brother of our Lord

Morning: Pss 124, 125 & 126
2 Kings 7:3-20
Matthew 16:13-28
Evening: Pss 127, 128 & 129
Job 40:1-14
1 Peter 4:3-11

Friday

Inauguration of United Nations (1945) *Peace*

Morning: Pss 130, 131 & 133
2 Kings 8:1-15
Matthew 17:1-13

Evening: Pss 132 & 134
Job 40:15-41:11
1 Peter 4:12-19

Saturday

Morning: Ps 135
2 Kings 8:16-29
Matthew 17:14-27

Evening: Ps 136
Job 41:12-34
1 Peter 5



Next Sunday 26th October PENTECOST 20

8.00 am Holy Communion

Inverleigh

10.00 am All-Age Communion

Bannockburn

5.00 pm Holy Communion

Meredith

Readings

Joel 2:23-32

Psalm 65

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:15-30