



### 16 July

12 noon Deanery Meeting  
Lara

21st July

*Schools Resume*

### 22nd July

10.00 am Supervision Training  
Diocesan Registry

7.00 pm House Group  
Teesdale

### 23rd July

7.00 pm Parish Council  
Parish Ministry Centre

### 28th July

2.00 pm Army Chaplain Supervision

### 29th July

7.00 pm House Group  
Teesdale

### 2nd August

9.00 am Devonshire Tea  
Parish Community Centre

### 4th August

*Vicar on leave to 31st August*

### 5th August

7.00 pm House Group  
Teesdale

## Parish Roster for July 20

### Church Cleaning:

Inverleigh: Luanne Thornton  
Bannockburn: Freda and Paul Duke

### Reading:

Bannockburn: Carol Newlands

### Communion Assistant:

Inverleigh: Bruce McDonald  
Bannockburn: Freda Duke

### Morning Tea:

Bannockburn: Carol Newlands  
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# Golden Plains Anglican News

*Living the Gospel in Our Community*

**Inverleigh†Bannockburn†Meredith**

**13th July 2025—FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PERNTECOST [15]**

## CELEBRATING GOOD WORKS

*Creating a culture of celebration in the Parish*

**A**t the recent Parish Community Growth Meeting we considered how we could be encouraged by celebrating activities we are doing and have done, well. Let's explore some of the things that influence what and how we celebrate in our life together as Church.

Often what each of us wants to celebrate is inspired by our personal families growing up. The things and the way our family celebrated probably seemed "normal" and assumed everyone celebrated the same things in the same way.

Some time ago I discovered that people thought that celebrating my birthday was important to me because we celebrated birthdays as a part of our gathering as church. Only if the birthday was on a Sunday did we sing *Happy Birthday* but there would be prayer for those who wanted their birthday or their wedding anniversary to be recognised. We celebrated these things because it was a part of the custom of that congregation. I couldn't care less about celebrating my own birthday.

### What do we celebrate?

Of course there are the typical events, like birthdays and anniversaries,

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## Worship Today: FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [15]

**Sentence:** May you lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God.

*Colossians 1:10*

**Collect:** Eternal God, you have taught us through Christ that love is the fulfilment of the law: help us to love you with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength, and our neighbour as yourself; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Readings:** Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

**Hymns:**

**Inverleigh:** 650 – Brother sister let me serve you; 603 – O perfect love; 640 – Kneels at the feet of his friends; 250 – Christ, when for us you were baptised

**Bannockburn:** *Lord I come to you*; Brother sister let me serve you; All heaven declares; Kneels at the feet of his friends; All are welcome (Let us Build a House); *To be in your presence*; Praise is rising; *Be bold*

**Meredith:** *Lord I come to you*; All are welcome (Let us Build a House); Brother sister let me serve you; Kneels at the feet of his friends; Praise is rising; *Be bold*

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

**World:** Sudan, Ukraine & Russia, Israel & Palestine, India & Pakistan; a world in conflict, war, or threat of war; South Sudan, Kenya and all developing nations; wherever there is poverty, insecurity, displacement, hunger, wherever there is lack of education, employment, medical intervention, freedom, clean water; all who are refugees, asylum seekers, orphans, widows, and the oppressed; for all national leaders and authorities to lead their nations and the global community according to the values of your kingdom.

**Church:** in the good news of Jesus we have much to celebrate and share with the world; all church leaders; especially the election of an Archbishop of Canterbury, retirement of our National Primate, preparations of Bishop elect Ric Thorpe and Louie to come among us; through baptisms, weddings and funerals may we build new relationships and others to come to know Jesus; the Cinema Meredith and all our activities to share our faith stories with others.

**Community:** the Wadawarrung and all our first nations peoples, their elders; the Yoorook Justice Commission; recognition of the country on which we live, work, play and pray; all who come into our communities of any race, creed, colour, faith, or no faith that they will experience welcome and belonging; the lonely, forgotten, and those experience violence in their homes; all who are going through life transforming events.

**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, and all others on our own hearts and minds.

## TOWARD BEING AN EVANGELISTIC CHURCH

1. ☒ Everyday faith
2. ☒ Evangelism in a post-truth world
3. ☒ Evangelism for the whole church
4. ☐ Making the most of events
5. ☐ Developing the potential of ordinary services
6. ☐ The sacraments and evangelism

## MAKING THE MOST OF LIFE EVENTS

How the celebration of Life Events: Baptism, Weddings, and Funerals, within the Church building can be an opportunity for building relationship that lead to sharing our faith.

### Tasks for reflection:

Think about the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats our church's life and culture in regard to life events:

#### Strengths:

- What do you think we do well our offering of life events?

#### Weaknesses:

- Where are we struggling to help them on their faith journey following their life event experience?

#### Opportunities:

- What could we change, stop doing, or start up, do better to enhance the opportunities to connect with life event people and overcome these weaknesses?

#### Threats:

- What might make our engagement with the couples, families and individuals we meet through life events difficult?
- Are there any things that might need more explanation to encourage wider participation from the whole congregation?

### Pray

God of mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give planning to our Vision, direction to our Goals, wisdom to our actions, love to our nurture in faith, joy to our worship, and power to our witness. Help our church to grow in spiritual commitment to you, grow in service to our community, and grow in numbers; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

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but are their other dates that mark lesser known meaningful events in the life of our Parish. Do we make time in our gatherings to celebrate the meaningful or successful ministries of individuals in our Parish? Finding reasons to celebrate is a simple way to add joy, intention, encouragement, and quality time to our lives in the challenging work of our mission.

### How do you celebrate?

Not everything needs to be a party, or involve a separate gathering with lots of planning. While what we celebrate is important, how, when, and where we celebrate is perhaps what makes it significant and effective. Do we go big on everything? Do we keep things low-key? Do we celebrate with gifts, experiences, food, elaborate meal, or a combination of some? Do we invite others to celebrate with us? In the moment, these just seem like practical decisions, but collectively they create the overall dynamic of our culture of celebration and may assist in our evangelism.

### Do what works for us.

Social media can cause us to see what other Churches are celebrating and because we aren't celebrating the same successes they are, it can leave us feeling despondent. Let us not be pressured into feeling like we have nothing to celebrate. The quirky and casual celebrations and traditions we create can be just as meaningful in providing encouragement and the possibility of building relationships with others enabling sharing of faith stories and growth.

### Be intentional, but flexible.

We don't need to celebrate the things we did in the past. Just remember that nothing is set in stone. Our celebratory culture can and should evolve. What we celebrate, how we celebrate, where we celebrate it, and when we celebrate it will probably change as our congregations grow especially if that growth includes young families and children. Similarly, when a change of Vicar comes they will bring with them different things and ways to celebrate. It might take some time to figure out what's right for our life as a Parish, so be open-minded when it comes to experimenting with things to celebrate and how to celebrate them.

Our Parish is one-of-a-kind for many reasons, all coming together in a unique and dynamic way, giving our life together a depth and complexity that cannot be replicated. Our culture of celebration is a part of how we express our Parish as faith community, blessed to be a blessing, and presenting ourselves to the community as joyful in faith.

[https://www.prepare-enrich.com/blog/creating-your-celebration-culture/\(edited\)](https://www.prepare-enrich.com/blog/creating-your-celebration-culture/(edited))

## Bible Readings

### Prayer for the week:

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### Monday

**Morning:** Ps 34

1 Samuel 31  
John 5:1-18

**Evening:** Ps 119:17-40

Micah 6:1-8  
Galatians 5:1-15

### Tuesday

**Morning:** Ps 37:1-17

2 Samuel 1:1-16  
John 5:19-30

**Evening:** Ps 37:18-41

Micah 9:9-1:7  
Galatians 5:16-26

### Wednesday

**Morning:** Ps 38

2 Samuel 1:17-27  
John 5:30-47

**Evening:** Ps 39

Micah 7:8-20  
Galatians 6:1-10

### Thursday

**Morning:** Ps 40

2 Samuel 2:1-17  
John 6:1-15

**Evening:** Pss 42 & 43

*Song of 3 Young Men 1-22*  
Galatians 36:11-18

### Friday

**Morning:** Pss 41 & 44:1-9

2 Samuel 2:18-3:1  
John 6:16-34

**Evening:** Ps 44:10-27  
*Song of 3YM 23-51*  
Romans 1:1-15

### Saturday

**Morning:** Ps 45

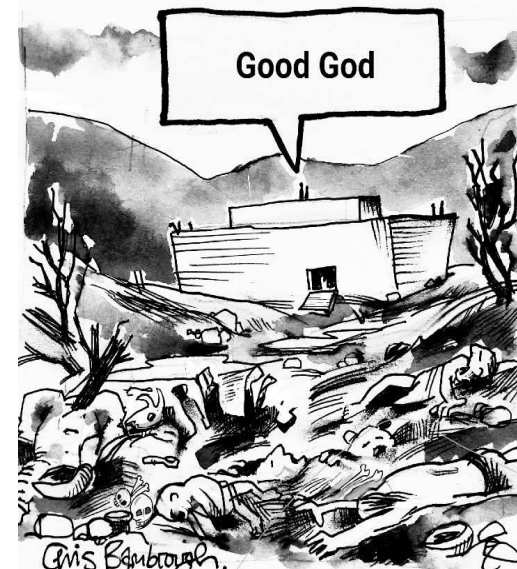
2 Samuel 3:(2-5)6-19  
John 6:35-51

**Evening:** Pss 46 & 47

*Song of 3YM 52-68*  
Romans 1:16-25

## 40 Days Later ...

An implication of reading scripture literally



**Next Sunday 20th July**  
**PENTCOST SIX [Sunday 16]**  
**Developing potential of Services**  
**8.30 am Holy Communion**

Inverleigh

**10.00 am All-Age Communion**

Bannockburn

**5.00 pm Prayer and Praise**

Meredith

### Readings

Amos 8:1-12

Psalm 52

Colossians 1:15-29

Luke 10:38-42