

- 14th April**
 3.00 pm Youth & Family Cinema
 Epiphany Meredith
 7.00 pm House Group Teesdale
- 15th April**
 12.00 pm Deanery Meeting
 All Saints, Geelong
- 17th April**
 7.20 pm Geelong v W Bulldogs
 GMHBA Stadium Geelong
- 19th April**
 10.00 am Baptisms
 St John's Bannockburn
- 20th April**
 2.30 pm Chaplaincy Supervision
- 21st April**
 7.00 pm House Group Teesdale
- 22nd April**
 4.00 pm Wedding Interview
 St Paul's Inverleigh
 7.00 pm Parish Council
 Parish Ministry Centre
- 25th April** ANZAC Day
27th April ANZAC Day
 Public Holiday
- 28th April**
 7.00 pm House Group Teesdale
- 2nd May**
 4.35 pm Geelong v N Melbourne
 GMHBA Stadium Geelong

Parish Roster for April 19

Church Cleaning:

- Inverleigh:** Luanne Thornton
Bannockburn: Gill and Phil
 Dickson

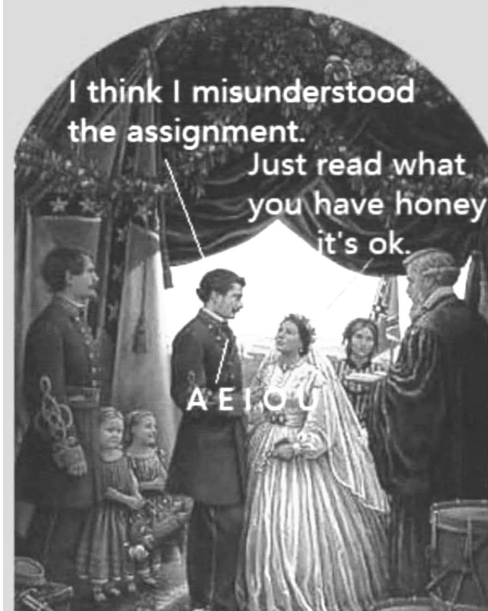
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You may now read the
 vows you have prepared



Golden Plains Anglican News

Living the Gospel in Our Community

†Inverleigh†Bannockburn†Meredith
 12th April 2026—SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

**ACCOUNTABILITY IN
 CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**

What role does accountability play in our Church community?



St Benedict set the three vows of poverty, obedience, and chastity for his religious community. None of us as a church community are expected to live by these vows. Another way of expressing our life together as a community is simplicity, accountability, and integrity. Accountability builds trust and helps the best version of each member and the church. Do we hold ourselves and one another accountable?

Ownership

We all make mistakes, overreact, and let our feelings get the best of us – and we may take it out on other members. Without accountability, these mistakes can damage our relationships and the image we give of being a church community. Taking responsibility for our behaviour and emotions becomes a way of transforming your relationship. Instead of placing blame on others for causing our mistake or making us feel a certain way, we are able to take a step back and examine your own role in the issue. Not only does this create a reciprocal dynamic that makes it easier for others to do the same. It also leaves us feeling more in control of your own happiness and satisfaction within our church life.

Growth

Part of a healthy church community is understanding that we are all a work in progress and will grow and change as individuals over time. This mean the quality of being church will do the same. Pinpointing our aspirations and identifying the steps it will take to get there is the first part of this equation. The second part is holding ourself accountable to carrying out our part, holding ourselves and others accountable. Finding kind ways to hold one another accountable – in your individual endeavours and the our community goals – shows we are invested in the wellbeing of each other and our church.

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Worship Today: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sentence: Blessed be God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. *1 Peter 1:3*

Collect: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt: may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:1-12; John 20:19-31

Hymns:

Inverleigh: 565 – Author of faith; 385 – Now is eternal life; 649 – These things did Thomas count as real; 517 – Hallelujah sing to Jesus

Bannockburn: *Christ is Risen*; How deep the Father's love for us; All heaven declares; I believe in Jesus; These things did Thomas count as real; *All I once held dear*; Alleluia alleluia; Lord you have my heart

Meredith: *Christ is Risen*; How deep the Father's love for us; All heaven declares; These things did Thomas count as real; Hallelujah sing to Jesus; *Lord you have my heart*

Intercessions: ...we have seen your crucified and risen love,
work your resurrection in the lives of your people.

World: peace in the Holy Land, Ukraine, Sudan, Iran, the Middle East, and all places in conflict or war; South Sudan and all developing nations; wherever there is terror, violence, injustice, loss of freedom, racism, hunger, displacement, and homelessness; that all national leaders and law makers will have a spirit of the resurrection moving the world that seems to have regressed to the justice and mercy of your kingdom.

Church: unity of the Anglican Communion; our Diocese Abp Ric Thorpe, Bp Genieve; blessing of all our outreach ministries: Youth and Family Community Cinema, Thursday Lunch, Men's Breakfast, Op Shops that we will share the good news of God's kingdom in an uncertain world and produce disciples.

Weddings: Elise Craven and Luke Vucicevic (St Pauls, May 8)

Baptisms: Olive Margaret, Albert Wayne, Gene Donald Grant (St Johns, April 19) [Owen and Robyn]

Community: the Wadawarrung and all custodians of country on which we live and work, for reconciliation and treaty with our First Nations Peoples; for welcome and belonging as communities in diversity; those facing interest rate and rental increases, increasing cost of living, fuel, and insurances; those suffering food insecurity, and the threat of homelessness.

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, Josie Harvey, Steve and Stacey Copland, Timothy Deng and Weng, Mawut Gotbaai, Judith Palmer-Howlett, and all others on our heart and mind.



Illusions from last Week's Sermon
LOOKING FOR THE RISEN
JESUS.



Stare at the 4 dots in
the middle and then
look to something
white.

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Church Goals

Yes, goals and expectations are a part of the individual and community growth process. We have shared goals and we have obligations to be a part of the church and the activities we do as individuals and with others. For example, we have financial goals, contributing to our life as church locally and the Diocese. Or we might be a part of a particular ministry where your presence is important. Whether long- or short-term, even as volunteers, goals don't carry much weight without accountability toward achieving their purpose. But when we put in the effort to achieve something we have set together, it's a very empowering way to invest in our church community.

Commitment

It goes without saying that commitment is a big part of any community whether church or even a couple. Even if not explicitly stated in any way, there's a good chance it was part of the intention behind our being a part of the community. Are we holding ourselves accountable to this commitment in our life together? There are the obvious ways, such as, love, acceptance, and respect. And there are the smaller ways, like simply following through, doing what we say we will do, showing up when we have made a commitment, completing a task we have started, or making the positive changes for growth individually and as a church. Holding yourselves and one another accountable to our commitment creates a foundation of trust and dependability that threads throughout all areas of our church community.

Accountability isn't about being perfect—we are all a work in progress—it's about being willing to live with integrity with one another and our church. Accountability fosters growth, and when we learn to grow forward together, your church becomes even more dynamic, resilient, and attractive—a beautiful thing!

<https://www.prepare-enrich.com/blog/4-areas-of-accountability-in-marriage/>



YOUTH AND FAMILY COMMUNITY CINEMA

Presents

HOP

during the Easter School Holidays

FREE

Entry and Refreshments

3.00 pm

Tuesday

14th April

Church of the Epiphany
Meredith

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Bible Readings

Prayer for the week:

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life of all who put their trust in him: raise us, we pray, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; that we may ever seek the things which are above, where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Monday

Morning: Pss 101 & 102:1-11
Leviticus 6:1-18
1 Peter 3:1-7

Evening: Ps 102:12-28
Exodus 15:1-18
Matthew 28:1-10

Tuesday

Morning: Pss 108 & 109:20-30
Leviticus 9:22-10:11, 16-20
1 Peter 3:8-16

Evening: Ps 119:105-128
Exodus 15:19-27
Matthew 28:11-20

Wednesday

Morning: Ps 104:1-25
Leviticus 16:1-19
1 Peter 3:17-4:2

Evening: Ps 104:26-37
Exodus 16:1-21
Luke 24:1-12

Thursday

Morning: Ps 105:1-22
Leviticus 16:20-34
1 Peter 4:3-11

Evening: Ps 105:23-45
Exodus 16:22-17:7
Luke 24:13-27

Friday

Morning: Ps 106:1-24
Leviticus 19:1-18
1 Peter 4:12-19

Evening: Ps 106:25-50
Exodus 17:8-18:9
Luke 24:28-35

Saturday

Morning: Ps 107:1-22
Leviticus 19:23-37
1 Peter 5

Evening: Ps 107:23-43
Exodus 18:10-27
Luke 24:36-53



Next Sunday 19th April THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 8.00 am Holy Communion

Inverleigh

10.00 am All-Age Communion

Bannockburn

5.00 pm Holy Communion

Meredith

Readings

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalms 116:1-4, 11-18

1 Peter 1:13-25

John 24:13-35 or Matthew 28:8-15a