

6th July	
7.00 pm House Group	Teesdale
7th July	
3.00 pm Youth and Family Cinema	Epiphany Meredith
11th July	
8.30 am Men's Breakfast	Parish Ministry Centre
13th July	
2.30 pm Chaplaincy Supervision	Vicar's Study
7.00 pm House Group	Teesdale
14th July	
9.00 am Diocesan Ministry Conference	Cathedral Melbourne
15th July	
9.00 am Diocesan Ministry Conference	Cathedral Melbourne
16th July	
9.00 am Diocesan Ministry Conference	Cathedral Melbourne
7.30 pm Geelong v St Kilda	GMHBA Stadium
20th July	
7.00 pm House Group	Teesdale
22nd July	
7.00 pm Parish Council	Parish Ministry Centre
27th July	
7.00 pm House Group	Teesdale

Parish Roster for 12th July

Church Cleaning:

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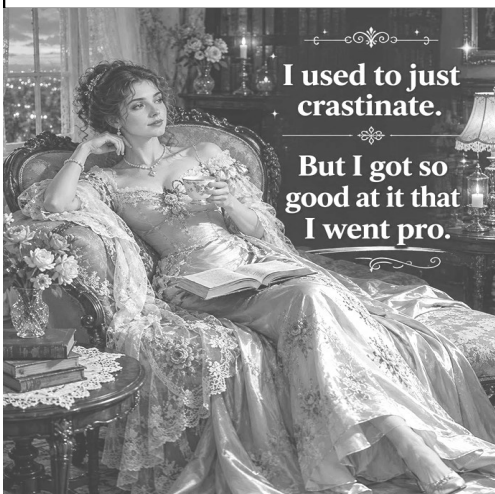
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My house is haunted by a chicken.

A poultrygeist.

A fowl spirit.

I plan to call an eggsorcist to help it cross to the other side.

Golden Plains Anglican News

Living the Gospel in Our Community

†Inverleigh†Bannockburn†Meredith

5th July 2026—SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ARCHBISHOP OF YORK WARNS OF DAMAGE INFLICTED BY RELIGIOUS ILLITERACY

'We will never understand the world unless we understand faith,' he says.



RELIGIOUS illiteracy remains widespread in public life, including within much media coverage, and society is poorer as a result, the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, said while giving a keynote address at the Religion Media Centre festival in Westminster. Such illiteracy meant that society was less able to make sense of what is happening in our world and why.

History's very familiar story of powerful people using religion to bolster their ambitions continues today. It means, for instance, that the Middle East conflict, unfolding again before our eyes with such horror, cannot be understood without knowing its religious dimensions and its religious history. Likewise, the Russian invasion of Ukraine has a strong religious dimension to it.

Lack of understanding contributes to stereotyping and misrepresentation, which, in turn, leads to fear of people 'not like us' and contributes to the false narratives of dread and hatred which multiply on the internet and, tragically, sometimes lead to actual abuse and actual harm. The digital landscape urgently needs further regulation.

He began his lecture by making three points.

1. We will never understand the world around us, unless we understand faith.
2. We will never understand each other unless we understand faith.
3. We will never understand ourselves unless we understand faith, because we are spiritual beings with longings inside us that only faith can really help us

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Worship Today: SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sentence: 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest,' says the Lord. 'Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart.' *Matthew 11:28-29*

Collect: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ, has taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for him: give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us; yet lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Readings: Genesis 24:24-28, 42-49, 58-57; Psalm 45:10-17; Romans 7:14-25
Matthew 11:15-19 (20-24) 25-30

Hymns:

Inverleigh: 584 – Just as I am; 453 – We limit not the truth of God; 585 – I heard the voice of Jesus say; 231 – At the name of Jesus

Bannockburn: *Come as you are*; Just as I am; I am a new creation; We limit not the truth of God; Praise is rising; *Purify my heart*; At the name of Jesus; *All I once held dear*

Meredith: *Come as you are*; Just as I am; We limit not the truth of God; Praise is rising; At the name of Jesus; *All I once held dear*

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

World: all nations in war or conflict, those who perpetrate war and those who defend their nations; South Sudan and all developing nations: wherever there is terror, violence, injustice, oppression, racism, hunger, displacement, and homelessness; all national leaders and law makers to have a spirit for the building up of their own citizens and unity in the global community.

Church: unity of the Anglican Communion, Abp Sarah Mullaley; our Diocese and Abp Ric Thorpe, Bp Genieve's retirement and our region in transition, Revd Liz Rankin to be new Adn of Geelong; our Parish outreach ministries: Youth and Family Community Cinema, Thursday Lunch, Men's Breakfast, both Op Shops, and all the community groups our members participate in will be opportunities to share our faith with empathy and critical thinking, to welcome others and enable them to welcome the good news of God's kingdom.

Community: the Wadawarrung people and all our First Nations Peoples, the work of reconciliation and treaty; all the communities in our Parish especially Inverleigh, Bannockburn, and Meredith; all living with mortgage and rental stress, cost of living, and food insecurity; all who are marginalised, anxious and depressed; that we foster community that is welcoming, gives belonging, affirms diversity of culture and heritage, and communicates truth.

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, Judith Palmer-Howlett, Julie Doyle, and all others on our heart and mind.

Meredith Youth and Family Community Cinema

Presented by
Golden Plains Anglicans and
Melbourne Anglican Foundation



3.00 pm

Church of the Epiphany, Meredith
Refreshments Included



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make sense of. And properly understood, and lived out with humility and compassion, faith can be one of the drivers for building the good and flourishing society that we all long for.

In relation to the media, he continued to stress the centrality of the issue of “trust” in public institutions and in public figures which, he said, was at a pretty low ebb. Trust is eroded when people don’t see themselves represented, and when the things they do see happening around them in their communities are not being included or addressed.

And in the digital age, when we all get our news and information in a multiplying variety of ways, this is further undermined when truth telling, reliability, and accountability are in short supply. At one end, it is hard to hold the powerful to account when it is the powerful who own the media outlet and control the editorial policy. At the other, the unfiltered, unedited, still mainly unregulated and unmoderated content on social media platforms risks relativising and trivialising everything to my experience and even my truth.

Earlier this year (News, 5 March), he said that the BBC’s religious coverage was “poor and underfunded. Turning to public service broadcasting, Archbishop Cottrell emphasised in his address the need for what he called “values for money”. Faith, he said, must be central to this because it is central to life.

The Archbishop said that ethnic origin and religious faith in communities was more important to people than geographical location. You don’t get to choose your neighbour, he said. Of course, the UK is still a family of nations, and within that a network of regions with its own culture and identity, but 21st-century Britain is also a network of communities. Many of these communities find their identity in ethnic origin and religious faith more than geographic location. Going forward, public service broadcasting needs to get better at reflecting this reality, and in particular needs to be given a much higher priority.

He noted that religious broadcasting was in decline. Where it remains, it is often confined to worship or narrow ‘specifically religious’ content, not yet reflecting the role of faith in other aspects of national life. In print media, religious correspondents have been combined with other specialisms or simply abolished altogether, leading to a decline in coverage which is rooted in knowledge and understanding.

In conclusion, he said, in supporting the continuation of the public service broadcasting sector, I don’t so much want to ask the questions whether, for instance, the licence fee is value for money, but whether public service broadcasting in all its different forms, gives us ‘values for money’ — and that the promotion of those values includes and understands the value of faith and the values that come from faith, helping us to understand the world; to understand each other; to understand ourselves and building a kinder and more coherent society.

<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2026/3-july/news/uk/archbishop-of-york-warns-of-damage-inflicted-by-religious-illiteracy> 30 June 2026

Bible Readings

Prayer for the week:

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you, that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Monday

Bp John Fisher & Thomas Moore (d.1535) *Martyrs*

Morning: Ps 18:1-31
2 Chronicles 21
Galatians 2:11-21

Evening: Ps 18:32-38(39-44)45-52
Ezekiel 12:21-13:16(17-23)
John 3:1-21

Tuesday

Morning: Ps 19
2 Chronicles 22
Galatians 3:1-14

Evening: Ps 119:1-16
Ezekiel 14
John 3:22-36

Wednesday

Morning: Pss 20 & 21-17(8-13)
2 Chronicles 23:1-17
Galatians 3:15-26

Evening: Ps 24 & 26
Ezekiel 15:1-16:15, 59-63
John 4:1-15

Thursday

Morning: Ps 22:1-22
2 Chronicles 23:18-24:14
Galatians 3:27-4:7

Evening: Pss 22:23-32 & 23
Ezekiel 17
John 4:16-26

Friday

Morning: Ps 25
2 Chronicles 24:15-25:4
Galatians 4:8-20

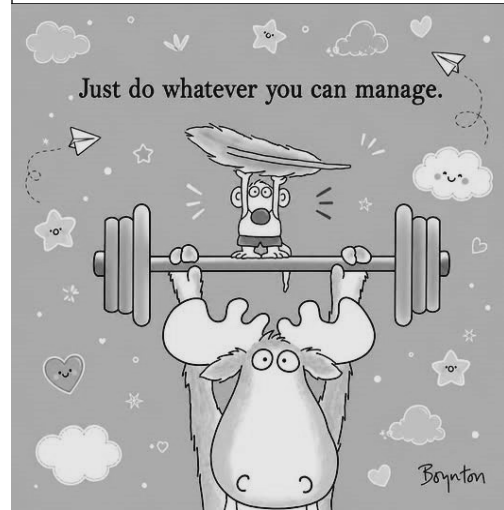
Evening: Ps 27
Ezekiel 18:1-23(24-29)30-32
John 4:27-42

Saturday

Benedict of Nursia, Abbot (d.550) *Monastic*

Morning: Pss 28 & 29
2 Chronicles 25:5-26:1
Galatians 4:21-31

Evening: Pss 30 & 32
Ezekiel 19
John 4:43-54



Next Sunday 12th July

PENTECOST 7 [15]

8.30 am Holy Communion

Inverleigh

10.00 am All-Age Communion

Bannockburn

5.00 pm Holy Communion

Meredith

Readings

Genesis 25:19-34

Psalm 119:105-112

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9 (10-7) 8-13