

**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  
inclusive

**5th August**  
7.00 pm House Group  
Teesdale

**8th August**  
7.40 pm Geelong v Essendon

### Parish Roster for July 27

#### Church Cleaning:

Inverleigh: Luanne Thornton  
Bannockburn: Freda and Paul Duke

#### Reading:

Bannockburn: Christina Szabo

#### Communion Assistant:

Inverleigh: Geoff Morgan  
Bannockburn: Carol Newlands

#### Morning Tea:

Bannockburn: Carol Newlands  
Christina Szabo

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# Golden Plains Anglican News

*Living the Gospel in Our Community*

Inverleigh†Bannockburn†Meredith  
20th July 2025—FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PERNTECOST [16]

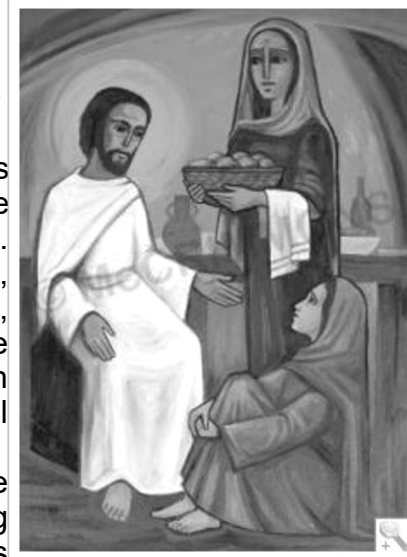
## MARY AND MARTHA AND GENDER EQUALITY IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD

*The story of Mary and Martha is a story concerned with Jesus' affirmation and confirmation of the equal place of women in discipleship.*

The dominance and inequality of males within our society continues to be expressed in a culture of violence in society. By violence we mean physical, sexual, social, technological, financial, spiritual, emotional, and mental violence. Violence describes any form of control of or fear in another person whether it leaves physical marks or not.

There are those who quote Ephesians 6:22 as a rationale for holding and arguing for this inequality that, in its extreme forms, leads to violence. 'Wives be subject to your husbands as you are to the Lord.' But they have forgotten to read the verse that comes directly before it, 'Be subject to one another out of reverence to Christ.' (Ephesians 6:21) And I am sure they forget to read on, 'Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.' (Ephesians 6:25) What they forget is Christ, out of love for his church, died for it. So husbands should be willing to die to self for their wives. And, then, in only a few more verses we read, 'in the same way, husbands should love their wives as they do their own bodies.' (Ephesians 6:28) In other words, 'treat your wife as you would like to be treated.' Do to others as you would have them do to you is a

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**Sentence:** In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be your strength. *Isaiah 30:16*

**Collect:** Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ and make yourself our guest: amid the cares of our daily lives, make us attentive to your voice and alert to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Readings:** Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1:15-29; Luke 10:38-42

**Hymns:**

**Inverleigh:** 52 – Let us sing to the God of salvation; 459 – In Christ there is no east or west; 608 – Where cross the crowded ways of life; 112 – Through all the changing scenes

**Bannockburn:** *To be in your presence*; Let us sing to the God of salvation; I give you all the honour; As the deer; Face to face; *Lord you have my heart*; Through all the changing scenes; *Father God I wonder*

**Meredith:** *To be in your presence*; Let us sing to the God of salvation; As the deer; Face to face; Through all the changing scenes; *Father God I wonder*

**Intercessions:** *God of grace, 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; nomination and election of an Archbishop of Canterbury, nomination and election of our National Primate, preparations of Archbishop elect Ric Thorpe and Louie to come among us; that our ordinary services may be a means for others to come to know Jesus; the Cinema Meredith and all our activities to be an opportunity to share our faith stories.

**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, Peter Aluong Lieny, and all others on our own hearts and minds.

## DEVELOPING THE EVANGELISTIC POTENTIAL OF ORDINARY SERVICES

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
7. ☐ Creating lasting evangelistic culture

Last we thought about how we could help people begin the journey of faith through the special services around life events such as Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals. Now, how can we develop the potential of our ordinary services be more evangelistic?

### Questions for reflection:

1. Think of times you have gone to an organized public meeting, or a gym class, or... for the first time and how you felt.
2. Can you think of something in an 'ordinary' church service that you found uplifting, inspirational, and/or encouraging that helped you become aware of the presence of God?
3. How might the welcome, worship, words, prayers help or hinder someone who is new to church growing in faith?
4. What could we change or do to develop our services of worship so that everyone who comes will take home something that will change their lives?

### 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.**

**Be the reason someone feels welcome,  
seen, heard, valued, loved, and supported.**

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pretty good rule to apply in most, if not all, things as a guide to our life as Christians.

Jesus, himself, challenges the patriarchal mindset of his day especially when it comes to issues of Christian faith. And this, I think, is the main point of the story of Mary and Martha. It is a challenge to our culture and male domination that leads to family violence and violence against women.

The story of Mary and Martha is an important story because it is a comparison between Mary and Martha as both servants and disciples. We have traditionally made the mistake of separating the two; you are either a Mary or a Martha. Too often we hear people described as good workers in the church, in the church choir, played the organ, led the women's guild, arranged the flowers every Sunday, or worked in the op shop. Very rarely do we hear about the person being a disciple and being able to gracefully and lovingly give an account of their faith, and knowing Jesus standing up for the rights of those Jesus wants them to stand up for, and helping others that Jesus wants them to help.

Jesus, however, is firstly making it known that women can be disciples. Women are not dependent upon a husband, or father or brother to tell them what they should believe, they can work out their faith for themselves. And we should be reminded that we all should be disciples before we do anything including offering our service and our service should be inspired by our discipleship.

The problem with us moderns is that we get distracted by many things and we get busy with many things. Mary has chosen what needs to happen before anything else is undertaken. She is first to be a disciple – a learner from and about Jesus. Our action needs to come out of our relationship with God; our service needs to come from our being disciples. We are not made good by what we do, we do what we do because we know we have been made good.

The story of Mary and Martha is a story concerned with Jesus' affirmation and confirmation of the equal place of women in discipleship. It is easy for us moderns to say, 'yes,' to equality of women in terms of discipleship, but the culture of our society is still revealing something different about the attitude to women.

The kingdom of God is a challenge to many aspects of the culture of our society and the example Jesus gives in this interaction with Mary and Martha reveals the kingdom of God as a place where men and women are equal and should feel safe in all aspects of their lives.

<https://goldenplainsanglican.org/blog/f/mary-and-martha-and-gender-equality-in-the-kingdom-of-god>

## Bible Readings

### Prayer for the week:

O God, you alone can order our unruly wills and affections: teach us to love what you command, and to desire what you promise, that, among the changes and chances of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Monday

**Morning:** Ps 50  
2 Samuel 3:20-39  
John 6:52-71

**Evening:** Ps 119:41-64  
Proverbs 4:20-5:14  
Romans 1:26-32

### Tuesday

MARY MAGDALENE Proper

**Morning:** Ps 32  
1 Samuel 16:14-23  
Luke (7:36-50) 8:1-3

**Evening:** Ps 30  
Hosea 14  
Mark 15:40-16:8

### Wednesday

**Morning:** Pss 54 & 55:1-12  
2 Samuel 5:6-25  
John 7:32-53

**Evening:** Ps 55:13-15(16-17)18-28  
Proverbs 6:6-19  
Romans 2:12-24

### Thursday

**Morning:** Pss 56 & 57  
2 Samuel 6  
John 7:32-53

**Evening:** Pss 60 & 61  
Proverbs 6:20-6:5  
Romans 2:25-3:8

### Friday

JAMES, Apostle and Martyr Proper

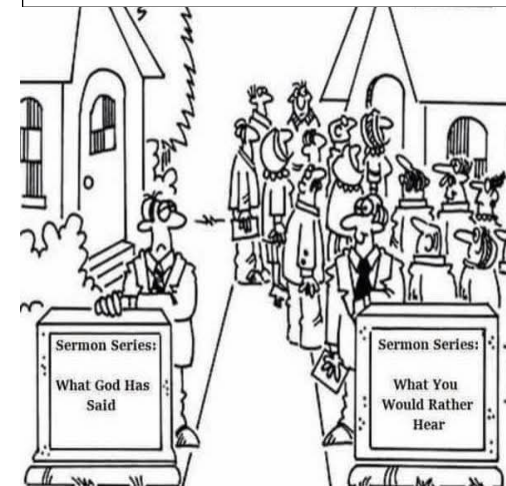
**Morning:** Ps 29  
2 Kings 1:9-15  
Luke 9:46-56

**Evening:** Ps 7  
Jeremiah 26:1-16  
Mark 1:14-20

### Saturday

**Morning:** Pss 62 & 73  
2 Samuel 7  
John 8:1-11

**Evening:** Pss 64 & 67  
Proverbs 7:6-27  
Romans 3:9-20



**Next Sunday 27th July**  
**PENTCOST SEVEN [Sunday 17]**  
**The sacraments and evangelism**  
**8.30 am Holy Communion**

Inverleigh

**10.00 am All-Age Communion**

Bannockburn

**5.00 pm Prayer and Praise**

Meredith

**Readings**

Hosea 1:2-10

Psalm 85

Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)

Luke 11:1-13